

# John 16

Walk as He walks...

## I. Get Ready

1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you **should not be made to stumble.**

**I am preparing you...when it comes...and it will come... you will be ready**

2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will **think that he offers God service.** 3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

- Offering service to their god; the god of this world Satan
- **Muslims:** 40 Virgins for killing Jew or "People of the Book"
- **Stephan martyred:** Paul thought he was servant of true God

**Isaiah 66:5** Hear the word of the Lord, You who tremble at His word: "Your brethren who hated you, Who **cast you out for My name's sake** [?], said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, That we may see your joy.' But they shall be ashamed."

**Don't be surprised when people reject and hate you for trying to save their souls**

- I don't have to change.
- I'm fine. Who do you think you are?
- Live and let live. Sounds good but not working
  1. Families busting apart
  2. School shootings
  3. Opioid addictions
  4. Perversion leading to disease/death
  5. Depression
  6. Suicide
  7. Drug/Alcohol...live and let live means no rules. No rules means lawlessness...

Spirit of Lawlessness is already in the Air...smell it

**2 Timothy 3:1** [Read] But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving **[unappeasable/irreconcilable]**, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.

- Doctor is in but most don't want to hear diagnosis no less prognosis
- Some of us need to be knocked off our horse...

**1 Timothy 1:15** This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

4 But these things I have told you, that **when the time comes**, you may **remember that** I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

- **I didn't tell you before:** I let it all fall on Me
- I tell you now because you represent Me and it will start falling on you

When the world hates you remember I told you...  
**Let it build faith your faith not tear it down**

- Let their *condemnation of you...be confirmation of Me*

## **SUMMARY Get Ready**

## **II. Work of the Holy Spirit**

5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, **sorrow has filled your heart.**

### **You guys need an attitude adjustment**

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you, we are in charge of our attitudes. [Charles Swindoll]

- Exchange your sorrow for excitement
- Trade your fears for sense of adventure

### **Are churches preparing believers for what is sure to come?**

**2 Timothy 3:12** Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

7 Nevertheless [even though you sorrow...] I tell you the truth. It is **to your advantage that I go away**; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

- Advantage that Jesus leaves? Holy Spirit sent...
- He can/will minister to each of you individually....

**...as if you were the only one on earth.**

The all-knowing, all powerful, omnipresent God working intimately on your behalf

- **Jesus will send Holy Spirit:**

1. Comfort believers

## 2. Convict world

8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- **Convict:** gr. e-le'n-khō. Lit. To Rebuke and Convince. Bring Light and Expose

### **Convict/Convince the World that they need for a Savior**

1. **We are all sinners:** None righteous no not one...except Jesus
  2. **Jesus is the only One Righteous:** Cause of death is sin and Jesus could not be held in grave. Jesus precious blood is sufficient to forgive every sin
  3. **Judgment has begun:** Jesus has overcome the devil and we can enjoy that victory with Him forever or reject the offer and be punished in hell forever with devil/demons
- This is the message we preach: Sin, Righteousness and Judgment

### **Message will cause those who are perishing to hate us**

Message will cause those who will be saved to draw near...

**2 Corinthians 2:14** Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one **we are the aroma of death leading to death**, and to the other the aroma of **life leading to life**. [Like a mood ring]

- Conviction from the message [need Savior] will bring one of two results
  1. Repentance leading to Salvation
  2. Resistance leading to harder heart. Word will not come back void

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into **all truth** He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and **He will tell you things to come**. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

- **He will guide you into all truth:** Never false/misleading/ always unadulterated truth
- **He will speak by My Words:** Never contradicting Jesus
- **He will speak of things to come** both far/near
  1. **Things near:** e.g. To Paul: You will have trouble in Jerusalem
  2. **Things far:** e.g. Dictating words or Revelation to John
- **He will glorify Me...not Himself**

## **Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus**

Churches that focus on Holy Spirit and/or gifts of Holy Spirit are out of balance  
Focusing on gifts not the giver leads to pride and licentiousness; Corinth

- **Holy Spirit**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of Trinity: God the Spirit
2. Equal in all ways to Father and Son yet submissive to both
3. His mission? Point to Jesus.

**Philippians 2:9** ... [Jesus given] name which is **above every name**, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of **those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth...**

- Holy Spirit does not exalt Himself. He exalts Jesus Christ
- When we lift up Jesus we draw all men near: Some to mock and some to worship

**15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.**

- **Jesus receives from Father**
- **Spirit receives from Jesus**
- **We receive from the Spirit**

**Q. What things? A. Revelation of God... What's in store for us after suffering a little**

**Romans 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- **We see through a dim glass...but we see...**

**1 Corinthians 9:2** But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the **deep things of God.**

### **God wants us to understand what He has in store for us**

- Apostles: Guided by the Holy Spirit to write letters from God to us

Word of God *lit up by the Spirit* of God revealing what Father has prepared for us

1. Eternal Life with the lover of our soul...

**Ephesians 2:7** [Jesus desire is that] ...in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2. Eternal Life with the ones we love
3. No more death, sorrow, crying...ever again

**Psalms 30:5** Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

## SUMMARY Work of the Holy Spirit

- **Comfort:** Everywhere all the time
- **Convict:** Sin, Righteousness, Judgment
- **Reveal:** Things near and far. Hope of Future

## III. Sorrow Will Turn to Joy...Guaranteed

16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." 17 Then some of **His disciples** said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" 18 They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? **We do not know what He is saying.**" 19 Now Jesus knew that they **desired to ask Him**, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

- Jesus puts cookies on bottom shelf...

20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will **weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful...**

**When I am crucified you will weep but the world will rejoice**

**20b...but your sorrow will be turned into joy.** 21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

**At the resurrection the world will weep but you will rejoice**

- **Labor Pains:** Harder and more frequent. *Just get it out!*
- **Birth of Baby:** All is forgotten when she holds her baby. *I never said that?*

22 Therefore you **now have sorrow**; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

When you see Me risen from the dead it will make a permanent imprint on your soul  
When My Holy Spirit gets ahold of you no one will take your joy

- No one can tell us Jesus is not real when He reveals Himself to us. No one.

**1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

1. When we see the risen Christ and our hearts begin beating with His

2. When we sense the Holy Spirit guiding our lives we know are forever changed

23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

- **Ask Me nothing:** Boldly going straight to the Father in Jesus name
- Veil torn at crucifixion gaining us access to Father

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**SUMMARY Sorrow will Turn to Joy**

#### **IV. Jesus has Overcome the World**

25 "These things I have spoken to you in **figurative language**; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you **plainly about the Father**. 26 **In that day you** will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

**You will have access to the Father... The Father Himself Loves You**

29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that **You know all things**, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

**This is Joy...The Father Loves You**

31 Jesus answered them, "**Do you now believe?**"

- Persecution is coming...I told you so you won't stumble/surprised

**Okay we get it!**

**32** Indeed the hour is coming, yes, **has now come**, that **you will be scattered**, each to his own, and will leave Me alone.

- **Prophesied 500 years before...**

**Zechariah 13:7** "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered..."

**32b...**And yet I am not alone, because the **Father is with Me.**

- **Father will be with Jesus until the cross...**

1. Sky will darken
2. Earth will shake
3. Graves will open
4. Father will turn His face away from our sin borne by Jesus on cross

**“Why have you forsaken Me?” Left completely alone. Completely.**

- Persecution came later that night...they weren't ready...they didn't get it

**Persecution/Slander/Ridicule/Violence is coming  
...We need to be ready to respond as Jesus would respond!**

- Jesus continues to prepare 11 and us how that is possible ...

**33 These things I have spoken to you, that *in Me* you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”**

**John 17:15 I do not pray** that You should take them out of the world, but that You should **keep them** from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

**I'm leaving you here...in this fallen sinful world**

- Ambassadors *for Jesus*
- Taking abuse aimed *at Jesus*
- Living in the victory that is *in Jesus*

**Jesus also left us here...in a war zone  
Three statements we can count on:**

- In Jesus we *may* have Peace
- In the world we *will* have Tribulation
- Jesus has already overcome the world

**“In Jesus we may have Peace” ...I thought we were at war?**

- Three new enemies who declared war on us the *second we believed...*
  1. **World:** Cosmos; i.e. Satanically charged enticement of World System
    - Lit. “That which decorates this sinful world
    - TV, movies, advertising, shiny things drawing us from Christ/Life
  2. **Devil:** Seeking whom he may devour
  3. **Flesh:** Sinful nature, old man. Dual nature: Flesh/Spirit. **War**
- **Peace is available in Jesus**

1. **Peace with God:** Salvation: No longer enemies. We surrender.
2. **Peace of God:** As we abide "in Christ"; i.e. "In Me you *may have peace*"

### ***"In the world you will have Tribulation"***

- **NOTE:** In Me you **MAY** have peace...In world you **WILL** have Tribulation

1. Gr. **thlē'-psēs** Lit. Affliction, Anguish, Trouble, from rt "to press as in grapes"
2. If you are a believer Jesus promises suffering

**2 Timothy 3:12** Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

- **Street View:** Goodness/Purity/Truth/Righteousness will be attacked
  1. Loss                      Job [Professors], Family, Friends, Status before men?
  2. Mocking                You don't really believe that do you
  3. Shunning               Not invited, not called
  4. Pain                     Beatings, Torture, Death...

In the world you WILL HAVE tribulation...**be of Good Cheer**

- **Good Cheer:** gr. thär-se'-ō good courage, good comfort, from rt *to have confidence*
- Not removed from suffering but joy in midst of suffering...acquired taste

**2 Corinthians 12:10** [Paul] I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For **when I am weak, then I am strong.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16** Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks [not for everything but in everything]; for this is the will of God **in Christ** Jesus for you.

**James 1:2** My brethren, **count it all joy** when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may **be perfect and complete**, lacking nothing.

- In Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation...but be good cheer

### **Jesus has overcome the World!**

- **Overcome:** Conquered, prevailed over. From root *Victory*
- Predicts His victory: Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension to the Father
- **John excited over these words:** Use the word overcome over 20 more times

**Revelation 2:7** To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

**Revelation 2:11** "He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

**Revelation 2:17** To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat.

**Revelation 2:26** And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

**Revelation 3:5** He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life

**Revelation 3:12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God

**Revelation 3:21** To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne

**Revelation 21:7** He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

**Q. What does it mean to overcome? To try harder?**

**A. No. It means to draw closer. To be "in Christ" To be born again**

**1 John 5:4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**He's got the whole world in His hand**

**We share in His victory. In Christ we have both peace and victory**

- You will have Tribulation

1. Not Great Tribulation                      Wrath of God on sinners
2. Worlds Tribulation                      Wrath of man on saints

Those that believe church go through Great Tribulation sometimes accuse those of us who don't that we are not preparing Church

- Only one way to be totally prepared for anything
  1. Make sure you are "in Christ".
  2. Stop trying harder and draw closer

**V 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."**

- ***I will not*** deliver out of this world and its persecution
- ***I will*** give you peace during the most intense trials and tribulations
- ***I will*** give you victory in your suffering ...as you remember this one thing

**Only "In Me"** you will have peace/victory in crazy world because I have overcome world

- Peter had peace in midst of storm as he kept his eyes on Jesus

Jesus did not promise peace; He offered it. He said, "you may have peace." People may follow Jesus yet deny themselves this peace. We gain the peace Jesus offered by finding it in Him. Jesus said, "that in Me you may have peace." We won't find real peace anywhere else other than in Jesus. [Guzik]

**Important to understand what it means to be "in Christ"**

- **Already looked at John 15**

1. Apart from abiding **in Me** you can do nothing eternal value
  2. You abide **in Me**...when you abide in My love
  3. You abide **in My love**...when you keep My commandments
  4. My commandments are simple... love one another
  5. As you love one another...you will bear fruit; good change in you/others
  6. As you bear fruit, you will have great joy and will glorify the Father
- When we lay down our lives for others for the sake of Jesus we are "in Christ"
  - What else does it mean to be "in Christ"?

### **Best commentary on the Bible is the Bible**

- Term "In Christ" first seen in Epistles written by the Apostles

**Romans 3:23** [Read] [Paul] ...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that **is in Christ Jesus**

- Redemption that is **"in Christ"**

Just as if we never sinned because of His favor shown in the blood of Christ

- **Being "In Christ" means we are saved.** Beginning of a race *already won*

**2 Corinthians 5:17** ... if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Being "In Christ" begins at Salvation but  
Receiving the benefits of being "in Christ" is found in walking in the Victory that already is...  
**"I Have [past tense] overcome the World!"**

- **"In Christ"** [30 verses as found in the NT]
  1. We have power over sin
  2. We are free from the penalty of sin
  3. We are exempt from any/all condemnation of the enemy. Invalid.
  4. We are inseparable from the Lord
  5. We belong to one body with a purpose for each part
  6. We grow in our relationship with the Lord
  7. We give glory to the Lord for the victories
  8. We have privilege of sharing the *secret of a victorious life with others*
  9. We have the hope of Eternal Life
  10. We are sealed for Heaven
  11. We follow a Commander who already won
  12. We speak the truth and our motives are sincere
  13. We walk by faith and not sight. Veil has been lifted
  14. We enjoy and uncomplicated simple saving faith in Jesus
  15. We are free not under Law but grace:
    - Motivated by love not guilt
    - Free from trying to earn Salvation
    - Free from peer-pressure

- Free from people pleasing
16. We have sure victory over all enemies
  17. We belong to one family; i.e. the very family of God
  18. We all stand on level ground at the cross. God chose the foolish to confound the wise
  19. We live with an Eternal Perspective
  20. We were created on purpose and to have purpose and to walk in that purpose
  21. We are forgiven therefore we forgive
  22. We are a good witness even/especially when things get tough
  23. We consider others better than ourselves. We are selfless
  24. We allow Jesus to push us further/lift us higher than we ever thought we could go
  25. We are complete men/women/youth; i.e. a true man
  26. We remain in Christ even after we die. We will always be "in Christ"
  27. We display faith in God and love for others to a dying world
  28. We walk in boldness fearing the Lord but no man
  29. We will suffer as we serve. And if...
  30. We *suffer well* our persecutors will be ashamed and hopefully desire the peace and victory we have "In Christ"
- These things exemplify a life that is "**in Christ**" A life of peace/ victory in midst of suffering

**I'm Leaving you Here. Occupy until I come. Love those who hate you.  
Remember...In Me you can have peace in the midst of war**

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