

Poured Out

In Provision

John 16

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Jesus' provisions for his followers:

- Caution ... for the mission
- Conviction ... for the world
- Counsel ... in the truth
- Comfort ... in the suffering
- Connection ... to the Father
- Confidence ... in the Victory!

1. CAUTION ... for the mission

Followers of Jesus Christ must not underestimate the difficulty of carrying out his mission.

³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them.

2. CONVICTION ... for the world

It is not our job to convict the world but instead to be agents of the Holy Spirit for his work.

⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

3. COUNSEL ... in the truth

The Holy Spirit exposes the lies of the enemy and illuminates the truth of God.

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

4. COMFORT ... in the suffering

In our grief and suffering, our flesh turns our uncertainty into fear; Christ replaces our fear with faith.

²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

5. CONNECTION ... to the Father

Through the power of his atoning death and resurrection, Jesus has “bridged” the chasm between us and God the Father.

²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

6. CONFIDENCE ... in the Victory!

Because Jesus has defeated sin and death, his followers can experience the peace of eternal life in him.

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

The Big Takeaways

- The followers of Jesus are agents of the Holy Spirit’s work in carrying out the mission that Jesus began in his earthly ministry.
- Jesus has made complete and perfect provisions for everything we need to play the part that we were created to play.

In preparation for next week (8/29): Read John 13 and John 17

Also, consider what ministry you will join on our Serve Central day.