



The Gospel According To JOHN

Chapter 15:7-27

“THE FRUITFUL LIFE!”

Go for God! ~ In this chapter Jesus yields four insights to a FANTASTIC FRUITFUL LIFE!

- > Insight #1 – LET’S HAVE FRUITFUL PRAYERS! (v7-8)
- > Insight #2 – LET’S HAVE FRUITFUL LOVE AND JOY! (v9-14)
- > Insight #3 – LET’S HAVE FRUITFUL FRIENDSHIPS! (v15-17)

- > Insight #4 – LET’S HAVE A FRUITFUL WITNESS! (v18-27)
- Like in Acts 5:28-42- “Fill your city with Jesus!”
(Finnish Doctor’s witness for righteousness.)

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Chapter 16

“Be Of Good Cheer, I Have Overcome The World!”

~ In this chapter Jesus will teach us:

I) Not To Stumble (v1-6)

II) The Holy Spirit’s Work In The World (v7-11)

III) The Holy Spirit’s Work In The Christian (v12-15)

IV) To Be Of Good Cheer! (v16-33)

I) Not To Stumble (v1-6)

(v1) “that you should not be made to stumble” – The word stumble in Greek is skandalisthete, which is defined as – to be led into sin or to fall away through the breach of moral law, in unbelief, or the acceptance of false teachings.

(v2-6) Christians must be prepared for persecution - “Blessed are you”-
Matthew 5:11,12- “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

II) The Holy Spirit’s Work In The World (v7-11)

- “to convict”- elegcho - generally with a suggestion of shame of the person convicted; by conviction to bring to the light, to expose; to find fault with, correct; to reprehend severely, to chide, to admonish, to reprove; to call to account, to show one his fault.

#1 - Convict the world of sin - Everyone is made to understand that the sin of unbelief in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior is the one sin that stands between them and salvation. John 3:35-36- He who believes in the Son has

everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

#2 - Convict the world of righteousness - This affirms the righteousness of God. While on earth Christ was the living illustration of the righteousness of God; upon His departure the Spirit is sent to reveal the righteousness of God to the world. The Spirit of God reveals that there is a righteousness available by faith in Christ and that when one believes in Jesus Christ he can be declared righteous, justified by faith, and accepted by his faith in Christ, who is righteous both in His person and in His finished work on the cross.

Paul writes in Romans 3:21-26 - *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

#3 - Convict the world of judgment - The fact is that the prince of this world, that is, Satan himself, has been judged at the cross and is doomed to eternal punishment, (Rev. 20:10).

- This reveals the fact that the work on the cross is finished, that judgment has taken place, that Satan has been defeated, and that salvation is available to those who put their trust in Christ. We read in Hebrews 2:14-15 - *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

III) The Holy Spirit's Work In The Christian (v12-15)

#1- To guide us into all truth! - Truth about God our Creator; about our sin and Jesus our Savior, about love and forgiveness, about eternal life, etc.

#2- He will tell us things to come! - World Events (Matthew 24); False Churchianity (Rev. 2 & 3); False teachers (2 Peter); False Christians (2Timothy 4); the Rapture (1Thess. 4, 1Corin. 15, Rev. 3-Philadelphia); the Coming Antichrist (2Thess. 2); the Great Tribulation (Rev. 6 –19); the Mark of the Beast-666 (Rev. 13); the Return of Christ (Matthew 25; Rev. 19) and so much more.

#3- He will glorify Jesus! - The Holy Spirit will not glorify man, nor will He glorify Himself. (Acts 4:8-33)

- R.A. Torrey writes regarding the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer: "It is of the highest practical importance that we decide whether the Holy Spirit is a power that we in our weakness and ignorance are somehow to get hold of and use, or whether the Holy Spirit is a personal being infinitely wise, infinitely holy, infinitely tender, who is to get hold of and use us. The one conception is heathenish, the other Christian. The one conception leads to self-humiliation, self-emptying and self-renunciation; the other conception leads to self-exaltation."

IV) To Be Of Good Cheer! (v16-33)

(v22) "Joy in the Resurrection!"

(v23,24) "Joy in Prayer!"

(v27) "Our Heavenly Father Loves Us!"

(v33) "Jesus has Overcome the World!"

I AM A SOLDIER!

I am a soldier in the army of my God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my commanding officer. The Holy Bible is my code of conduct. Faith, prayer, and the Word are my weapons of warfare. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire.

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity. I will either retire in this army at the Rapture or die in this army; but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out. I am faithful, reliable, capable and dependable. If my God needs me, I am there. If He needs me in the Sunday school, to teach the children, work with the youth, help adults or just sit and learn, He can use me because I am there!

I am a soldier. I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up or pepped up. I am a soldier. No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me, or lure me.

I am a soldier. I am not a wimp. I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name, and building His kingdom! No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy or give me handouts. I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to.

I am committed. I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit. When Jesus called me into this army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out ahead. I will win.

My God has and will continue to supply all of my needs. I am more than a conqueror. I will always triumph. I can do all things through Christ.

Devils cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battles cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me, and hell cannot have me.

I am a soldier. Even death cannot destroy me. For when my commander calls me from this battlefield, He will promote me to Captain and then allow me to rule with Him. I am a soldier in the army, and I am marching claiming

**victory. I will not give up. I will not turn around. I am a soldier, marching
heaven bound. Here I stand! Will you stand with me?**