

The Word of God in Biblical Perspective
The Divine Majesty and Sufficiency's of God's Word
The Word Of Christ Through The Spirit Of Christ

John 16:7-15

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This is our series on the Divine Inspiration of God's Word with its majesties and its sufficiency's. In this study we are in John 16 and we will look at 2 or 3 passages of Scriptures along with this one. John 16:7-15 says, *7 Nevertheless, 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 go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

The grass withers, the flower fades, this is God's Word. It abides forever and by His grace and mercy may it be preached for you.

There were a couple of events that took place this last week that I thought were very interesting and both of them had to do with space and astronauts. This last week a celebration took place in our country because 40 years ago Buzz Aldrin and his team landed on the moon. I was only about a couple of years old so I really don't remember it but they tell me it was a very eventful time but interestingly while we were celebrating that at the same time we had another team of astronauts that had taken off and for 11 days they were doing work on a space station. That may have gone somewhat under our radars as it was happening but I did see one of the live broadcasts where for 3 days they have been out space walking working on the outside of the space station. I'm watching that as they are saying this isn't the first time this has been happening and I couldn't help but think of all the times that people have gotten out of a perfectly good space station and walked around in space where you can get sucked into darkness and oblivion and I'm just trying to think of what that might have been like being out there. As I was looking at that picture there were two lines that were attached to the astronauts. If I have ever seen life lines that would be them with one of them giving them their oxygen and the other was the communication line.

Even as I was looking at that I couldn't help but come to this moment today in which we are studying this series about God's inspired Word, but first I want to remind you why we are studying this subject which is from five texts of Scripture. First we are doing this because Satan continues and I think intensifies his attack upon God's Word that God's people will not believe that God is competent to give us a Word or that His Word is not trustworthy or that His Word is not complete. The attack upon the Word of God has intensified its veracity, its trustworthiness, its infallibility, its reliability, its

sufficiency and its not the first time Satan began this attack because it started all the way back in the garden when he said, "Has God said?" "No, God's a liar" Satan said and Eve got the Word wrong. We all plunged into sin. This is the Word of God. By it you are converted. You are born again by the Word and the Spirit. By it you are kept and nourished. It's our life line. It is a life line from the Living God to us that we will not be sucked into the oblivion of darkness, sin, and destruction as millions have and are. Millions have been sucked away to death, despair, chaos and the oblivion of sin and its judgment. God has given us this life line, the life line of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Now is it trustworthy? Here is a recap of the last study. Christ is our life. Because Christ is our life He has given us these life lines from the ascended throne of glory where He is to hold onto us and they are the life lines of the Holy Spirit who is given the Word of God. He nourishes us and through Him He communicates with us and us with Him and He holds onto us. There are passages of Scripture that tell us this life line is dependable, reliable, trustworthy, true, inerrant, and absolutely sufficient. We looked at a very familiar text in 2 Timothy 3 which says all Scripture is inspired by God. This Word came from God. It's a saving Word, a life transforming Word, a sufficient Word, a Christ centered Word and a Word that is like a hammer that breaks our heart and it's a Word that is like the balm of Gilead that soothes our soul. This is a glorious Word

In this study I have asked you to come to another text that maybe many of you don't have on the horizon of your study of the majesty and sufficiency of God's Word. It is one that was a favorite passage of the gentleman named John Murray who established the systematic theology at my seminary that I graduated from called Westminster Seminary. I want to draw from it for this study to encourage you and me concerning this sufficient, majestic, inerrant Word of God. I want to look closer at this John 16 text and draw three observations from it. There are also a couple of other passages I want you to look at as well but first we will look at John 16 verse by verse.

John 16:7 says, *7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: ...* I want to stop here for a minute. This doesn't mean where Jesus had spoken earlier and that it wasn't the truth. A while ago I was not telling the truth and now I'm telling the truth. That is not how it is. Every time Jesus speaks it is truth but this is a pastoral moment. Jesus is preparing His disciples for His death, burial, resurrection and ascension. When He ascends they are not going to want Him to go and He is telling them here "I need to go because its to your advantage that I go." They are thinking "Jesus, how can this be to my advantage for You to go?" Jesus says, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth..." What is this truth thing He is telling them?

He goes on to say in John 16:7, *"...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 go, I will send him to you."* It's not that Jesus had to leave in order to make room for the Holy Spirit nor is it that Jesus had to leave because the Holy Spirit hadn't been here. We know the Holy Spirit had been here. Jesus was born of a virgin, right? How did Mary receive Jesus? It was through the Holy Spirit because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit through Mary. Who anointed Jesus at the baptism of Jesus? It was the Holy Spirit? Whom did Jesus say "I have come to proclaim to you the presence of the Spirit of God?" The Holy Spirit has been there, was there and is there but there was a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit for a special purpose and its called Pentecost that declared the work of the Gospel to the world and

declared the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of His people. Jesus said He must go away that He might send to us the Helper.

If it wasn't that He needed to make room for the Holy Spirit or the Holy Spirit wasn't here then why is it that Jesus said 'I must go away'? Here is what Jesus is saying. For a little more help take your Bibles to a parallel text on this in John 14:16, 17, 25, 26 which says, *16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 25 These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.* Jesus is saying that He needs to go away. Why? It is so that He can send the Helper to them. So here is the first observation for us.

The first observation is that the ascended Christ will send the Holy Spirit as our Helper. So why is it that He has to go away? It is because He won't go away until He has risen and He won't be raised until He dies an atoning death on a cross and wins the victory. The Holy Spirit has been promised by the Father but the Holy Spirit will not be sent by the Father until Jesus petitions Him for the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, "I will ask the Father and the Father will send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the promised One from the Father." Please notice that the Holy Spirit is referred to as "he" and not "it." He is not a power. He is not a concept. He is a person. He is the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit will be sent through the petition of the ascended Christ and on what basis can the ascended Christ ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit? It is because He has won the victory at the cross. That's why He has to go. He won't go until He has won the victory. When He has won the victory He says in Matthew 28:18-20 *18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

How will Jesus be with you when He is at the right hand of the Father? It is because He will call upon the Father in the name of His victory to send you the One the Father promised that He purchased for you which is the Holy Spirit. You can see the intricacies of God's Trinity at work here, in your redemption for your advantage. To your advantage Jesus says, "I've won the victory. I've ascended to heaven and I know you don't want Me to go. Don't hold on to Me. I need to go for your advantage because when I go I will be your Helper. I am your Advocate."

It's interesting how the word "helper" is here. This is a very tough Greek word. In some of your translations it is probably translated as "comforter." It can also be translated as "pleader." It can also be translated as "intercessor." It can also be translated as "mediator." Let me give you another way. In John 14 Jesus said, "I will ask the Father and He will send to you another Helper." So that tells you that we have at least two helpers. So who are the Father's two helpers that He has sent us? They are Jesus and then the Holy Spirit. So the Father has sent Jesus the Helper. Jesus wins the victory and He'll send another Helper, another Intercessor. What is another word that is used for this? Let me show you how this word is translated in another passage of Scripture.

Let's look at 1 John 2. We were reading in big John and there are three little Johns. The biggest of the three little Johns is 1 John. Now that you are thoroughly

confused we are going to look at 1 John 2:1 which says, “*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*” This is the same Greek word. We have an advocate. Another word besides helper, comforter, pleader, intercessor and mediator is advocate. The first observation is the victorious Christ ascended, petitions the Father for the One whom He has promised, the other Advocate to come to be with us and that’s to our advantage. Do you think you need the Holy Spirit here in this world? Do we have some adversaries? Yes we have some pretty big ones. My sin is crying out against me. I have an evil world. I have a fleshly nature. I have an old man. I have all this stuff trying to suck me into the oblivion of death but I have an Advocate. It is the Advocate that my other Advocate has sent because He has won the victory and that Advocate that has been sent me will be “with me and in me” and that’s to my advantage that He go away and send Him to me.

The second observation has to do with what the Advocate does, what His function is. There are many things that the Holy Spirit does but in this John 16 text Jesus highlights two things that He does. John 16:8-11 says **8** *And when he (this Advocate) comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; **10** concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; **11** concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.* So the first thing this Advocate is going to do is He is going to come as we look at the promise that was given back to Abraham (‘In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed, the nations will be your inheritance, I must send the Holy Spirit’ – and where is Jesus? He is right back there in Israel.) He ascended and He has won the victory. He sends the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is upon, in, and through the body of Christ, the church. Where does that body of Christ go? They go to all the world and the Holy Spirit goes to all the world through His people, convicting the world of sin, judgment and righteousness. That will be prefigured when that Holy Spirit is poured out at Pentecost in all those languages, in all those people. It will be declared in Acts 17:6 where the whole world is being turned upside down. The Advocate has been sent that the kingdom of God may spread through the preaching of the Gospel to all the world and the Holy Spirit alone can convict of sin, judgment and righteousness. So the first thing the Advocate is going to do is to empower the Gospel work of the kingdom and that’s why we have mission’s conferences, send out missionaries because the Holy Spirit is going with them, through them, before them, around them, and in them and in us to reach the world for Christ.

What is the second thing the Holy Spirit will do? The second thing that this passage highlights that He will do is a special ministry to the Apostles whom He is talking to. John 16:12, 13 says, **12** *“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.* So the second thing the Spirit is going to do is He will finish God’s revelation of His Word through the Apostles. He is the Revealer. He is not only going to convict the world of sin, judgment and righteousness but He is going to enable these Apostles that Jesus is talking to, to finish God’s Word. They are going to write out the other things that Jesus hasn’t told them yet. In John 14 He said “I’m going to send you the Helper and the Helper will bring you remembrance of all that

I have said to you.” In John 16 He adds to that by saying, “He will guide you into the things I yet have to say to you because you can’t bear them right now.” Isn’t that a wonderful little touch?

So why can’t they bear it right now? It is because they are human. Jesus knows their human condition. He knows they are sinners. You can’t get Algebra 2 until you get Algebra 1. You aren’t ready for Algebra 2. So I will send the Holy Spirit. The first thing He is going to do is He will give you remembrance and you will record what I have said that I want you to record. Then the Holy Spirit will enable you to not only record what I have said but He will enable you to receive the things you’re not yet ready to receive that I’m going to tell you. So let’s take John. The Holy Spirit enables him and he writes out the things that Jesus said which is called the Gospel of John. Then the Holy Spirit guides John into 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John and then John is in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day and we have the book of Revelation where it’s all headed to. John wasn’t ready for that back here. So the Spirit is going to guide him into that. He will guide Paul, James, Jude and they are all writing as men but they are being guided by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21 says, “*For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit.***” So Jesus is not only giving them remembrance of what He said that was a fulfillment of the Old Testament pointing to Him but now He will guide them into what He yet has to say that they are not ready for yet but He will give it to them and when the last Apostle dies which is John, he says, “Let no man add or subtract to this book.” We have the Truth. Back in John 16 He says “I will guide you into all the truth.” So all the truth that we need is going to be given through the Apostles to us by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit and I have the life line of God’s sufficient, inerrant Word which is Truth and has now be given to me.

By the way, did the Apostles know this? Did they know that they were writing Truth and that it wasn’t their truth about God, their opinions of truth but that it was God’s Word? We know that in the Old Testament, don’t we? In the Old Testament Isaiah would say, “Thus says the Lord” and not “Thus says Isaiah and I hope the Lord uses this.” Then we get to the New Testament and they are doing the same thing. In fact they know they have a challenge and their greatest joy is to finish this thing that Christ has said “I promise to give you.” I want to show you this in a couple of passages. In 1 John 1 the Word Incarnate has come. 1 John 1:3, 4 says, *3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.* They knew their calling and that was their joy to give us this Word of Christ and from Christ to us.

There is another passage that shows this in 1 Thessalonians which is written by Paul, the Apostle untimely born. Did he realize this? In 1 Timothy 4 the Apostle Paul said “the Spirit explicitly says in the last times.” Is Paul saying that? No, the Holy Spirit says this through Paul. They knew they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit and writing Christ’s Word to His people. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 says, “*And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.*”

To recap, observation one is the ascended Christ will give the Holy Spirit who is our other Advocate, out of His victory He’ll send the Holy Spirit. Observation two is

when the Holy Spirit comes He will bring the power of conviction of sin, judgment and righteousness that will be out to the world and He will, through the Apostles, give us the Word of God – remembrance of what Jesus had said and what He would yet guide them into that we might have all the truth we need to know Him, love Him and serve Him.

The third observation is the Holy Spirit's purpose as an Advocate. His function is conviction and finishing out God's revelation, inspired, inerrant, full, all the truth. His purpose – why is here and why does He give us the Word of Christ? So let's go back to our passage in John 16. He will guide you into the truth and it doesn't just say into the truth but all the truth that Christ yet wants to reveal to them that we need which is God's sufficient Word. John 16:13-15 says, **13** *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.* (Here is the purpose and why He has come to give us this Word.) **14** *He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.* **15** *All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.* The purpose of His ministry as our Advocate in convicting and revealing the Word of Christ is to glorify Christ through that Word and His presence and His power. So why has the Holy Spirit come? He has come to convict and reveal. Why are you doing this Holy Spirit? It is that the One who has been given all authority by the Father might be glorified. What an astounding statement that Jesus Himself makes about His dignity and station! It is all from Him, through Him and it is all unto Him that He might be glorified.

So what does this mean for our lives? I want to give you three practical things from this text of Scripture. The first thing is that the Word of God is given by the Holy Spirit who is given to us by the ascended Christ. You are probably thinking "you just said that earlier." I know I did. I want to nail it. The Word of God that I have has been given to me. We didn't discover religious truth. Truth was revealed and given. How did we get God's Word which is Truth? It was given to us. Who gave it to us? Jesus. How? It was through the Holy Spirit. How did we get the Holy Spirit? He was given to us. Do you think we might have not a religion here but a work of grace? How did I come to Christ? It was by faith. Do you remember Romans 10:13-17 says, **13** *For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* **14** *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?* **15** *And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"* **16** *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"* **17** *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.* I don't work faith up.

How did I come to Christ? It was by faith. How did I come to faith? It was by His Word. How did I get His Word? It was given to me. How did I understand His Word? It was by the Holy Spirit who gave the Word and who gave me the faith to believe in the Word. I have been saved by grace. I didn't discover Him. I didn't find Him. I didn't merit Him. His Word was given. His Spirit was given. Faith was given and now salvation has been given to me through these life lines by grace I stand in Christ.

This that was given was not given cost less. It was given by the ascended Christ who has ascended because He paid for these gifts at Calvary because He loves you and became your Advocate. Then when He loved you and ascended on high victorious He

gave you another Advocate who convicted you of your sin through the Word of God that was given who keeps you by that Word. You were born again by that Word. You are kept by that Word. You are nourished by that Word. You are taught and directed by that Word. You are encouraged by that Word. You are convicted by that Word and you have got that Word because He freely gave it to you by the Holy Spirit whom He gave to you to be with you and in you.

The second implication from this text is that the Word of God by the Holy Spirit is from Christ and therefore it's the Truth. The Word of God that you and I have here came from Christ through the Holy Spirit who gave the Prophets in the Old Testament and the Apostles in the New Testament the ability to remember and guided them into all truth so that I now have from Christ His Word. So basically you don't need a red letter Bible. Did I wake you up? What do you mean I don't need a red letter Bible? What is the red letter for? The red letters tell you that they are words from Jesus but they are all from Jesus even the black ones. It's okay to have a red letter Bible. The red letters identifies what Jesus said while He was here on this earth but everything you have comes from Christ. The Holy Spirit guided the Apostles into what He heard from Christ to give to you. This is Christ's Word to you. He has spoken to you in His Word. So your whole Bible is a red letter Bible. By the way it's not only Christ's Word but it's the Truth and it's all the Truth. It's not all the truth in the sense that everything from an omniscient God is in here. All truth is God's truth but not all truth is in the Bible.

Do you remember what John said? If we wrote down everything He said the whole word couldn't contain those books (John 21:25). Everything He said was true but everything didn't get in the Bible but everything the Holy Spirit wanted in the Bible is in the Bible. All the truth I need to know Him, love Him and serve Him is in the Bible and everything in the Bible is truth. There are no myths, no legends. Some things are harder to understand than others but its all truth which means it doesn't contradict itself, which means it's reliable, which means it's inerrant. I know this sounds like just an everyday statement but I can't imagine leaving my Bible closed. This is Jesus talking to me who said to me, "Harry you know what you need so that you don't get sucked into oblivion? I put it all right here for you." Then I close it up and put it on my coffee table and say, "I sure hope it does me some good from there." No, this is God's Word. It is Christ's Word. It's the Truth and it's been given to me so that I can know Him. All that truth that I need is there within it given to me by the Spirit of Truth what He heard from Christ. He has guided them into the Truth.

I want to draw another implication from this. When He gave the Truth He gave it progressively. God's Word unfolds progressively and He gave it as they could bear it. Now if the Holy Spirit did that through the agents who gave me the Word and revealed it do you not think the Holy Spirit under Christ's authority uses that same carefulness and thoughtfulness in teaching you and me? Harry there are some things in here you have got to know but you're not ready but I'll get you there. The same Holy Spirit who reveals it successively, progressively, linear, as I'm able to bear it is the same Holy Spirit that illuminates it to us progressively, successively even though I want to know the whole thing right now.

In Miami, Florida I had the privilege to lead this man to Christ and two weeks later I was out on another evangelistic visit. I finished talking with this man and I didn't have another appointment that night so as I was driving back to the church on the way

back I drove by the house of the man that had come to Christ two weeks earlier whose name was Jack. As I was driving by the house I noticed the light was on and it was one of those nicer Miami nights where it wasn't too humid so the door was open. I thought I had a few minutes so I thought I would stop and see how Jack was doing. I stopped at his place and went to the door and I saw that Jack was sitting in his easy chair. He was crying like a baby and this man is a man's man. I didn't know what to do so from the door way I said, "Jack are you okay?" Jack looked at me with a little embarrassment and said, "Preacher, no I'm not okay." I said, "Why?" Sitting in his lap was his Bible and he had been reading it. He said, "I don't know anything in here. I'm trying to understand this and I'm reading this and that and I don't know where to start. I read this and I forget that and you stand up there on Sunday and quote verse after verse. I have been a Christian two whole weeks and I don't know any of it yet." I said, "That cost me 80,000 dollars to be able to do that on Sundays, for crying out loud!" But you see the hunger of that man. I told him, "Jack the Holy Spirit who gave that Word will guide you into all the Truth." Sure enough three years later he is an elder in the church. He is teaching a Sunday school class and he helped us plant a church as the Spirit guided him into all the Truth. Truth is Christ's Word. It's all the Truth. It's everything I need for life. I can't shut my Bible up. I want to get into it and He knows my human condition, my frailties, my sinfulness and He knows how to unfold it in my life.

Thirdly and finally, here is the last takeaway. How do you know when the Holy Spirit is present, working in power and His Word is being preached faithfully? He gave the Holy Spirit who gave us the Word which is the Truth and it's unfolded in the teaching, presence and power of the Holy Spirit who is in us and with us. So how do you know when the Holy Spirit is doing His work? I don't want to be offensive but I'm going to be clear. It is not tongues. It's not prosperity. It's not health. It's not wealth. It's not any one gift of the Holy Spirit. It's not any one particular blessing of the Holy Spirit. Do I want to know where the Holy Spirit is at work in His presence and His power and His Word is doing its work that its been designed to do by Christ through the Holy Spirit? Christ is preeminent that's how you know. Christ is being lifted up. He will glorify Me. That's how you know when the Holy Spirit is there. You know He's there because Christ is being lifted up from that Word – Christ preeminent, glory and majesty.

That's why Charles Spurgeon wrote what I'm about to share. Last year I had the privilege to take one of our teams over to London and we had a day to go around and visit some places in London where our forbearers did work. One of the places I went to was the Metropolitan Tabernacle where Charles Spurgeon preached. The Metropolitan Tabernacle that is there now is the third one because the first two were both burned down. The first one that was built under Charles Spurgeon's ministry in his very first sermon this is what he said. "I would propose that the subject of the ministry in this house of worship as long as this pulpit shall stand and as long as this house of worship shall be frequented by worshipers of the Triune God that the subject of this pulpit shall always be the Person and preeminence of Jesus Christ. I am never ashamed to avow myself as a Calvinist. I did not hesitate to take the name of a Baptist but if I am asked what is my creed then I reply, 'It is Jesus Christ my venerated predecessor Dr John Gill has left a marvelous systematic theology, admirable and excellent in all of its content but the system of theology to which I would pen and bind myself forever God helping me is not his system or any other human treatise but Jesus Christ who is the sum and substance

of the Gospel who is in Himself, all theology, the Incarnation of every precious truth, the all glorious embodiment of the way, the truth and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord, as long as this pulpit stands.””

In 1988 this house of worship, Briarwood Presbyterian Church, was built. There is a young man in our church who works with Campus Outreach now who in those days was an even younger man who was preparing for ministry working part time with a construction company that was doing the work here. He was here the day this pulpit platform was poured. He was here when they put the rebar in and he was here when they put the concrete in. As he looked at the steel that would be under it and as he looked at the concrete that was there, he then slipped in unaware his Bible right where the pulpit is today. As long as this house of worship is frequented, as long as this pulpit stands by the power of the Spirit through the Word of God Christ will be preached. God help us. Let's pray.

Prayer:

Father, thank You for the time that we could be together. Thank You for the privilege to be in Your Word that You have given to us, purchased from the cross through the Holy Spirit. Thank You for the advantage You have granted us by the presence of the Holy Spirit as our Advocate and His Word that He has granted to us from You that we might know You, love You, serve You and exalt You. Father if there is anyone reading this that has not exalted You as Christ as their Lord and Savior, the One who humbled Himself to die on a cross for their sins, dear friend would you do this today. Father help them, convict them that in Christ the evil one has been defeated. Sin has been judged. Salvation is free. For those who know Him, O God may this Word be our life line, may Your Holy Spirit hold us, nourish us, keep us, and may the world see not us or even our Bibles but may they see the work of that Bible through the Holy Spirit and that is Christ, preeminent and glorious, I pray in His Name, Amen.