

# CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ

*"When the Spirit Speaks, Christ Is Glorified"*

John 16:12-18 NKJV

[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; for 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. [15] All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. [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."

### Main Points

1. Christ's Wise Restraint: Truth Given in Stages (vv.12-13)

2. The Spirit's Christ-Centered Revelation (vv.13-15)

3. Sorrowful Confusion Before Joyful Clarity (vv.16-18)

**Instruction** (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?

**Inspiration** (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?

**Imitator of Christ** (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?

**My prayer this week:**

**Discussion Questions:****Section 1 — Christ's Wise Restraint: Truth Given in Stages (vv.12–13)**

1. Why would Jesus choose to withhold information in a moment like this?
2. What does it mean that the Spirit will "guide" them "into all truth" (v.13)?

**Section 2 — The Spirit's Christ-Centered Revelation (vv.13–15)**

3. What is the Spirit's main purpose according to verse 14?
4. How can we test whether something is truly "Spirit-led"?

**Section 3 — Sorrowful Confusion Before Joyful Clarity (vv.16–18)**

5. What does the disciples' confusion in verses 17–18 reveal about what sorrow does to us?
6. When you don't understand what God is doing, what's the right next step?

**Bible Reference**

**1 Corinthians 2:12 NKJV** "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

**John 16:12-18 NKJV** [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; for 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. [15] All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. [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."

**Psalms 103:14 NKJV** For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

**2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, [21] for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11 NKJV** But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. [11] For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

**John 14:26 NKJV** 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 things that I said to you.

**Acts 1:8 NKJV** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**1 Corinthians 12:3 NKJV** Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

**John 15:26 NKJV** "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

**Zechariah 13:7 NKJV** "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

**Hebrews 12:2 NKJV** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; [6] In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

**Luke 24:25-27 NKJV** Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! [26] Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" [27] And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

**1 Corinthians 2:13-14 NKJV** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. [14] But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**John 16:13 NKJV** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. [9] "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**John 6:47 NKJV** "He who believes in Me has everlasting life."