

## CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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

*"When Faith Falters but Christ Prevails"*

John 16:25-33 NKJV

"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." [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." [31] Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? [32] Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. [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."

### Main Points

1. From Mystery to Clarity (vv. 25–30) How clarity about Christ leads to confession of faith.

2. From Confidence to Scattering (vv. 31–32) When sincere faith can still be weak faith.

3. From Tribulation to Triumph (v. 33) Where peace is grounded in Christ's finished victory.

**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?

### Pastor's Reflection and Encouragement

Church, our faith may falter at times, but Christ never does. The disciples scattered, yet Jesus stood firm. The world brought tribulation, yet Christ overcame the world. And because He prevailed, those who belong to Him can have peace even in the midst of trouble.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is it essential for believers to know they are loved by the Father, and how should the reality of having direct access to Him shape the way we pray?
2. Why shouldn't believers be surprised when their faith feels weak during trials, and what comfort do we gain from knowing that Christ remained faithful even when His followers did not?
3. According to Jesus, what will believers experience in the world, and where does He say genuine peace is found?
4. Why does Jesus promise tribulation rather than comfort in this world, and how can believers remain encouraged and confident even while suffering?
5. Where are people today most tempted to seek peace apart from Christ, and what practical steps can help believers stay joyful and courageous during seasons of tribulation?

**Bible Reference**

**2 Timothy 2:13 NKJV** "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

**John 1:18 NKJV** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**Romans 8:34 NKJV** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

**Hebrews 7:25 NKJV** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**John 14:15 NKJV** "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

**Luke 6:46 NKJV** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

**Romans 5:8 NKJV** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**John 1:1-5,14 NKJV** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. [4] In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. [14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**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.

**Matthew 27:46 NKJV** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"