

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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

"Grief Before Glory"

John 16:5-11 NKJV

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Main Points

1. The Sorrow of the D_____ (vv. 5–6)
2. The A_____ of Christ's Departure (v.7)
3. The Spirit's C_____ Ministry (vv. 8–11)

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:

1. How does Jesus' announcement of His departure affect the disciples, and what does their sorrow reveal about their understanding of God's plan?
2. Why does Jesus say His leaving is "to your advantage," and what does this teach us about how God works through what feels like loss?
3. According to Jesus, what is the root sin the Spirit exposes, and why is unbelief in Him central?
4. How does Jesus' return to the Father demonstrate true righteousness, and what does this mean for our standing before God?
5. What does it mean that "the ruler of this world is judged," and how should Christ's victory shape our confidence and response?

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John 13:6 NKJV "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

John 14:5 NKJV Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"—

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 14:1 NKJV "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 16:22 NKJV [22] Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.— **Psalms 34:18 NKJV** The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.—

2 Corinthians 7:10 NKJV For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death

John 14:16-17 NKJV And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— [17] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.—

Romans 8:9-11 NKJV But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. [10] And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Hebrews 4:12 NKJV For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Acts 2:37 NKJV Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

John 3:18-19 NKJV "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [19] And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Romans 1:16-17 NKJV For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. [17] For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

John 8:24 NKJV Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

1 John 5:10-12 NKJV He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. [11] And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. [12] He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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James 2:19 NKJV You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

Isaiah 53:11 NKJV He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Acts 2:32-36 NKJV This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. [33] Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. [34] "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, [35] Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" [36] "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Romans 1:3-4 NKJV concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, [4] and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

John 12:31 NKJV Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Revelation 20:1-3,10 NKJV Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2] He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; [3] and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. [10] The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Colossians 2:15 NKJV Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Hebrews 2:14 NKJV 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,