

The **Good News** that John Wrote

***...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.***

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Watch
John 5.16-47

Study

John 5.16-47

How the Jewish Leaders Responded to Jesus' Healing of the Lame Man

John 5.16 ...the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he did this on the sabbath. (RSV)

John 5:17-18 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working still, and I am working." This was why the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but also called God his Father, making himself equal with God. (RSV)

Topical Arrangement

- The equality of the Son with the Father
- The humility of the Son
- What the Father granted the Son
- The Son's promises to us

The Equality of the Son With the Father

1. The Father works, and so therefore does the Son

- **John 5:17** My Father is working still, and I am working.

2. The Father and Son are one in Essence

- **John 5.19** The Son can do nothing on his own.

The Humility of the Son

1. Seeks to do the Father's will, not His own

- **John 5:30** I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

2. Seeks to win praise from His Father, not from People

- **John 5.44** You like to receive praise from one another, but you do not try to win praise from the one who alone is God.
- **John 5.41** I am not looking for human praise...

The Humility of the Son

3. Acts under the authority of the Father, not His own

- **John 5.30** I can do nothing on my own authority

4. Acts based on revelation of what the Father is saying and doing

- **John 5.37** His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen. (*Implication -> the Son hears the Father's voice and sees His form*)
- **John 5.19** the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing.
- **John 5.30** ...as I hear, I judge

What is Necessary to Receive the Grace of God?

John 1.14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

1 Pet 5.5 Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

What the Father Granted the Son

1. Testimony to people about who Jesus is

- *Through John the Forerunner: John 5.32-33* There is someone else who testifies on my behalf, and I know that what he says about me is true. John is the one to whom you sent your messengers, and he spoke on behalf of the truth.
- *Through Christ's deeds: John 5.36* I have a witness on my behalf which is even greater than the witness that John gave: what I do, that is, the deeds my Father gave me to do, these speak on my behalf and show that the Father has sent me.
- *By revelation to hearts: John 5.37* And the Father, who sent me, also testifies on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his face...

What the Father Granted the Son

2. Revelation

- **John 5.20** The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. He will show him even greater things to do than this, and you will all be amazed.

What the Father Granted the Son

3. Ability to raise the dead and grant life

- **John 5.21** Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, in the same way the Son gives life to those he wants to.
- **John 5.25-28** Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

What the Father Granted the Son

4. Authority to judge humans on the day of judgement and honor

- **John 5.22-23** The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.
- **John 5.27** [the Father] ...has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of man.

The Tragedy of this Story

John 5.39-40 You study the Scriptures, because you think that in them you will find eternal life. And these very Scriptures speak about me! Yet you are not willing to come to me in order to have life.

John 5:45-47 Do not think, however, that I am the one who will accuse you to my Father. Moses, in whom you have put your hope, is the very one who will accuse you. If you had really believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how can you believe what I say?”

What the Son Promises

John 5.24 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

We Are Called to Have the Same Mind (φρήν) as Christ (i.e. attitude)

Phil 2.5-8 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

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Phil 2.9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We Are Called to Have the Same Mind (φρήν) as Christ (i.e. attitude)

Phil 2.12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Prayer for Protection

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon us, Your people gathered in Your Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who loves mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus. Send Your angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and nurses, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace, that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

A Heads Up

- Watch for a new Zoom meeting ID
- It will also have a password
- I will send out an email and text message and also have the new ID and password in the church bulletin.
- The “Online” link at <https://theColburns.us> will use the new meeting link.