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.

John 15.18-27

John 16.1

"I have told you this, so that you will not give up your faith.

"If the world hates you, just remember that it has hated me first.

If you belonged to the world, then the world would love you as its own. But I chose you from this world, and you do not belong to it; that is why the world hates you.

Remember what I told you: 'Slaves are not greater than their master.' If people persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours too.

But they will do all this to you because you are mine; for they do not know the one who sent me.

They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not come and spoken to them; as it is, they no longer have any excuse for their sin.

Whoever hates me hates my Father also.

They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not done among them the things that no one else ever did; as it is, they have seen what I did, and they hate both me and my Father.

This, however, was bound to happen so that what is written in their Law may come true: "They hated me for no reason at all.

"The Helper will come—the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and he will speak about me.

And you, too, will speak about me, because you have been with me from the very beginning.

Hebrews 2.3

This "...great salvation...was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him,

Hebrews 2.4

while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will.

Questions? Comments?