

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 16.1-15

John 16.1

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

John 16.2

You will be expelled from the synagogues, and the time will come when those who kill you will think that by doing this they are serving God.

John 16.3

People will do these things to you because they have not known either the Father or me.

John 16.4

But I have told you this, so that when the time comes for them to do these things, you will remember what I told you. “I did not tell you these things at the beginning, for I was with you.

John 16.5

But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me where I am going.

John 16.6

And now that I have told you,
your hearts are full of
sadness.

John 16.7

But I am telling you the truth: it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you.

The Holy Spirit works to bring the created into communion with the uncreated through the mediation of Jesus Christ.

- God *above* us
 - Before the incarnation, God was above us.
- God *with* us
 - Through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, God is with us (Emanuel)
- God *in* us
 - Through the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, God is in us.

John 16.8 (RSV)

And when he comes, he will
c o n v i n c e t h e w o r l d
c o n c e r n i n g s i n a n d
righteousness and judgment:

John 16.9

concerning sin, because they
do not believe in me;

John 16.10

concerning righteousness,
because I go to the Father,
and you will see me no more;

John 16.11

concerning judgment,
because the ruler of this world
is judged.

John 16.12

**“I have much more to tell you,
but now it would be too much
for you to bear.**

John 16.13

When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears and will tell you of things to come.

John 16.14

He will give me glory, because
he will take what I say and tell
it to you.

John 16.15

All that my Father has is mine;
that is why I said that the
Spirit will take what I give him
and tell it to you.

Bishop Gerasimos on 15.13-15

The many things that the disciples could not bear then, and into which the Holy Spirit will guide them, is the greater, in-depth comprehension of the essence and the meaning of the words, the work and the person of Jesus Christ.

Questions?
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