

John 16:16-33

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Real hope, the experience of genuine love, and a true sense of purpose in life come only through believing in “the glorious gospel of the blessed God” (1 Timothy 1:11).
- 2) Nowhere else did Jesus speak so fully of the Holy Spirit:
 - He would glorify Christ.
 - He would act as “the Spirit of truth.”
 - He would guide believers into all truth.
 - He would show believers things to come.
 - He would take the things of Christ and explain them to His church.
- 3) *16:17-18* The disciples’ confusion presents for us a window into the world of those who do not have the benefit of the Holy Spirit to make Christ’s words understandable.
- 4) *16:22* Jesus was speaking of the coming of the Holy Spirit to permanently indwell believers. Spirit-produced joy is permanent (Galatians 5:22; cf. Romans 14:17; 1 Thessalonians 1:6).
- 5) *16:22* The event causing sorrow would not be replaced by an event producing joy; rather the same event would be the cause of their joy.
- 6) The principle is this: God brings joy to our lives, not by substitution, but by transformation.
- 7) *16:24* Answered prayer, based on the finished work of Jesus Christ and springing from an obedient life, is a powerful force in turning sorrow into joy.
- 8) *16:25* Even the disciples failed to understand much of Jesus’ teaching until He explained it to them.

9) *16:27* God loves (agapaō) sinners, but expresses a special, fatherly affection (phileō) for His children.

10) *16:28* Apart from embracing the principle of Christ’s deity and believing it as truth, a person cannot be saved.

11) *16:30* This is nothing less than a complete declaration of Christ’s omniscience and His deity. It is the apex of the disciples’ recognition of Jesus as a member of the Godhead.

12) *16:32* The disciples’ faith was genuine, but not as strong as they supposed.

13) *16:33* When we yield ourselves to Christ, He enables us to be overcomers. We must claim our spiritual position in Christ and believe Him for victory.

GREEK WORDS

Phileō (fil-eh'-o) - to have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling)

Idē (id'-eh)—used as interjection to denote surprise; behold

Nikao (nike); to subdue :- conquer, prevail, get the victory