

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"**  
**"Spirit Of God In The Church"**  
**John 16:12-22**  
**Part-56**

**This passage is addressed to the Disciples of Jesus. We are going to apply it to the believers in the Church.**

**John 16:20 – "you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy."**

**John 16 – Is A Chapter Of Instruction On The Holy Spirit.**

**John 16:1-11 – The Holy Spirit's Ministry In The World.**

**John 16:12-22 – The Holy Spirit Instructs the Christian.**

**John 16:23-33 – The Holy Spirit Brings The Victory.**

**John 13-17 – Private Instruction.**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** The Holy Spirit's Ministry Is Glorifying Jesus. The More Fully He Controls Me, The More I Will Glorify Him.

**1. Verses 12-15 – Guide You Into All Truth**

**2. Verses 16-22 – Turning Sorrow Into Joy**

**1. Verses 12-15 – Guide You Into All Truth:**

John 16:12 – "I have many more things to say to you," – Context: Jesus has spoken of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the world, John 16:8. Now He speaks to the disciples about the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the believer.

"I have many more things to say to you," – The God of truth wants to impart truth; "but you cannot bear them now." – The word "bear" – "to lift, to carry, to put on oneself". Same word was used of Jesus bearing the cross – John 19:17.

Verse 13 – He Will Guide The Believer: John 16:13 – "But when He, the Spirit of truth," – The Spirit of truth stands as a complete opposite of the spirit of error – 1 John 4:6.

"comes, He will guide you" – The word "guide" – "to lead the way" – This suggests a process of moving forward.

“into all the truth;” – (Believer guided) – Not “We will know all the truth”. God is the source of truth, and the Holy Spirit guides us into it – John 14:26.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

“for He will not speak on His own initiative,” – Rather, it means that He (Holy Spirit) does not speak apart from the Father and the Son – He does not “manufacture” a different message. You have the entire Godhead mentioned in John 16:13.

Cannot be led by the Holy Spirit without the Word.

“but whatever He hears, He will speak;” – It is essential that we see that the work of the Spirit of God is never divorced from Jesus Christ or the Word of God. Jesus spoke the Father’s Words, the Holy Spirit speaks Jesus’ Words!

“and He will disclose to you what is to come.” – “to report or announce what is to come.”

Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 – So here is a preview of the New Testament.

The Gospels – John 14:26

The Book Of Acts – John 15:26-27

The Epistles – John 16:12-13

The Book Of Revelation – John 16:13-14

Revelation 22:18

Verses 14-15 – He Will Glorify Jesus: John 16:14 – “He will glorify Me,” – The word “glorify” – “to believe, to think, to be considered good, to magnify the reputation of another.”

“for He will take of Mine, and will disclose it to you.” – Spirit uses the Word He has taught us.

John 16:15 – “All things that the Father has are Mine;” – Jesus is emphasizing that He is equal with the Father.

“therefore (Since Jesus is God) I said that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.” – The Holy Spirit of God working through the Word of God brings the conviction of God to glorify God. The Bible is the life-manual given by God to increase our understanding.

## **2. Verses 16-22 – Turning Sorrow Into Joy:**

John 16:16

Verses 16-18 – A Mysterious Statement: “A little while, and you will no longer see Me;” – Jesus is speaking about going to the cross.

“and again a little while, and you will see Me.” – After His resurrection, Jesus appeared 10-11 times to His followers; 5X on the same day.

Jesus is referring to them seeing Him on Pentecost through the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Hebrews 10:37

John 16:17-18

Verses 19-22 – A Satisfying Explanation: John 16:19 – “Jesus knew that they wished to question Him,” – Jesus was omniscient and knew that this statement was troubling them.

Isaiah 65:24

John 16:20 – “Truly, truly,” – “This is the truth!”

“but your grief will be turned into joy.” – Your grief and pain and sorrow will be transformed into joy! Cross into joy! Example of Mary in John 20:14-16.

“your sorrow turned to joy.” – The word “turned” is transformed.

Deuteronomy 23:5 – “but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the LORD your God loves you.”

Israel – Enslaved in Egypt; were commanded not to multiply.

Joseph – Sold by his brothers.

David – Being chased by Saul.

(NLT) 2 Cor. 4:16-18

Verses 21-22 – Example Of Being Transformed: John 16:21.

“Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come;” – Genesis 3:16 (Curse).

“labor” – travail – (Sorrow) means “to bring forth” – There is pain.

“she no longer remembers the anguish (Tribulation) because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.” – “the joy of the new child thrusts the pain into the background.”

What caused the pain? The Child! What brought the joy? The Child!

The horror of the cross was going to transform the sinner into a saint.

John 16:22 – “Therefore you too have grief now;” – Note “Therefore you too” links the illustration to them! Your sorrow is only temporary.

“but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice,” – The disciples are about to be separated from Jesus but the application for us is to wait for His return. Philippians 4:4

1 John 3:2-3

“and no one will take your joy away from you.” – We often forfeit our joy. He said joy not happiness!

Happiness – is based on happenings. It all has to do with circumstances.

Joy – is internal and exists regardless of circumstances because of the presence of Jesus in our lives.

### **Application:**

1. Ministry Should Be Judged By The Standard – Does The Ministry Glorify Jesus, Does It Magnify, Exalt Jesus?
2. One Cannot Be Led By The Spirit Apart From The Word Of God – The Holy Spirit Presents Teaching Which Is Consistent With The Previous Revelation And Which Comes From The Heart Of God.
3. A Movement That Focuses On Phenomena Rather Than On Christ, Thereby Forfeits Any Claim To Be A Pure Movement Of The Spirit.
4. God Transforms Sorrow Into Joy. We Cannot Have Our Joy Taken From Us. We Can Forfeit Our Joy. His Promise Is That His Joy Will Remain In Us.