

“THE HELPER - Conclusion” (John 16:16-33)

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INTRO: God has given us a personal Helper (Holy Spirit) to Help us be and do all God wants us to be and do.

JOHN 16: MORE HELP FROM THE HELPER.

A. Persecution is Coming (vv. 1-4).

B. Jesus is Leaving but the Helper is Coming (vv. 5-15).

C. Your Sorrow Will Be Turned to Joy (vv. 16-24).

1. In a little while Jesus’ disciples wouldn’t see Him because of His death and burial, but then they would see Him after His resurrection (v. 16; 14:19).
2. Some of Jesus’ disciples asked among themselves what Jesus meant by what He said in verse 16, because they didn’t understand it (vv. 17-18).
3. Jesus knew what they were talking about and brought it up (v. 19). How did Jesus know this?
4. Jesus was telling His disciples that when He would leave them shortly, they would mourn His loss while the world would rejoice, but their sorrow would turn into joy (when they would see Him after His resurrection – 20:19-20) (v. 20).
 - a. How sad that the world rejoiced at Jesus’ crucifixion, when He did it for them!
5. Jesus’ illustrated sorrow turning into joy when a woman in labor gives birth and rejoices when the baby is born (v. 21).
 - a. Jesus’ joy over people being born again far exceeded His sorrow of the cross (Heb. 12:2; Rom. 8:18)!
6. The disciples’ sorrow of Jesus leaving will turn into joy after His resurrection (v. 22).
 - a. No one would be able to take this joy from them (15:11). Do you have this fullness of joy?
7. After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, prayer should be directed to the Father in Jesus’ name (v. 23; Matt. 6:9).
8. Up to that point Jesus’ disciples didn’t ask in Jesus’ name but would after His ascension (v. 24).
 - a. Jesus also mentioned prayer in 14:13; 15:7, 16.

D. From Figurative Language to Literal Language (vv. 25-33).

1. Jesus had been speaking to them figuratively, but would shortly speak to them plainly (v. 25).
 - a. Figuratively: Jn. 14:19.
 - b. Plainly: Jn. 16:16.
 - c. Seek discernment from the Helper!
2. We are to pray to the Father rather than Jesus praying for us (v. 26).
 - a. Heb. 7:25; 1Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6 describe Jesus’ High Priestly work as mediator, not His praying for us.
3. When we love Jesus, the Father manifests His love for us to us (v. 27).
4. Jesus came from the Father into the world, and would now be going back to the Father (v. 28; 17:5).
5. Jesus was now speaking plainly, and His disciples were now convinced of His divinity (vv. 29-30).
6. Jesus told them they would be scattered, but that the Father would stay with Him (vv. 31-32; Matt. 26:56).
 - a. Do you trust God when others forsake you?
7. In the world we will have tribulation, but in Christ we can have peace because He overcame the world (v. 33; 14:27; 2Tim. 3:12; Acts 14:22; 1Jn. 5:4).

CONCLUSION: Let’s pursue the Helper and all the Help He wants to give us so we can be and do all God wants us to be and do!