

Jesus Teaches About the Holy Spirit

John 16:1-16 (KJV Bible)

INTRODUCTION: JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

In John Chapter 13 to John Chapter 17, it was what Jesus told his disciples the night before his death.

Remember as I said before when I preached on John 16 that these words of John Chapter 13 to John Chapter 17 were all spoken by Jesus in the same evening of his Passover meal with only his disciples as his audience. So it was that Jesus spoke these 5 Chapters of John to His disciples in one night.

So when we read John chapter 13 to John 16 we see that Jesus begins to teach the disciples of the many things to come after his crucifixion and resurrection.

As He has just finished the Passover meal with his disciples and they are now all on their way to the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus now begins to teach them about the Comforter, who is the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit.

- And so now they are on their way to the garden of Gethsemane (John 14:31).

On the way there Jesus begins to teach his Disciples of many things that are yet to come, and one of those things he is teaching about is the Holy Spirit.

- Now with this in mind let us turn now to John 16:1-16.

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1. We saw earlier in John 15 the relationship Jesus used of Him being the True vine and His Father being the Husbandman. This was picture of a grape vine having branches that either produced fruit or that would be cut out if it did not produce.
 2. This was a picture of a un- believer trying to stay in the vine (the vine which is Jesus) when those branches really was not supposed to be there as there was no purpose for it if it did not produce fruit.
 3. Jesus also used this illustration that if those branches which were not producing fruit, besides being cut off, would be gathered together and bound and thrown into the fire to be disposed of. A picture of the end times judgment to come.
- This is the same picture that Jesus painted for the disciples inMatthew.

Matthew 3:10

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matthew 7:19

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

1. Notice what Jesus had to say about the fruit that the tree is bearing.

2. A tree can produce fruit, but if a tree is not producing good fruit. Which is to say that just because a tree is producing fruit does not mean that it is Worthy to carry on growing and producing a fruit that is really not worth its consumption.
3. Instead the trees producing that “kind of poor fruit” or “unpalatable fruit” is not worthy to be left growing but instead should be cut down, and cast into the fire.
4. So what is Jesus saying here.?
5. This is related and comparable to the spiritual condition of a person. It means that just because a person is involved in some kind of religion or religious activity does not mean that he is producing fruit unto God that can be worthy of entering the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 7:4-5 ⁴ Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, **that we should bring forth fruit unto God.**

⁵ For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members **to bring forth fruit unto death.**

6. So we can see that there are two kinds of fruits that a tree can bear. A fruit unto God, or a fruit unto death.

We should all therefore this morning understand that what Jesus said to his disciples, is not for his own purpose, but for the purpose of wanting people to believe on him for salvation.

4. It is because of Jesus great love for his disciples then and now that we find Jesus instructing them of all these teachings.
- **As we get to the scriptures of John 16:1-16 shortly, let us first look at John 15:17-27.**

Then in John 15:17-27 Jesus Warned the Disciples about the worlds hatred, and how it would affect them.

1. In John 15:12 he commanded his disciples that ... **That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**
 2. The command from the Lord to love one another comes at a time when Jesus is going to compare his Love to the worlds love.
 3. The contrast is how the world loves to how Jesus loves. The comparison is vastly different, and so the Lord continues to drive home to his Apostles that they should guard against what the world says is love compared to what real love is.
 4. That is why Jesus spends this time outlining the comparison.
- The things that Jesus spoke about in verses 17-27 was a comparison of how the world hates compared to the love of the believer.
 - The world will hate you because they are exposed of their sin, and therefore Jesus will use this illustration next.
 - **In John 14 Jesus already was teaching about the Holy Spirit, in John 15:26 he made the promise again that the Holy Spirit was coming.**

- Now in John 16:1-16 we see the promise being explained.

John 16:1-16

1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

1. Up to now, the disciples had been taught that.
 - a) [John14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.](#) (They had been taught to believe in Jesus for Salvation. That Jesus was the only way to the Father.
 - b) [John 14: 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.](#)
 - c) Then Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit (the Comforter) in [John 14:16-17](#) ¹⁶ [And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.](#)
 - d) Then in John 15, Jesus explained the relationship between the True Vine, and the Husbandman, and the branches.
 - e) Then Jesus taught on true love, and contrasted it to how the world hates instead of loving. Further contrasted by the way the world hates believers because the world hates Christ because he exposes their sin.
2. All this was major doctrine, but with it came the blessings of knowing Jesus.
3. That is why Jesus said here in John16:1 **1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.**
4. When Jesus taught these doctrines he knew for a fact that it would offend people. Those who it offended would be those who did not believe in him and on him, and that he was the Messiah who takes away sins. Instead those that would be offended would be those who loved their sin and did not want it to be exposed, and therefore they would hate those who spoke the doctrine of Jesus.
5. Therefore Jesus said to his Apostles, that you should not be offended when others will come against you because of me.
6. In other words “The Word of God offends many people”.
7. The **“these things”** Jesus spoke about was the very doctrine he had been preaching to them about in a few verses back in [John 15: 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.](#)

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

1. With preaching Gods Word comes much rejection and Jesus said to them don't be offended because you should expect it be the case.
2. The example Jesus spoke of was that they will be persecuted and they will be offended, even to the point of turning on their own nationality as Jews, and casting them out of places of worship.
3. There would come a time Jesus says that they will **put you out of the synagogues:**
4. Not only will they cast you but they will also kill you.

5. The time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

6. Jesus said they will kill you in the name of their religion thinking that they are doing a great service to God.
7. We only have to look at the time of the Apostles to see that this is exactly what happened and what also will happen in the future book of Revelation. They shall deliver you up to be killed.
8. The fulfilment of this prophecy came in the book of Acts 7:57-60 when they expelled Stephen from the synagogue and stoned him to death.

Acts 7:57-60 ⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, ⁵⁸ **And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.** ⁵⁹ **And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.** ⁶⁰ And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, **he fell asleep.**

9. There will come a future time when God will again be vindicated by this same prophecy in Revelation.

Matthew 24:8-10 ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows. ⁹ **Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.** ¹⁰ **And then shall many be offended,** and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

10. Again Jesus said there will come a time again in the future when they will afflict you and kill you. Many will be offended.

³ And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

1. The whole reason of persecution of the Christian believers is because of what Jesus said.
2. The explanation then is the same explanation now and will also be the same explanation at the end of the age in Revelation. **these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.**
3. The Jews did not entertain Jesus in any of His ministries. Jesus spent the time to teach the Apostles that all these things will they do unto you because they do not know him or His Father. This is again what Jesus had said in His ministry to the Jews when he preached in their synagogues.

John 8:19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? **Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.**

4. Isn't this always the case. The natural man does not do the things of God.

✚ So, it is important here for the Lord to teach on the subject matter of the things of God, and bring into reality the Spirit of God. Look at what the Apostle Paul says of the scriptures in 1 Corinthians 2:13-15.

1 Corinthians 2:13-15 ¹³ **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;** comparing spiritual things with

spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

5. If a person is not born of God, he cannot have the help of the Holy Spirit to discern or to be taught.

4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

1. So, in these opening 4 verses of John 16 and verses 1 to 4 is a reminder to the Apostles of what is to come.
2. It is a reminder of how the Holy Spirit will bring to their remembrance the things which Jesus is teaching now and for the future believers.
3. As Jesus used this time to teach the Apostles on this particular evening he brought in many things of which he said he had not spoken to them before at the beginning when he was with them.
4. He says here that now is the time, now is the time which is come to teach them of these things. He gives the reason that it is a time which he wants them now to remember specifically.
5. And indeed it will be a time of exactly that as we see recorded in Acts 3:12-26 when Peter and John are preaching in the temple to the Jews.

Acts 3:12-26

¹² And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

¹³ The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

¹⁴ But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

¹⁵ And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

¹⁶ And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

¹⁸ But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

[20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:](#)

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 **Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham,** And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

6. There is nothing said here that was not said in the OT first.
7. But Jesus is also reminding them of being prepared with the new revelation he is speaking of which is the Comforter which is to come who will help them and all believers with coming to terms with the truth and discernment of truth.

- ✚ The disciples were so concerned about themselves that they did not even ask Jesus where he was going to?
- ✚ They were more concerned of being left alone with no one to turn to, to help them.
- ✚ That is why we see Jesus' answer to the main verse 5.

5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

1. In John 14:28 he told them he was going away. In John 14:2 he said he was going to prepare a place for them.
2. But now as he continued to talk with the Apostles, they had ignored that fact and were more concerned with themselves?
3. After Thomas had asked the Lord in John 14:5 where he was going, that was the last time any of the Apostles asked where he was going?

✓ Here's why they ignored that fact.

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

1. But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.
2. No longer was Jesus going to be there in their ministry?
3. No longer was he going to be the shepherd.
4. He had come to the end of his earthly ministry, and they were sad about that fact.

5. That meant work for them, and persecution for them, and they now had to spread the Gospel as he was teaching it to them.

✚ This meant certain changes had to be made. The first was the Coming of the Holy Spirit.

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

1. The coming of the Holy Spirit or “Comforter” was essential to the ministry of the believer.
2. Jesus therefore told them that he had to go in order for the Holy Spirit to come.
3. With that in mind Jesus further explained and taught the Disciples of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in verses 8 through to verse 11.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

1. The Holy Spirit will reprove (accuse or take to task) the world of sin.
2. The Holy spirit will determine the righteous.
3. The Holy Spirit will set apart those for judgement.

✚ These words were also recorded by Peter in the NT scriptures having heard it from the Lord.

1 Peter 1:2 ² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, [through sanctification of the Spirit](#), unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

4. What Peter says here is what the Lord said to them that evening being taught of the scriptures.

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

4. The prince of this world is Satan.
5. Jesus said that Satan is judged already.
6. The Holy Spirit would reveal far more to the Apostles of what Jesus had said.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

1. Jesus was saying to them. There are many things I could still say to you now, but you will not understand them even though if I would tell you.
2. There was far more to be said but it would just in a sense go over their heads until such time as they were filled with the Holy Spirit who would reveal the Lords ministry to them.

✚ A person without the Spirit of God is dead. Dead because he cannot understand the things of God.

3. We see in Acts 2 as Peter makes reference to Joel, that there will come a time that God will pour out His Spirit upon men. This makes reference to future events besides that which happened on the day of Pentecost.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1. It is only by the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit that we can be discerners of the truth.
2. This applied to the Apostles as well as all future believers.
3. It is the Spirit of God that leads us unto salvation through his Word.

Ephesians 1:12-14 ¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. ¹³In whom ye also trusted, **after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

4. So, it is the Spirit of God which shows you the truth.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

1. In Acts 5:3-5 the Holy Spirit is referred to as God.
2. The Spirit of God testifies of truth as we see here.

Acts 5:3-5 ³But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ⁴Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.** ⁵And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

1. This was a direct reference to the Holy Spirit by Jesus.
2. **The Holy Spirit reveals the Word of God to the believer.**

16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

1. It was going to be just a few hours away from the time that Jesus was going to be arrested and betrayed and taken to the Romans to be crucified.
2. Jesus referred to it here as just a little while.
3. But he also referred to his return as just a little while. He would be back in three days.
4. **The resurrection was a promise Jesus would keep.**

5. Likewise, his second coming is a promise he will keep.

Read Matthew 24.

Matthew 24, reveals the second coming of Jesus.

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