

The Gospel of John

Chapter 16

Matthew 5:10-12(NIV)

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1 Peter 3:14(NIV)

¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear what they fear[£]; do not be frightened.”[£]

1 Peter 4:12-13(NIV)

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

2 Timothy 3:12(NIV)

¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

From the inception of the church, the apostles and those closely associated with them endured intense persecution. They were ridiculed, scorned, denounced, hunted, arrested, beaten, and imprisoned. Many even paid the ultimate price, giving their lives as martyrs (a transliteration of the Greek word meaning “witnesses”) for the sake of their Savior.

A brief survey of ancient Christian tradition reveals that Peter, Andrew, and James the son of Alphaeus were all crucified; Bartholomew was whipped to death and then crucified; James the son of Zebedee was beheaded, as was Paul; Thomas was stabbed with spears; Mark was dragged to death through the streets of Alexandria; and James the half brother of Jesus was stoned by order of the Sanhedrin. Philip was also stoned to death. Others, including Matthew, Simon the Zealot, Thaddeus, Timothy, and Stephen, were also killed for their unwavering commitment to the Lord. As Clement of Rome, a contemporary of the apostles who died around a.d. 100, observed, “Through envy and jealousy, the greatest and most righteous pillars [of the church] have been persecuted and put to death” (*First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians*, 5).

While exact numbers are difficult to reconstruct, historians estimate the number of Christian martyrs in the last century to be in the tens of millions. A 1997 article in the *New York Times* reported that “more Christians have died this century simply for being Christians than in the first nineteen centuries after the birth of Christ” (A. M. Rosenthal, “Persecuting the Christians,” *New York Times*, February 11, 1997, citing information from Nina Shea, *In the Lion’s Den* [Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1997]). In addition, an incalculable number of faithful believers have been arrested, beaten, or otherwise persecuted short of death—all on account of their loyalty to Jesus Christ.

Jesus didn't shy away from the harsh reality of life on earth.

- When you accept Christ – all the blessings of heaven follow and all of the hatred of heaven and earth will too.
- The angels rejoice and your family, friends and neighbors think you are nuts

Jesus continues this teaching in Chapter 16 but gives them reasons why He is telling them this

John 16:1-11(NIV)

¹“All this I have told you so that you will not go astray.

- Jesus does not want them to go astray
 - To fall away
 - But also not to get distracted and stop doing what you are supposed to be doing
 - To be unaware – caught off guard - to stumble

²They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.

- I think this is the most shocking part of all
- The persecution will come not from the Pagans but from the religious
 - Put out of the synagogue
 - This is different than being put out of church now
 - They would be cut off from all spirituality
 - No sacrifices
 - No worship
 - Not even the reading of scripture – The Bible wasn't sold at Walmart
 - **Romans 9:4(NIV)** ⁴the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises.
 - Cut off from Social and Economic life
 - Friends and family would shun them
 - Could lose job or customers
 - Even refused the right of a proper burial
 - Those who kill you will think they are doing a service to God
 - Murder – premeditated murder in the name of God
 - Stephen was martyred by the religious people
 - Saul of Tarsus (who became Paul after conversion) was a chief persecuter representing the religious establishment
 - Far from serving God, such people do not in any sense know the true God; no one who hates Jesus Christ or His followers (1 John 4:20; 5:1) knows the Father (John 8:19; 1 John 3:1; cf. John 5:23; 14:7; 15:21). Failing to know God is willful, inexcusable ignorance (Rom. 1:18–32), and those who manifest it do not have eternal life (cf. Rom. 10:2–3).

³They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.

- This verse is not talking about Pagans who don't know God
- It is talking about religious people who say they know God the Father but don't

- They have hardened their hearts toward God and others
- They have neither conscience or compassion

⁴I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

- He did not tell them these things because He was with them
- But He would be leaving them soon
- And He wanted to prepare them for what was going to happen
 - They thought they would be Conquering
 - They would instead be persecuted and killed

The Bible clearly speaks of rejoicing during such persecutions

- Rejoice we are identified with Christ
- Rejoice we will reflect God's glory in a greater way
 - If we rejoice when all is going well
 - What difference does it make?
 - When we can rejoice when all is going wrong –
 - Then others will notice
- Rejoice God has a purpose
 - Strength from God
 - Humility
 - Holiness
 - "Persecutions strip away unnecessary dross in our lives and draw us closer to Jesus" Boice
- *"Billy Graham tells the story of a friend who went through an incredible series of setbacks. In the process he lost his job, his fortune, his family and his future. The only thing he had left was his faith in God. One day as the man was walking through the streets of a major city, he stopped to watch some workmen who were repairing the spire of a great cathedral. His attention was fixed on a stone mason who was chipping away at a triangular piece of stone. At length he asked the man what he was doing. The worker motioned upward to the spire and said, "Look all the way to the top." When the man did, he saw a tiny triangular space near the peak of the spire. The worker said, "I'm shaping this down here so it will fit up there."*
Tears filled the man's eyes as he realized, "That's what God is doing in my life. He's shaping me down here so I will fit in up there." Indeed, the painful experiences of life are part of God's shaping program for you and me. He's shaping us for heaven while we're living on earth

⁵“Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

⁶Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.

- They were filled with grief
 - Because of the persecution they would be facing
 - Maybe this is why they ran and hid when Jesus was arrested
- They were focused on themselves and not the overall plan of God or what was going to be happening to Jesus

⁷But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

- It is better that Jesus leaves them
- This would not have made sense to them at the time
- But it was better because
 - Jesus would send The Counselor – The Holy Spirit
- This passage leads to a teaching about the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus is comforting them and preparing them
 - He is telling them they will not be alone or without Comfort when persecution comes

Jesus emphasizes the twofold ministry of the Holy Spirit

- To the World
- To the Apostles

⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt^ε in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

- The Holy Spirit convicts the world – those who don't believe
- In three areas

⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

- The biggest and ultimate sin is unbelief
- Not believing in Jesus as only Savior
- The Holy Spirit leads people to believe

¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

- The Holy Spirit brings to light God's perfect standard
- So they might see how far short they fall
 - For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God
- While Jesus was on earth – He did this work
 - Some believed
 - Many did not
 - In fact many hated him for it
- But finally realizing we are sinners is not condemning but freeing
- Then we seek a savior
 - Everyone is looking for a Savior to rescue them from their lives
 - Pleasure
 - Family
 - Fame
 - Finances

¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

- The Holy Spirit convinces people that judgment is coming

- MSG - “When he comes, he’ll expose the error of the godless world’s view of sin, righteousness, and judgment:
⁹He’ll show them that their refusal to believe in me is their basic sin;
¹⁰that righteousness comes from above, where I am with the Father, out of their sight and control;
¹¹that judgment takes place as the ruler of this godless world is brought to trial and convicted.

Convicting us of our sin, convicting us of God’s righteousness, and convicting us of Satan’s (and our) impending judgment describes three approaches that the Holy Spirit uses. We do not all require all three in order to be convinced that we need God’s grace. The Holy Spirit does not crush those who only require prodding. Some are simply more stubborn and resistant than others. God demonstrates his grace by approaching each of us with that level of conviction necessary for our response.

Next Jesus goes on to tell them about the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives as Apostles and believers

¹²“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

- The Holy Spirit will now teach them

¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- He will guide you into all truth
 - Truth in Jesus
 - Truth of the Word of God
- He will not speak on his own
 - He will speak what He hears
 - The Spirit is in complete Harmony with the Father
- He will tell you what is yet to come
 - He will lead and guide

¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

- The Holy Spirit will bring Glory to Jesus
 - Therefore if someone else is being glorified it is not the Holy Spirit
 - We should leave church thinking what a great Savior – What a great Lord

¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Followers of Christ will face persecution
 We will not have to face it alone
 The Holy Spirit will do the work of convicting
 The Holy Spirit will lead us into truth
 He will guide us
 We are not alone

Gospel of John Chapter 16 Part II

¹⁶“In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

¹⁷Some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?”

¹⁸They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

- What does Jesus mean by a little while?
 - A little while you will see me no more
 - A little while you will see me
- The disciples asked the same question we might ask

¹⁹Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?”

²⁰I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

- Could mean death and resurrection
- Could mean between ascension and Pentecost
- Could mean church age to Rapture

Death and Resurrection

- Jesus death was impending
- It was only hours away at his point
 - He would literally die
 - Literally go into the grave
- They would be separated from him and this brought them sorrow
 - He was their friend, leader, shepherd, teacher, savior
 - Now he would be gone from them
- Sorrow would come from how the world and religious leaders would treat Jesus
 - Unfairly accused, tried and murdered
- Sorrow because they would be disappointed
 - They thought it would turn out a different way
- But then came the resurrection
 - Joy! Joy! Joy!
 - ²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

From Ascension to Pentecost

- After the resurrection Jesus would be with them for time but then leave again
- But the Holy Spirit would come on Pentecost and the Holy Spirit would reveal more of the truth of Jesus
- The giving of the Holy Spirit was proof that Jesus had ascended to the right hand of the Father just like he said
- So again there was grief and sorrow because of separation
- But that sorrow was followed by joy that could not be taken away when the Holy Spirit came upon them

From church age to Jesus' return

- Jesus is separated from us now
- He is in heaven – we are on earth
- But He is coming back to earth again
- The first time to die
- The second time to rule and reign
 - ²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.
- In this life we have sorrow but it will not last
- For the believer – Joy follows sorrow and not one can take it away
 - **Psalms 30:5(NIV)**
 - ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Maybe there has been sorrow in your life.

A loss of a family member or friend

A loss of job or security

A loss of a relationship

A loss of a dream

For the believer – the loss is very real – sorrow is very natural and healthy – grief is because of the love and passion we had

But sorrow and grief will not last!

Joy will come and no one will be able to take it away

- The resurrection is real
- The Holy Spirit has come
- Jesus is coming back!

Joy – Joy - Joy

²³In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

²⁵Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father.

²⁶In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf.

²⁷No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

Prayer

R. A. Torrey – How to Pray

- 1. BECAUSE THERE IS A DEVIL. He is cunning, he is mighty, he never rests, he is ever plotting the downfall of the child of God; and if the child of God relaxes in prayer, the devil will succeed in ensnaring him.
- 2. A second reason for this constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer is that PRAYER IS GOD'S APPOINTED WAY FOR OBTAINING THINGS, AND THE GREAT SECRET OF ALL LACK IN OUR EXPERIENCE, IN OUR LIFE AND IN OUR WORK IS NEGLECT OF PRAYER.
- 3. The third reason for this constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer is that THOSE MEN WHOM GOD SET FORTH AS A PATTERN OF WHAT HE EXPECTED CHRISTIANS TO BE -- THE APOSTLES -- REGARDED PRAYER AS THE MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF THEIR LIVES.
- 4. But there is a still weightier reason for this constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer. It is, PRAYER OCCUPIED A VERY PROMINENT PLACE AND PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN THE EARTHLY LIFE OF OUR LORD.
- 5. There is another reason for constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer that seems if possible even more forcible than this, namely, PRAYING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE PRESENT MINISTRY OF OUR RISEN LORD.

Christ's ministry did not close with His death. His atoning work was finished then, but when He rose and ascended to the right hand of the Father, He entered upon other work for us just as important in its place as His atoning work. It cannot be divorced from His atoning work; it rests upon that as its basis, but it is necessary to our complete salvation.

Hebrews 7:25(NIV)

²⁵Therefore he is able to save completely^f those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Romans 8:34(NIV)

³⁴Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

If we then are to have fellowship with Jesus Christ in His present work, we must spend much time in prayer; we must give ourselves to earnest, constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer.

- 6. The sixth reason for constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer is that PRAYER IS THE MEANS THAT GOD HAS APPOINTED FOR OUR RECEIVING MERCY, AND OBTAINING GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

Hebrews 4:16(NIV)

¹⁶Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

7. The next reason for constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer is that PRAYER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF HAS APPOINTED FOR HIS DISCIPLES TO OBTAIN FULLNESS OF JOY.

John 16:24(NIV)

²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Why is it that prayer in the name of Christ brings such fullness of joy? In part, because we get what we ask. But that is not the only reason, nor the greatest. It makes God real. When we ask something definite of God, and He gives it, how real God becomes! He is right there! It is blessed to have a God who is real, and not merely an idea.

8. The eighth reason for constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer is that PRAYER, IN EVERY CARE AND ANXIETY AND NEED OF LIFE, WITH THANKSGIVING, IS THE MEANS THAT GOD HAS APPOINTED FOR OBTAINING FREEDOM FROM ALL ANXIETY, AND THE PEACE OF GOD WHICH PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING.

Philippians 4:6-7(NIV)

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- 9. The ninth reason for constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer is that **PRAYER IS THE METHOD THAT GOD HIMSELF HAS APPOINTED FOR OUR OBTAINING THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Luke 11:13(NIV)

¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

If we would only spend more time in prayer, there would be more fullness of the Spirit's power in our work. Many and many a man who once worked unmistakably in the power of the Holy Spirit is now filling the air with empty shoutings, and beating it with his meaningless gesticulations, because he has let prayer be crowded out. we must spend much time on our knees before God, if we are to continue in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- 10. The tenth reason for constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer is that **PRAYER IS THE MEANS THAT CHRIST HAS APPOINTED WHEREBY OUR HEARTS SHALL NOT BECOME OVERCHARGED WITH SURFEITING AND DRUNKENNESS AND CARES OF THIS LIFE, AND SO THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RETURN COME UPON US SUDDENLY AS A SNARE.**

Luke 21:34-36(NIV)

³⁴Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.

³⁵For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

- 11. There is one more reason for constant, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer, and it is a mighty one: **BECAUSE OF WHAT PRAYER ACCOMPLISHES.** Much has really been said upon that already, but there is much also that should be added.

John Chapter 16 Part IV

George Burns

“The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.”

- He is a comedian isn't he!

Chapter 1 – Jesus is the Word

Chapter 2 – Jesus is Joy Giver

Chapter 3 – No matter how high - You Must Be Born Again

Chapter 4 – No matter how low – You Must Be Born Again

Chapter 5 – Jesus helps those who can't help themselves

Chapter 6 – Jesus takes the insufficient and insignificant and makes them Sufficient and Significant

Chapter 7 – Jesus is the Water of Life

Chapter 8 – Jesus is the Light of the World

Chapter 9 – Jesus gives Physical and Spiritual Sight – Because he is the Light of the World

Chapter 10 – Jesus is the Good Shepherd – He is the Door (Gate)

Chapter 11 – Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

Chapter 12 – Who will you worship? – Mary Worshipped Jesus – Judas worshipped self

Chapter 13 – He would show them the full extent of His love

- washing their feet
- dying on the cross

Chapter 14 – Leaving – Let not your heart be troubled – Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life

Chapter 15 – Jesus is the Vine

Chapter 16 – Jesus sends the Comforter

- to turn sorrow into Joy

John 16:19-24(NIV)

¹⁹Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?”

²⁰I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

²³In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

This is the last part of Chapter 16

²⁸I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

²⁹Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech.

- It is interesting to me that the great doctrines of the Bible are just recorded matter of factly.
- There are not long passages on the Trinity – One God in Three persons
- This passage deals with the doctrine of Jesus being God/Man
 - 100% God
 - 100% Man
 - Why is this significant?
 - God – sacrifice was sufficient
 - Man – sacrifice was substitutionary
 - Pre-existence – God
 - Incarnation – Man

²⁸**I came from the Father**

- This is one of the things the disciples understood
 - This makes us believe you came from God
- Speaks of being the Messiah
 - **John 3:2(NIV)** ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”
- But it means more than just he came from God
 - **John 11:27(NIV)**
²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”
- She understood him to be the Son of God
 - He came from and is God
John 8:58(NIV) ⁵⁸“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”
John 17:4-5(NIV)
⁴I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.
 - He claims pre-existence and deity

and entered the world;

- Incarnation
 - Doesn’t say sent – although in a sense he was
 - He voluntarily came and entered the world
- He was born because he wanted to be – no one else can say that
 - **Philippians 2:6-8(NIV)**
⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being

made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

- He died because He wanted to die – To be our Savior – To be the substitutionary sufficient sacrifice for our sin

now I am leaving the world

- Again we see He leaves because He wants to
- No one makes Him – His choice
- He even spoke about the fact that it was better that he left – Because then the Holy Spirit would come

and going back to the Father.”

- Now we see Jesus’ destiny
- Returning to the father
- He Came – He Lived – He Died – He Lives – He left – He is Coming
- The work He came to do would be and was completed

Hebrews 10:12-14(NIV)

¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

¹³Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool,

¹⁴because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

- **Hebrews 7:23-25(NIV)**

²³Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

²⁴but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

²⁵Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

³⁰Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

³¹“You believe at last!”^E Jesus answered.

- It has the meaning of “finally” what took so long
- It was a good step but a small step
- Jesus goes on to tell them what would now happen

³²“But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

- They would be scattered
 - **Zechariah 13:7(NIV)**
⁷ “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the LORD Almighty. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.
- They would be isolated
 - Each to his own home

- They would no longer be together in a team
- The leader would be gone
- They would scatter and be alone
- Jesus had none of these issues
 - They scattered – Jesus stood firm
 - They were confused – Jesus knew His purpose
 - They were alone – Jesus knew the Father was with Him
- Haven't we all been there
 - Scattered
 - Confused
 - Alone
- He came to them – he comes to us!!
- It is not that our faith is great is that God is great, He is good, he is gracious!

³³“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- Hallelujah!!
- That we might have peace!
 - In Him – We must be in relationship with Jesus
 - **John 1:12(NIV)** ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
 - In Him – dependant on Him – Staying close to Him – Trust Him
 - Trusting His Word –
 - He has overcome the world
 - Christus Victor
 - In LIFE
 - In DEATH
 - In RESURRECTION

John 14:30(NIV)

³⁰I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,

These words were spoken hours before He was crucified!

It is through the cross Victory Came

And through the cross Victory Comes to Us

Take Heart! Be Brave! Cheer Up!

Experience Peace! His Peace

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³³I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world.”

“Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus”