

# Let's Worship God

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John





# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO J O H N

## **Monday - John 15:7-11 - Bearing Fruit**

In some things Christians are alike. All feel their sins; all trust in Christ; all repent and try to be obedient. All have grace, and faith, and new hearts. But some are happier and holier Christians than others and have more influence on the world. Why? Well, the passage before us gives three clues.

Christ promises power and success in prayer to those who abide in Him. To abide in Christ means to keep up a habit of close fellowship with Him, to be always leaning on Him, resting on Him, pouring out our hearts to Him, and using Him as our Strength and our best Friend. To have His words abiding in us, is to remember His sayings and to make them the guide of our actions and the rule of our life. Christians like this will not pray in vain. Whatever they ask they shall obtain, as long as they ask according to God's will. No work will be too hard, no difficulty impossible. Why is there so little power of prayer like this today? Because there is so little close fellowship with Christ and obedience. If we want to have answers to our prayers, we must keep up our intimate friendship with Christ.

Bearing much fruit in our Christian life not only brings glory to God, but it assures us that we are real Christians. To be always doubting and fearing about our salvation makes us miserable. If we want the peace and joy that comes with assurance, we need to try to bear much fruit in our life, for this is a sure sign that we belong to Christ.

Finally, Jesus teaches that the man or woman who is obedient to His commands will have a sense of Christ's love in his soul. By the grace of God, we may live obedient lives and have a sense that Christ is pleased with us. The Christian who is living a faithful, obedient life will be the happiest Christian.

## **Questions**

1. What does it mean to abide in Christ?
2. What are the benefits of bearing much fruit?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would abide in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.” John 15:9

**Praise: Psalm 128 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



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## **Tuesday - John 15:12-16 - Friend of God**

Jesus wants us to know that we can't think too highly of love, attach too much weight to it, or work too hard to practice it. He commands us to love one another. He is the example of love that we are to follow. All are to be loved with an active, self-denying, self-sacrificing love. He that can't or won't do this is disobeying Christ. Where there is no Christ-like love there is no grace, no work of the Spirit, and no reality in our faith.

Notice also that Jesus calls true believers His friends. This is a glorious privilege. To know Christ, serve Christ, follow Christ, obey Christ, work for Christ, fight Christ's battles, all this is important. But for sinful men and women like ourselves to be called "friends of Christ," is something we can hardly take in. The King of kings and Lord of lords not only saves all that believe in Him but actually calls them His friends. This should spur us on in our prayer life. Why should we be afraid to pour out our heart and tell all our secrets to One who calls us His friend? Christ will never forsake His friends. Poor and unworthy as we are, He will not cast us off, but will stand by and keep us to the end. David never forgot Jonathan, and the Son of David will never forget His people.

Christ choosing some to believe on Him is a truth of Scripture that we see here. Why He chooses some and leaves others in their sins we don't know, but He does. God must begin the work of grace in a man's heart, or else a man will never be saved. Christ must first choose us and call us by His Spirit, or else we shall never choose Christ. Those whom Christ chooses out of mankind, He chooses not only that they may be saved, but that they may bear fruit, and fruit that can be seen.

### **Questions**

1. What does Jesus command us to do?
2. What does Jesus call us?
3. What must happen for someone to be saved?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that Christ is our Friend.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Wednesday - John 15:17-21 - Persecution**

Christ is contrasting Christian love with the hatred of the world. He is telling the disciples that they can expect to meet hatred and persecution in this world. If they are looking for kindness and gratitude from man, they will be disappointed. They will be treated like their Master. Down through history Christians have been persecuted. Ridicule, mockery, slander, misrepresentation, still show the feeling of unbelievers against true Christians. We need to realise that human nature does not change, and that unbelieving man hates God and anyone who reminds them of God. No matter how blameless and consistent our life, it won't prevent wicked people hating the servants of Christ.

So, why should we be patient under this persecution? For two reasons. First, persecution is the cup which Christ Himself drinks. Perfect as He is in everything - thought, word, and deed, tirelessly as He is in works of kindness, always going about doing good, never is anyone so hated as Jesus is to the end of His time on earth. If we suffer persecution let us remember that we are only walking in Christ's footsteps. Do we deserve to be better treated? Are we better than He?

Secondly, persecution helps to prove that we are children of God and have treasure in heaven. It is evidence that we are really born again, that we have grace in our hearts, and are heirs of glory. Let us remember these things when we feel ready to give way under the world's hatred. It is a sign of a work within us by the Holy Spirit that can never be overthrown. Like Christ and His servant Stephen, let us pray for those who persecute us.

## **Questions**

1. Why should Christians expect to meet persecution in the world?
2. Why can we be patient under this?
3. How should we treat those who persecute us?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted and killed in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.” John 15:9

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## **Thursday - John 15:22-27 - Great Privilege and Great Responsibility**

The Jews of Jesus' day have seen Christ's works and heard Christ's teaching and yet are unbelieving. What more can be done for them? Nothing - absolutely nothing! They have willfully sinned against God and are of all men most guilty. Christian privileges are a dangerous thing. If they do not help us toward heaven, they will only sink us deeper into hell. They add to our responsibility. The one who lives in a land of open Bibles and preached Gospel, and yet dreams that he will stand in the judgement day on the same level as one who has never heard of Christ, is deceiving himself. To possess knowledge and not use it, to be able to say "I know" and not "I believe" will prove to be a great sin on the day of judgement.

Notice how Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of Him as a Person - a Comforter. He is One who is sent from God. He is not a feeling or a power but a Person and the third Person of the Trinity.

Jesus tells His apostles that they are to testify of Him. He is teaching these eleven men what their job is going to be. They are to bear witness to the facts which many will not believe and to truths which many will dislike. They will often have to stand alone, a few against many, a little flock against a multitude. None of these things must move them. They must not think it strange to be persecuted, hated, opposed, and discredited. They must not mind it. To witness is their great duty, whether men believe them or not. This position of the apostles is one which, in a certain sense, every true Christian must fill as long as the world stands. We must all be witnesses for Christ. We must not be ashamed to stand up for Christ's cause, to speak out for Christ, and to maintain the truth of the Gospel.

### **Questions**

1. What is the danger of great privilege?
2. What is the Holy Spirit?
3. What is the job of the apostles?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that you would make the best use of the opportunities you have.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Friday - John 16:1-7 - Expectations**

Jesus tells His disciples what they can expect in the future. Instead of receiving them and their message with gratitude, the world will hate them, despitefully use them, and put them to death. And worst of all, their persecutors will actually persuade themselves that it is right to persecute them! The book of Acts shows this prophecy coming true. We shouldn't be surprised to hear of true Christians being persecuted even today. Human nature never changes. Grace is never really popular. And let us not forget that not all zeal is right - it may be zeal without knowledge. Some think they are doing God's service, when they are actually fighting against His truth, and trampling on His people. Let us pray that we may have light as well as zeal.

Jesus explains why He is telling His disciples this. He doesn't want them to be working under false expectations. He wants them to be prepared. They must not look for a smooth road and a easy journey. They must make up their minds to battles, conflicts, wounds, opposition, persecution, and perhaps even death. Jesus tells them all that is before them, in faithfulness and love, that when the time of trial comes, they can remember His words, and not be disappointed. To count the cost is something every Christian needs to do. No Christian is in a healthy state of mind who is not prepared for trouble and persecution. We never can tell what is before us in life. But of one thing we may be very sure: we must carry the cross if we would wear the crown.

## **Questions**

1. What does Jesus tell His disciples to expect?
2. Why does He tell them?
3. Why do we need to count the cost?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would be able to face persecution.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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## **Saturday - John 16:1-7 - Going Away**

Jesus knows that His disciples are crushed at the idea of His leaving them. But He tells them that His going, hard though it may seem at the time, is actually for their good. They will find that it is not a loss but a gain.

If Christ had not died, risen again, and ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit could not have come down with special power and given His many gifts to the Church. The presence of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sends, will fill every place where believers are assembled in His name, in every part of the world.

If Christ had remained on earth and not gone up into heaven, He could not have become a High Priest for His people in the same full and perfect way that He became after His ascension. He went away to sit down at the right hand of God, and to appear for us, in our human nature glorified, as our Advocate with the Father.

Finally, if Christ had always remained bodily with His disciples, it would not have called out as much faith and hope and trust in them as it did when He went away. They would have had less opportunity of glorifying God and showing His power in the world.

After the Lord Jesus went away, and the Comforter came down, the faith of the disciples became a new thing altogether. The growth of their knowledge, and hope, and zeal, and courage is so remarkable that they are twice the men they were before. They do far more for Christ when He is absent, than they ever do when He is present. It is not the bodily presence of Christ in our midst but the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts that makes us a Christian

## **Questions**

1. What were the advantages of Jesus going away?
2. What makes us a Christian?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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