

Let's Worship God

1st-6th March 2021

John



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO J O H N

Monday - John 16:8-15 - The Work of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is in all believers from the Old Testament days to now. No man is ever saved from the power of sin except by the work of the Holy Spirit giving him a new heart. Abraham, Isaac, Samuel, David, and the prophets are what they are by the work of the Holy Spirit. But after Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit is poured down on men and women and the nations of the world with far greater energy, power, and wider influence than ever before.

The Holy Spirit causes the Jews to know in their own minds that rejecting Jesus is a great sin, that Christ is perfect and holy and received by God in heaven, and that Jesus has conquered death and Satan and is sitting at the right hand of God. The book of Acts is full of how the Holy Spirit gives humble fishermen from Galilee the ability to silence their well-educated critics. The Jews can not respond to what the disciples teach because they are convicted in their heart that they are wrong. But instead of turning to Christ, they persecute His people.

But the Holy Spirit does not just work in the hearts of Jews, but of all mankind. He makes men see more clearly their sin, their need of righteousness, and their certainty of judgement. In some men He gives them new hearts and turns them to Christ, but others become hardened in their sin.

The Holy Spirit also teaches the truth to God's people. Whatever we need to know for our present peace and growth as a Christian, the Holy Spirit is ready to teach us. When we read God's Word, we should pray for the Holy Spirit to teach us and make it clear.

Questions

1. What does the Holy Spirit do?
2. What happens to those who feel guilty for their sins but refuse to turn to Christ?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of family, friends, and neighbours.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love," John 15:10a

Praise: Psalm 133 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - John 16:16-24 - Presence and Absence

No one ever speaks so clearly as Jesus. No one is ever so used to His style of teaching as the disciples. But even they do not always understand Him. So, we have no reason to be surprised if we can't always understand Christ's words. But let us be thankful that there are many teachings of our Lord that no honest mind can help but understand.

Christ teaches that His absence from the earth will be a time of sorrow to believers but of joy to the world. This doesn't just apply to the time between His death and resurrection, but to the time between His ascension and His second coming. There is something, even in the hearts of the strongest believers, that will never be fully satisfied as long as we are on earth and Christ is in heaven. Our happiness and peace is incomplete. But the longer Christ keeps away from this earth and lets them alone, the better unbelievers are pleased. His absence causes them no pain; they think they do very well without Him and don't want Him back.

Christ teaches that His return will be a source of boundless joy to His people. The true joy, the perfect joy, the joy that can never be taken away, will be the joy which Christ's people will feel when Christ returns the second time at the end of this world. We must look forward to this day.

Christ teaches that, while He is absent, believers must ask much in prayer. The secret of comfort during Christ's absence is to be faithful in prayer. Even though we can't see Him, we can talk to Him, and through Him to God the Father. Let prayer in Jesus' name be a daily habit with you every morning and evening of your life. Keeping up that habit, you will find strength, comfort in trouble, guidance, hope, and support - your joy will be full.

Questions

1. How does the world see Christ's absence?
2. What does Jesus tell us to do while He is absent?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that we can talk to Jesus.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - John 16:25-33 - True Knowledge

Clear knowledge of God the Father is one of the foundations of Christianity. A lot of people think they know God the Father because they think of Him as great, and almighty, and all-hearing, and wise, and eternal, but they think no further. To think of Him as just and yet forgiving of the sinner who believes in Jesus, as the God who sent His Son to suffer and die, as God well-pleased with the sacrifice of His Son whereby His law is honoured is not the way most think. We should pray daily that we may know more about God the Father as well as His Son.

How weak is the faith and love of the disciples! How soon, in a few hours, will they be buried under unbelief and fear! These very men whom Jesus praises for loving and believing, before the sunrise, will forsake Him and flee. But weak as they are, their faith and love is genuine. We can take comfort in the fact that Jesus is not going to abandon those who believe in Him even if their faith and love is weak. The disciples honestly mean what they say. But they don't know themselves. They don't know what they are capable of doing under the pressure of the fear of man and strong temptation. The secret of spiritual strength is deep humility.

Christ is the true source of peace. He does not tell us that we shall have no trouble in the world. But He calls us to rest in the thought that He has fought our battle and won a victory for us. The storms of trial and persecution may sometimes beat heavily on us, but let them drive us closer to Christ. The sorrows and losses, and crosses, and disappointments of our life may often cast us down, but let them make us tighten our hold on Christ.

Questions

1. Why is it important to know who God the Father is?
2. How should we deal with trials in our life?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for those struggling in the congregation with various trials.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,” John 15:10a

Praise: Psalm 135 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Thursday - John 17:1-8 - Prayer

This prayer of our Lord shows the fellowship between the Father and the Son that is kept up while the Son is on earth. It shows the kind of prayer which Christ, as our High Priest, is even now offering up for His people, and it gives us an example of the sort of things we should pray for.

Notice what this prayer tells us about Jesus Christ. The keys of heaven are in His hands. The salvation of every soul of mankind is at His disposal. Just knowing God isn't enough and saves no one. We must know the Son as well as the Father. Christ can give to the soul life and peace. He has finished the work of redemption and has a perfect righteousness for His people. He has always existed and shares glory with God the Father. He is God. Let us thank God that we have a divine Saviour. He to whom we go for forgiveness and in whom we find peace is God as well as man. Great sinners need a great Saviour, and a human redeemer would not be sufficient. Christ has all power and is able to save to the uttermost because He is God.

Notice as well how graciously our Lord Jesus Christ speaks of His disciples. How weak is their faith! How small their knowledge! How afraid they are! A short time after Jesus speaks these words they all forsake Him and flee, and one of them denies Him three times. But these very weak men are the ones Christ speaks so highly of. Jesus sees far more in His believing people than they see in themselves, or than others see in them. The smallest faith is precious in His sight. Wherever the gracious Saviour of sinners sees true faith in Himself, however feeble, He looks with compassion on many weaknesses.

Questions

1. What does Jesus' prayer teach us?
2. Why is it important that Jesus be God as well as man?
3. How does Jesus speak of His disciples?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for our great Saviour.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Friday - John 17:9-16 - In The World

The Lord Jesus does things for His believing people that He does not do for wicked and unbelieving people. He helps their souls by praying for them. This is one great secret of the believer's safety. He is daily watched, and thought about, and provided for with care, by one who never sleeps. We never perish because Jesus never stops praying for us, and His prayer is heard. We can persevere to the end not because of our own strength and goodness but because Jesus prays for us.

Christ does not want His believing people to be taken out of the world, but to be kept from the evil of it. Jesus probably sees in His disciples an impatient desire to get away from this troubled world. Few in number and weak in strength, surrounded on every side by enemies and persecutors, they may well long to go home. But our Lord teaches them the great lesson that He thinks it better for His people to remain in the world that to be taken out of it altogether. We can see why. Pleasant as it might be to be removed from all temptation and conflict, is it profitable? How can Christ's people do any good in the world if they are taken away from it immediately after conversion? How can they show the power of grace and give evidence of faith, courage, and patience? How can they be trained for heaven and taught to value the blood, patience, and prayers of their Redeemer? To stay here, tried, tempted, assaulted, and yet kept from falling into sin, is the surest way for Christians to grow, and to glorify Christ. To go to heaven at once would be easy and would save us a lot of trouble. But the easiest way is not always best. Christ knows better than we do what is for our good.

Questions

1. What does Jesus do for us?
2. Why does Jesus want us to stay in the world?
3. What do we learn by staying in the world?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God knows what is best for us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 137 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Saturday - John 17:17-26 - Three Requests

Jesus prays that His people may be sanctified. ‘Sanctify’ means ‘make holy’; it means to grow as a Christian. It is a prayer that the Father will make His people more holy, more spiritual, more pure in thought, word, deed, life, and character. Grace has already called, converted, renewed, and changed them. Jesus is praying that this grace will be taken further and that His people will become more like Him. More holiness is the very thing we all should desire. It is a great proof of the reality of Christianity. It trains us for heaven, and it gives us the ability to enjoy it.

Jesus prays for the unity and oneness of His people. In every time there have been divisions in the church. Often Christians waste their strength in attacking each other rather than the devil. As much as we can, we should live in unity with other Christians. We should bear much and put up with much before we separate.

Finally, Jesus prays that His people may at last be with Him and behold His glory. We don’t see Christ now. We read of Him, hear of Him, believe in Him, and rest our souls in His finished work. But our poor faith often makes us walk very feebly in the way to heaven. One day we will see Christ as He is. We will actually be in His presence and company. We know little about heaven. But we can rest on the thought that after death we will be with Christ. We don’t need any more information. Where that Saviour is who was born for us, died for us, and rose again, we don’t need anything else. Happy is the Christian who cares for nothing so much as to be holy and loving like Christ while he lives, and a companion of Christ when he dies.

Questions

1. What three things does Jesus ask for?
2. What do we know about heaven?

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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Praise: Psalm 138 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
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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