

**III. MANIFESTATIONS OF CHRIST'S POWER
IN PRIVATE MINISTRY
JOHN 16**

D. OTHER THINGS WHICH JESUS SHARED WITH HIS DISCIPLES ON THE WAY TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

1. The Lord Jesus shared with them how they would be persecuted (16:1-6).
 - a. He had a purpose in telling them this. He didn't want them to stumble or fall when this persecution came upon them (1).
 - b. He explained what they could expect (2). They would be put out of the synagogues like the blind man who had received his sight (Jn. 9:22,34). They would be killed by those thinking it was service for God. This came to pass later as illustrated at Stephen's death (Acts 7:57-60).
 - c. He explained why certain ones would persecute His disciples (3). They would not know Him or His Father. In other words they would be unsaved.
 - d. He exhorted them to remember that He told them these things when they came to pass (4). He also mentioned again His pending departure and the sorrow they felt because of this revelation (5,6).
2. The Lord Jesus shared how the Holy Spirit would come and work in the lives of unbelievers (16:7-11).
 - a. He explained why it would be profitable for them for Him to go away (7).
 - b. He then mentioned the three-fold work which the Holy Spirit would do among unbelievers (8-11).
 - (1) He would convict or reprove of sin. This means the Holy Spirit works in connection with the gospel message to show an unbeliever that he is guilty of the sin of unbelief (16:8,9)
 - (2) Secondly, the Holy Spirit would convict or reprove of righteousness (16:10). This means the Holy Spirit shows the unbeliever that he is lacking God's requirement of righteousness. Note Isa. 64:6; Titus 3:5.
 - (3) Thirdly, the Holy Spirit would convict or reprove of judgment (16:11). This means the Holy Spirit shows the unbeliever that sin will be judged. At the cross Satan was judged and his doom is certain (I Jn. 2:17; Rev. 10:10, so is the destiny of all unbelievers (Rev. 21:8; Matt. 25:41,46).

3. The Lord Jesus shared how the Holy Spirit would work in the lives of believers (16:12-15).
 - a. He said when the Holy Spirit was come He would guide them in all truth (16:12,13). This means the Holy Spirit directs the believer to do God's will. Several things are involved. He uses the Word (Psa. 119:11,105, II Tim. 3:16,17), He uses personal promptings (Isa. 30:21; Luke 2:27), and He uses providence or circumstances (Acts 16:6-12; Gal. 4:13 cp Acts 13:14).
 - b. He said the Holy Spirit would glorify Himself (16:14). This means the Holy Spirit is sub-servient to the Lord Jesus Christ and it is through His power that Christ is building His church. He separates and calls certain ones for service and directs the overall ministries of the church (Acts 13:2-4; I Cor. 2:4; Eph. 4:3).
 - c. He said the Holy Spirit would show them things pertaining to Himself (16:15). This means the Holy Spirit works in the believer's heart enlightening him to understand the Word of God (Jn. 14:17,26; I Cor. 2:14-3:4).
4. The Lord Jesus shared how their sorrow would be turned to joy (16:16-22).
 - a. Some of the disciples were puzzled when He spoke in reference to His death and resurrection (16:16-18).
 - b. Then the Lord Jesus used an illustration of a woman in travail to show them how their sorrow at His death would be turned to joy when they saw Him again (16:19-22). This no doubt refers to the joy the disciples received when they saw the resurrected Lord (Jn. 20:20).
5. The Lord Jesus shared how they would be blessed because they believed on Him (16:23-33).
 - a. He said in that day or after He was resurrected they would no longer ask of Him but they would ask of the Father in His name and receive their petitions which would bring them joy (16:23,24).
 - b. He shared how He had come from the Father and was going back to the Father and how the Father loved them because they had loved His Son (16:25-29).
 - c. When the disciples testified of their belief in Him, He shared how they would be scattered and leave Him alone (16:30-32).
 - d. Jesus then shared why He had told them these things and gave them a word of encouragement (16:33).

QUESTIONS WHICH WE MAY APPLY TO OUR LIVES

1. According to verses 8-11 what kind of ministry does the Holy Spirit have with unbelievers?

2. What kind of ministry does the Holy Spirit have with the believers (16:12-15)?

3. According to 16:2,33 what can believers expect to experience in this world?

4. Of what day is Jesus speaking in verses 16:16-23? _____

5. What does John 20:20 have to do with verses 16-23? _____

6. What principle is inferred in verse 16:13b which is violated by some religious groups?

Note John 5:23 _____

7. According to verses 16:3 why will certain individuals persecute believers ?

8. Name four things Jesus prophesied in this chapter. Note 16:1-4; 7,22,32.

9. What principle may we apply to our lives when we have sorrow? Note 16:20 _____

10. The Lord Jesus shared these things with His disciples so they would have _____

Note 16:33.

EXPOSITIORY NOTES

- 16:2** Notice the word “offended” (skandalon) is used metaphorically as placing a stumbling-block in one’s way. Hence the Lord Jesus shared these things with His disciples so they would not stumble and fall when these things happened to them.
- 16:7** “Expedient” (sumphero) means profitable and not convenient as it is oftentimes used in day. It comes from two words meaning “to bring together with.”
- 16:8** The word “convict” (elencho) is a legal term. It means to reprove and refute an adversary to the point that he acknowledges the truth of his guiltiness as charged.
- 16:9** It should be noted that the Holy Spirit convicts of “sin” and not “sins”. The particular sin is identified as that of unbelief or failure to trust Christ. This is the worst sin a person can commit because the issue is no longer one of sin but of the Son. Jesus died and paid the penalty for all sins.