

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

"Sorrow + Pain = JOY"

John 16:16-24

INTRODUCTION:

1. *2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

2. John 16:12-15

3. REVIEW:

I. THE SPIRIT'S PURPOSE

A. TO REVEAL TRUTH

1. Vs 13a

B. GLORIFYING CHRIST

1. The Holy Spirit has one overarching goal - To glorify Christ!!!

C. NO GLORY, NO HELP

1. Vs 14

II. THE SPIRIT'S BENEFITS

A. GUIDANCE

1. Vs 13

a) To "*guide*" means to lead the way.

B. REMEMBRANCE

1. 14:26

UNDERSTANDING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SUFFERING AND JOY

I. THE PREPARATION

1. Vs 16a

a) "*a little while* and you will see me no longer"

1) This is a reference to the crucifixion.

2. Vs 16b

a) "*and again a little while* and you will see me"

1) Jesus is not only speaking about the resurrection and being with them for a short time in the flesh.

b) John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 13-15

3. We have a choice to make when we face difficult times:

a) We can go into isolation running away and not facing out problems.

b) **OR** we can take refuge and find solitude in the Presence of God.

4. **John 16:13-15**

II. **THE PERPLEXITY**

(The inability to deal with or understand something complicated or unaccountable)

1. **Vs 17a**

2. From the time Judas left till now the disciples have been just listening to Jesus instruct them. **Vs 14:22**

3. But in **Vs 17** we see their confusion.

a) ***"What is this he says to us?"***

1) How can He be with us and not be with us at the same time.

4. **Vs 18**

a) ***"What does he mean by 'a little while'"***

5. **Vs 19**

a) ***"Jesus knew what they wanted to ask."***

1) Jesus always knows.

III. **THE PICTURE**

1. **Vs 20a**

a) ***"Truly, truly" - amen, amen***

1) Jesus emphasizes the importance of what he was about to say.

2. **Vs 20b**

a) ***"you will weep and lament"***

b) ***"but the world will rejoice"***

3. The enemies of Jesus would rejoice over His death.

4. **Wow!!!! Vs 20c**

a) ***"but your sorrow will be turned to joy"***

5. **Hebrews 12:2**

6. **Galatians 6:14**

a) The excruciating pain of Jesus on the cross is the very source of our joy.

7. Vs 21 Jesus now gives an analogy

a) "***When a woman is giving birth***"

1) Going through labor.

b) "***she has sorrow because her hour has come***"

1) It's time to deliver.

c) "***but when she has delivered the baby***"

d) "***she no longer remembers the anguish***"

8. Why?

a) "***for the joy that a human being has been born into the world***"

1) Because babies are a gift from God.

9. The intense suffering of labor fades in the face of the consuming joy that a child has been born.

10. John 15:18-19

11. James 1:2-4

12. Vs 22a

a) **Wow!!!** What a promise!!!! "***I will see you again***"

1) That's the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

13. Vs 22b

a) "***and no one will take your joy from you.***"

1) No one!! Nothing!!! No circumstance!!!

14. Galatians 5:16-23

IV. THE PROMISE

1. Vs 23a

2. Cf. 13

a) The disciples would understand why Jesus had to die.

1) **Luke 9:44-45**

b) Jesus relationship with the Father would be clarified.

1) **John 14:18-19**

c) They would know why it was to their advantage that Jesus had to go.

1) **John 16:7**

3. **Vs 23b**

a) "*truly, truly* (again) *I say to you*"

b) "*whatever you ask of the Father in my name*"

c) "*He will give to you*"

5. **John 14:13; 15:6; 16:20; 23**

6. **To pray in Jesus name is not part of a magic potion.**

a) It is to be completely dependent on Him to supply every need.

b) But the goal is the glory of God.