

Sorrow to Joy

John 16:5-24

[Please turn to John 20:30, pg. 907 in the pew bibles.](#)

Have you ever been convicted by the Holy Spirit?

-During Covid lockdowns, released from some self condemnation.

-Own worse critic. Gad said, "That's not me."

-Jesus is preparing his disciples for true life. Life in the Spirit!

I want you to open a bible, feel it's pages, smell it.

REVIEW

Read John 20:30-31

John 18 title.

1 more page-Our text this morning, We're that close.

Now go to John 13:34 / 14:1 / 14:27 / 15:9 / 15:11 / 15:12 & 17 / AND, it sounds like a fairy tale, but its not. Vs. 18, why?

[The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. John 7:7](#)

16:1-4. The Robinson's, what do we do when situations like this happen?

-Last 2 weeks, [Be Biblical](#), [Stay Biblical](#), [Be Faithful](#), [Stay Faithful](#).

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Read vs. 4b-5

Vs. 5, this is interesting, because in **13:36 & 14:5**, both Peter and Philip ask the question, "Where are you going?" But in each the nuance of the text is more of a child who is disappointed by his Father who, after planning on going fishing for months, is called away for work, and he asks, "Dad, where are you going?", but what he really means to ask is, "Why are you leaving me?"¹

They don't really want to know where he is going, they just don't want him to leave.

¹ The Gospel According to John, D.A. Carson, pg. 533

This speaks to the sorrow of our scene.

Read vs. 6

Sorrow- family court.

“Why would you allow this to happen?” Never-the-less, I trust you.

-Jesus doesn't rebuke them for their sorrow. Sorrow is not a sin

-It's ok to not be ok. Just don't stay there.

-Jesus relates and encourages

Read vs. 7-11

Vs. 7-It's not that Jesus and the Spirit couldn't minister together. Christ himself was filled with the spirit. What he was pointing Vs. was the culmination of biblical history.

-Prophets of old, someone is coming... The New Covenant was about to be established, the Spirit was coming, and Saints, he is here! Right now with us!

This is to your advantage!

Vs. 8 Who does he convict?

The word “World” in the Gospel of John *“refers to the created moral order in active rebellion against God”* DA Carson. ²

- READ JOHN 15:19

The word convict means: Putting to shame, accusing, refuting.

- It's clear this work is to an unbelieving people (read vs. 9)

What about righteousness? The Gospel of John and his love for Isaiah, he most likely uses the term in this manner.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. Isaiah 64:6

Judgement?

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. Colossians 1:13

² The Gospel According to John, D.A. Carson, pg. 525

We ought to be careful to say that the Spirit convicts us as believers.

-This IS the text that we use but why is this important?

-God cleanses us, inputs his righteousness to us, but then we can think the HS comes in, looks at your heart and says, "What a mess! Clean this up" Which is not true of our God through the Gospel.

What is the Work of the Spirit?

Read vs. 13-14. 1. Guide into truth 2. Declare the things of God (affirm) 3. Glorify Christ

How does this encourage them to turn our [sorrow to joy](#)?

They don't get it now. Read vs. 12

He's preparing them for the day of Pentecost, where Peter preaches and the Holy Spirit does this work in the hearts of the unbelievers and 3000 people come to know him.

He does the same work today!

-When we share the Gospel, this is the Spirit's work, like John the Baptist, he prepares the way.

Read vs. 16-24

Exposit.

When our hope is in the Life, death and resurrection of Jesus, our sorrow can always be turned to Joy!