

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson #12 -Jesus has Overcome the World

Scripture Reading: John 16:31-33

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Introduction:

1. The selflessness of Jesus is clearly seen. Before His darkest hour, He is thinking of His disciple's needs.
2. Jesus provides words of comfort to His disciples.

I. ASSURANCE OF PEACE

A. THESE THINGS JESUS SAID

1. The coming of the Helper -Jn 16:5-15
 - a. The Holy Spirit would guide them into "all truth" -vs. 13; 2Pe 1:3
 - b. He will convict the world of sin and bring them into righteousness
 - c. E.g. -Ac 2 -Peter's gospel sermon that convicted men of sin and led them to salvation.
2. Their sorrow would turn to joy -Jn 16:16-24
 - a. They would sorrow while the world rejoices -ie. Over the death of Jesus
 - b. When Jesus is raised from the dead, they will rejoice and forget the former sorrow, just as a woman who has given birth.

B. THEY MAY HAVE PEACE

1. The peace from Jesus is unlike any peace the world can offer -cf. Jn 14:27
 - a. The world offers peace through pleasure and sin.
 - b. These are short-lived -Heb. 11:25; cf. Ja 1:12-15
2. The peace from Jesus is that our soul is right with God.
 - a. This peace was expressed by Paul -Ph 1:21-24; 2Co 5:7, 8
 - b. Again, by Paul to Timothy -2Ti 4:6-8
3. This peace is only found in Christ
 - a. All spiritual blessings are in Christ -Ep 1:3
 - b. Salvation is in Christ -2Ti 2:10
 - c. We are in Christ through baptism -Ga 3:27; Ro 6:4

II. WARNING OF TRIBULATION

A. THE WARNING

1. The world would hate them -Jn 15:18-20
2. Those who persecute and kill them believe they offer God service -Jn 16:1-4

B. THE RESULT

1. They prayed for boldness -Ac 4:23-ff
2. They preached after being beaten -Ac 5:40-42
3. Peter slept soundly knowing he was scheduled to die -Ac 12:6, 7

III. PROMISE OF VICTORY

A. JESUS HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD

1. Through His death, burial and resurrection
2. Jesus conquered the devil
 - a. According to prophecy -Ge 3:15
 - b. According to Jesus' prophecy -Jn 12:31, 32

B. WE OVERCOME THROUGH HIM

1. Our victory is our faith in Him -1Jn 5:4, 5
2. Our faith like Abraham -Ro 4:20-25

Conclusion:

1. Jesus knows His time on earth is limited. Therefore, He gave His disciples words of encouragement they would certainly need.
2. Today, we can look at these same words of Jesus and find the help and comfort we need to endure all that life puts before us.