



❖ **It Is For Your Good That I Go (16:5-7)**

- (5) Here Jesus repeats the sad part of his message—he is leaving (John 14:2-4)
- (5b) *none of you asks me, “Where ...?”* But what about Thomas in 14:5?
- (6) *filled with grief*—There is no question that the pain the disciples felt was real. But Jesus is pointing out that in their grief they’re missing the wonderful thing that is about to happen.
- (7) *it is for your good that I am going away*: the benefit of Jesus’ departure is that the *Counselor* will now come.
 - Either Jesus is not telling the truth or we are largely missing something today.
- (7b) *The Counselor, Advocate (parakletos)*
 - *Counselor* – (Guide, friend, advocate, advisor, mentor, discipler). See John 14 for further details on the *Paraclete*.
 - Remember He is *Another* – Jesus was the first counselor (14:16-18; 20-21; 23)
 - As Jesus, so the Spirit: ANOTHER JESUS, or better the Spirit of the Same Jesus. He brings the presence and personality of Jesus to us (see Acts 16:7; Rom 8:9; Gal 4:6; Eph 1:17: *the Spirit of Jesus*).
- The Spirit will internalize and multiply the work of Jesus.
 - The Spirit works holiness through a love relationship inside us.
 - Spirit is working in people's lives we know and talk to.
 - Whereas Jesus was incarnate as a man, & thus not omnipresent, the Spirit remains spirit, & thus everywhere at once.
- The Spirit is the same personality, presence and brings the same values as Jesus.

❖ **The Spirit Prosecutes and Converts the Unbeliever with the Truth (8-11)**

- The Spirit’s work is first and foremost missional.
- (8) *convict*- “to show, expose, reprove, convince, prove, convict, set right.” It is the role of correcting and putting right. (see Acts 2:36). Placing things in the light.
 - The Spirit is the defending counsel to the believer, and the prosecuting counsel to the unbeliever.
- (8b) *the world*- humankind alienated from God and therefore from truth and love.
 - The world is in darkness (Jn 1:5) and men love darkness over light (Jn 3:19).
 - Essentially, the Spirit brings us out of Spiritual Denial, turning on the light.
- (9) *of sin because men do not believe in me—unbelief*. When self is the center of things we refuse to believe and call it “intelligence,” or “self-reliance.”
 - His mission is to convince unbelievers of their sin rooted in unbelief.
 - Sin is essentially self-centered independence (self-belief), which separates us from God.

- (10) *of righteousness, because I am going to the Father*
- (11) *of judgment, because the prince of the world now stands condemned.*
- Notice the Spirit's reality is completely different from the world. Spiritual reality revolves around Christ! He will guide us into God's true reality.
- The Spirit is moving in advance on the people we are sharing Christ with.

❖ **The Personal Nature and Behavior of the Spirit of Truth (12-15)**

- (12) Don't you want to know what the *much more* is? But the *much more* is now assigned to the *Spirit of truth*.
- (13-15) The Trinity in operation is found throughout the NT. People complain that it is not found by definition, but is found in operation (Mat 3:16-17; 28:19; John 1:1, 3, 14; 8:58; 10:30; 14:16-17, 26; 20:28; 1 Cor 8:6; 2 Cor 13:14; Col 2:29; 1 John 5:7-8; Psa 110:1).
- (13) He is our guide into *all truth*. Jesus' truth-telling ministry will continue.
- (13-15) Jesus breaks down four things for us about the Spirit's truth-telling:
 - *13b He will not speak on his own- no personal spin* at odds with Jesus or Father.
 - *he will speak only what he hears-* He is a pure conduit from Jesus & the Father.
 - *What is yet to come-the future* is not associated with sensationalism or self-promotion or marketing. It is out of personal concern for the disciples.
 - *He will bring glory to me* by revealing Jesus' things to you.
- He primarily leads us into experiential knowing Christ's love (Eph 3:17-19; Eph 1:17-23). Paul ahead of us, letting us know what we will experience on this path.

❖ **Thinking It Through**

- Read John 16:5-15 again. What stands out to you? What questions come to mind?
- Can you imagine how wonderful it would be to walk with Jesus? Then why was it imperative that Jesus leave and the Spirit comes?
- In your own words what does the Spirit do for the world (vv. 8-11)?
- What does the Spirit do for the believer (vv. 12-15)?
- What is your present relationship with the Spirit like?