



Life in the Spirit
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Introduction

In this passage God concludes his introduction to the Christian life – life “in the Spirit.”

The Text: John 16:25-33

1) The coming of the Holy Spirit completely changes how believers know and relate to God (vv. 25-28).

a) The “hour” refers to when the Old Covenant is changed to the New Covenant (v. 25).

b) Old Covenant believers had a different experience with the Spirit than New Covenant believers.

c) This promised new age magnified how believers know and relate to God (vv. 26-28).

2) The Christian life is rooted in Christ’s victory and lived “in the Spirit” (vv. 29-33).

3) Summary: In the Farewell Discourse, Jesus explains “life in the Spirit” (cf. Romans 8).

a) You set your mind on the things of the Spirit (Rom 8:5-7) – Sight.

b) You put to death the deeds of the body of the Spirit (Rom 8:13) – Sin.

c) You are led by the Spirit (Rom 8:14) – Submission.

d) You know the Fatherhood of God by the Spirit (Rom 8:15-17) – Sonship.

e) You hope in the Spirit (Rom 8:23-25) – Security.

f) You pray in the Spirit (Rom 8:26-27) – Solidarity.

Response

Jesus’ Farewell Discourse is an introduction to the *Spirit*-ual life.

Sunday Text Questions for John 16:25-33

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- 1) Starter Question: How would you summarize the message of the Farewell Discourse (John 13-16)?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Based upon what Jesus is saying in v. 25, how does the ministry of the Spirit speak more “plainly” about the things of God than Jesus did in his ministry?
- 4) What are vv. 26-27 explaining about the greater intimacy available “in the Spirit” between the Christian and God the Father?
- 5) Jesus’ response in v. 31 to the disciples’ statement in vv. 29-30 is a rebuke. What are the disciples misunderstanding, and how does Jesus prove it to them with his prophecy about them in v. 32?
- 6) Reflect on the beginning of v. 33. What is unique about the “peace” the Christian receives from God?
- 7) What are the implications of the statement Jesus makes at the end of v. 33: “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world?”
- 8) Based on Jesus’ overall teaching in the Farewell Discourse (John 13-16), how does the ministry of the Spirit expand and magnify the ministry of Jesus?
- 9) What does it actually look like for a Christian to “live in the Spirit?”
- 10) Concluding summary: What does this text teach us about *faith* (doctrine), *hope* (desire), and/or *love* (duty)?

Further study this week: Ezekiel 36 on the promised Spirit (Mon); Joel 2 on the promised Spirit (Tues); Jeremiah 31 on the promised New Covenant (Wed); Ephesians 4 on new life in the Spirit (Thurs); Romans 8 on walking in the Spirit (Fri).