



**Joy in the Spirit**  
**34<sup>th</sup> in the “Life in his Name” Series**  
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**Introduction**

In this passage God explains how the Spirit’s ministry provides Christians with real sight and true joy.

**The Text: John 16:16-24**

- 1) A short review of Jesus’ six statements in the Farewell Discourse.

*Prologue (13:31-38)*

*Statement 1: “I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life” (14:1-14)*

*Statement 2: “I will give you the Paraclete” (14:15-31)*

*Statement 3: “I Am the True Vine” (15:1-17)*

*Statement 4: “I also experienced the hate of the world” (15:18-27)*

*Statement 5: “I will empower you by the Paraclete” (16:1-15)*

*Statement 6: “I will turn your grief into joy” (16:16-24)*

*Epilogue (16:25-33)*

- 2) The Holy Spirit’s ministry allows us to “see” the truth of Christ (vv. 16-18).

*Be Thou My Vision:*

*(1) Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*(2) Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*(3) Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.*

*(4) Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou mine Inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*(5) High King of Heaven, my victory won May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

- 3) The Holy Spirit’s ministry allows us to experience the joy of Christ (vv. 19-24).

**Response**

Seeing and Rejoicing “in the Spirit!”

## Sunday Text Questions for John 16:16-24

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- 1) Starter Question: How does Christianity give a person joy, even when life is difficult?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) According to v. 17, Jesus' statement in v. 16 confuses the disciples. What makes Jesus' statement in v. 16 confusing?
- 4) One solution to the confusion is the use of different Greek words for "see." How does this translation help explain v. 16: "A little while, and you will have SIGHT no longer; and again a little while, and you will have INSIGHT."
- 5) Read vv. 14-15. How does the Spirit give Christians insight to perceive or understand the significance or truth about Jesus and the gospel?
- 6) What does v. 20 teach us about the different (and delayed) responses to the crucifixion of Christ?
- 7) Is v. 21 a helpful analogy to explain how disciples first saw the cross as painful defeat and yet later saw it as the very source of life?
- 8) What does v. 22 teach us about the kind and duration of joy that God gives to Christians, and how have you experienced this joy?
- 9) How would you read vv. 23-24 differently if you saw it not as a prayer of transaction (getting what we ask) but as a depiction of relationship (intimate fellowship that includes the Father's loving presence and perfect provision)?
- 10) Concluding summary: What does this text teach us about *faith* (doctrine), *hope* (desire), and/or *love* (duty)?

**Further study this week:** Jeremiah 31 on promised joy in the New Covenant (Mon); Romans 14, especially v. 17, on joy "in the Spirit" (Tues); Psalm 27 on the Lord's protection (Wed); Psalm 4 on the Lord's peace (Thurs); Psalm 119 on the Lord's joy (Fri).