

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 16:16-33

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“God at Work”

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John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 16:16-33

YA Know -

The Closer We Look and the More We Learn About the Miraculous Witness of Creation – Nature, We Come Away With a Greater Sense of Awe for the World Around Us and Its Creation

**Awe – Should Be Our Natural Reaction
to a Supernatural Job Well Done**

In The Engineering of Creation We See The Fingerprints of God, We See... **God at Work**

The Study Before us is one of *great revelations and radical meanings*

Jesus here explains in greater detail that By Virtue of the Fact
that Jesus has

#1 Come from Heaven to Earth. #2 to reveal the heart and mind of God the Father to the world. He is #3 soon to purchase mankind's redemption through the cross. and having finished the process #4 He will return to His throne in heaven from where He came

God at Work

1.) Means Salvation is Performed by God vv. 16-18

16 **"A little while, and you will see Me no more; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."** 17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will see Me no more; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" 18 They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

a.) Jesus Came Having a Job to Do v.16

"A little while, and you will see Me no more; and again in a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

**Here Jesus Introduces to Us His Job Description
IN THE JEWISH MIND
AND ACCORDING TO THE HOLY OLD TESTAMENT**

The High Priest Had to Perform The Anointing Rights and Duties for the Nation's Sin
and for the Sin of the People.

Exodus 30:10

"And Aaron, the High Priest, shall make atonement upon the horns of the altar once a year with the blood of the sin offering; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."

Jesus Came Having a Job to Do

AMEN - Hebrews 9:1-14 - AMEN

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; 3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. 6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. 7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; 8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 **It was symbolic for that present time** in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience-- 10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation. 11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more **perfect tabernacle** not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

(AND ONLY GOD'S PEOPLE COULD SAY - AMEN!)

Leviticus 16:20-23

"When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. 21 He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites-- all their sins-- and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. 22 The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert. 23 "Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there.

SOMETIME AFTER JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD

but before ascending back to heaven in acts 1

Jesus, our great high priest would have had to perform His office as high priest on our behalf and present His blood on the eternal altar in heaven.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 8:1-2

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Philippians 2:6-8

who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, 7 but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. 8 And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross.

God at Work

Means Salvation is Performed by God

b.) Because Jesus was *the Only One Who Could* v.17-18

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"What is This that He Says"?

I Am So Encouraged By Their Ignorance – *aren't you?*

These are The 'A' postles, Not the 'B' postles *and they Still don't get it*

1 Corinthians 13:12

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

Salvation

is God's Doing

...but we sure do love to help Him out from time to time

Don't Think for a Moment

That God was going to leave the Eternal Security of Your Soul to Yourself -

When He Paid Such a Great Price for You!

Romans 5:6

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Ephesians 2:7-9

So that in the ages to come God might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves;
it is **the gift** of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Isaiah 55:1

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Revelation 21:6

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will "bestow" of the fountain of the water of life (dorean = because) freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 22:17

For the Holy Spirit and the Church say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come! Whoever desires, let him take of the water of life freely.

The Moment You Think That You Can Pay God Off
By your Financial Giving, *You're Outside His Grace!*

The Moment You Think That You Can Pay God Off
By Your Volunteering *You're Outside His Grace!*

The Moment You Think That You Can Pay God Off
By Your Much Praying *You're Outside His Grace!*

The Moment You Think That You Can Pay God Off
By Your Being Better Than The Jones', *You're Outside His Grace!*

Galatians 5:4

You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Romans 3:20 Amplified Version

Understand this; No one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what the law has commanded. For the more we know of God's laws, the more obvious it becomes that we are unable to obey it; God's laws serve to only convince us that we are sinners in need of His grace.

Galatians 2:16

"knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

1 John 2:2

And Jesus Himself is the atonement for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

(That Verse Means That Jesus died for Adolph Hitler's Too)

God at Work

2.) Means There's a *Place* in Heaven for You vv. 19-24

19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and so He said to them, "**Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?** 20 **"Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your**

sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. 23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

a Place in Heaven for You

a.) Now that we're His – we don't belong here anymore v.19-20

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“but your sorrow will be turned into joy”

Salvation Brings with It a Change of Address

Colossians 1:13

It is He Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated** us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

- Our **Attitudes** Are Being Changed
- Our **Priorities** Are Being Changed
 - Our **Goals** Are Being Changed
 - Our **Desires** Are Being Changed

2 Corinthians 3:18

... we are being **transformed** into the same moral likeness, from glory to glory, by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:5

For Your attitude (mindset) should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Men, You're All Going to Get a Shot of Reality

It won't be the Weeping (wail like a baby) and the Lamenting
(to mourn with a mumble) and It won't be your sorrow (grief strickeness)

The Next Time You See Me

Your life will be radically transformed into a life of Joy and Glory

“but your sorrow will be turned into joy”

chara (khar-ah');

meaning to cheer from cheerfulness, to be glad because of gladness,

“A Reality Emotion”

an emotion that follows us rather than leads us

happiness is based upon perception - while joy is anchored to true reality

WE BELONG IN HEAVEN

1 Thessalonians 1:10

and so **we wait** for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

a Place in Heaven for You

b.) His Truth never Changes

V.21-22

"A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

This Place is a pretty **The “World” in Light of Heaven**
pathetic Place to Live in

Sophee - 1 John 2:15-16 - Sophee

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in **heaven** for you,

2 Corinthians 12:3-4

And I know that this man-- whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows-- 4 was caught up to **paradise**. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from **heaven**,

God at Work

Means There's a Place in Heaven for You

c.) And we can call anytime, about anything

V.23-24

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Our New Confidence Before God – ask in Jesus' Name

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing.

Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you."

Can I Pray for you? – yes!

Will you pray for me? – I Hope so!

BUT GOD ANSWERS PRAYER ONLY IN JESUS' NAME

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing.

You Will Use My Signature

Fly Direct to The Father While comfortably seated in Jesus Christ

ONLY IN JESUS NAME

1 Timothy 2:5
For there is one God and one Mediator (go between, middleman)
between God and mankind, the Man Christ Jesus,

ONLY IN JESUS NAME

Psalms 50:15
Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

ONLY IN JESUS NAME

Jeremiah 29:12
Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

ONLY IN JESUS NAME

God's Phone Number **Jeremiah 33:3**
'Call Me, and I will answer you, '

ONLY IN JESUS NAME

Psalms 34:4
I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

God at Work

3.) Means That We Enjoy Privilege vv. 25-28

a.) We have been adopted into the family of God v.25-26a

25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 "In that day you will ask in My name

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**"CHRISTIANITY GIVES FREELY,
WHAT RELIGIONS CAN ONLY DREAM OF"**

Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Adoption Grants Privilege

The moment it is legal

God at Work

Means That We Enjoy Privilege

b.) We share an eternal *unity* with God

v.26b-28

and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

What a Remarkable Unity

Ephesians 2:11-13

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

EXCLUSION IS A WICKED THING

The Rich do it to the poor / The beautiful do it to the Common / The Haves do it to the Have nots / The Powerful do it to powerless

That's How Groups Become Cliques if They're Not Careful
There are no Cliques in Heaven

John 17:23

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

**IN HEAVEN
EVERYBODY WILL BE LOVED THE SAME**

I have news for you – it's happening now here on earth among God's people

1 Corinthians 3:1-5

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly-- mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men? 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe-- as the Lord has assigned to each his

Verse 27b

because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God

**This is Salvation –
To Love Jesus Christ!**

Do You Love Jesus Christ?

God at Work

4.) Means That We Have *Peace* Beyond

vv. 29-33

a.) Because Our Faith is Increasing

v.29-32

29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 "Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." 31

Jesus answered them, "**Do you now believe? 32 "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me**

Verse 30

Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

The Boldest, Corporate Confession Yet

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith in His Word Builds Up

2 Peter 1:19-20

So we have seen and proved that what the prophets said came true. You will do well to pay close attention to everything they have written, for, like lights shining into dark corners, their words help us to understand many things that otherwise would be dark and difficult. But when you consider the wonderful truth of the prophets' words, then the light will dawn in your souls and Christ the Morning Star will shine in your hearts. 20 for no prophecy recorded in Scripture was ever thought up by the prophet himself. It was the Holy Spirit within these godly men who gave them true messages from God.

Means That We Have *Peace* Beyond

b.) Because He has Spoken

v.33

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Be "In Him" As You Go Through "This World"
And "All Things" will Be Turned to "Joy"

God at Work

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.