

Jesus has overcome the world!

John 16

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John 13-17: All in the upper room.

The last verse of chapter 15: *²⁶But I will send you the Advocate [Helper]—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.*"

Continuation of chapters 13-17: *"I have told you these things..."*

- a. *...so you won't abandon your faith.*
- b. *You will be expelled from synagogue.*
- c. *Be killed.*
- d. *...so that when it happens, you will remember my warning.*

1. The Work of the Holy Spirit (Vv. 5-15)

OT: *Ruach* (breath of God).

Advocate (*paraklētos*); the Holy (*hagios*) Spirit (*pneuma*).

Garden – God breaths breath into Adam and Eve.

"Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person." (Genesis 2:7)

"As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:20-22)

⁵ "But now I am going away to the one who sent me (Father-God), and not one of you is asking where I am going. ⁶ Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. ⁷ But in fact, it is best for you that I go away." (John 16:5-7)

Jesus revealed to them the coming of the Holy Spirit, whom he has already mentioned in the general discourse.

¹⁶ "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, [Paraclete: Helper comforter, encourager, counselor] who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth." (John 14:16-17)

²⁶ "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me." (John 15:26)

Three Biblical truths about the Holy Spirit:

a) The Holy Spirit is part of the triune nature of God.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

b) The Holy Spirit is a gift from God to all believers.

"Peter replied, 'Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 2:38)

c) The Holy Spirit is our Advocate.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you." (John 14:16-17)

"The Holy Spirit's role is to seal believers' salvation, reveal God's thoughts, and teach and guide believers. He fills believers with strength and wisdom, intercedes for them, and gives spiritual gifts. As He dwells inside each believer, He fulfills various roles and functions."

- Gives life and makes us new. (Romans 8:10-11)
- Teaches us. (John 14:26)
- Dwells inside us. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- Produces fruit in us. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Gives spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7 & 11)
- Convicts us of sin. (John 16:7-8)
- Gives us power. (Acts 1:8)
- Gives wisdom. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
- Seals our salvation in Christ. (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- Intercedes for us. (Romans 8:26-27)

TCK – Third Culture Kid – Jonmark *"And I am one of them."*

What is your culture? What country or kingdom holds your loyalty?

Kingdom Culture.

2. Sadness turned to Joy! (Vv. 16-24)

The message of the Bible:

- Chaos to Order.
- Darkness to Light.
- Life out of Death.
- Mourning to Rejoicing.
- Loss to Victory.

¹⁶ *"In a little while you won't see me anymore. But a little while after that, you will see me again."*¹⁷ *Some of the disciples asked each other, "What does he mean when he says, 'In a little*

while you won't see me, but then you will see me,' and 'I am going to the Father'? ¹⁸ *And what does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand."*

¹⁹ *Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, "Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won't see me, but a little while after that you will see me again.*

²⁰ *I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy.*

²¹ *It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. ²² So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. ²³ At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. ²⁴ *You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy. (John 16:24)**

Psalm 30

¹ *I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me.
You refused to let my enemies triumph over me.*

² *O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you restored my health.*

³ *You brought me up from the grave, O Lord.
You kept me from falling into the pit of death.*

⁴ *Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones!
Praise his holy name.*

⁵ *For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime!
Weeping may last through the night,
but joy comes with the morning.*

3. Take Heart! I have overcome the world! (Vv. 25-33)

Just like TCK – the idea of NOTW – Not of this world.

²⁵ *"I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. ²⁶ Then you will ask in my name. I'm not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God. ²⁸ Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father."*

²⁹ *Then his disciples said, "At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively. ³⁰ Now we understand that you know everything, and there's no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God."*

³¹ *Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe?" ³² But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

What has Jesus overcome?

a) Anxieties and cares:

Christ's victory over the world is multifaceted. First, He gives His followers peace to overcome troubled hearts: ***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*** ([John 14:27](#)). Those who believe in Jesus Christ don't have to live with anxious hearts but can experience the gift of His otherworldly peace ([John 14:1](#)). We do this by bringing every situation to Him in prayer, depending wholly on Him to meet our needs ([Philippians 4:6](#)). The Lord's peace transcends all the confusion, fear, and [anxiety](#) of this world like a shield set over our minds and hearts as we live secure in Jesus Christ ([Philippians 4:7](#)).

b) Hatred and persecution:

It's important to remember that Christ's victory over the world does not physically remove us from the battle. We will face the same hatred Jesus did: ***"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."*** ([John 15:18–20](#)). We overcome the world because we belong to God. His Spirit lives in us and ***"is greater than the one who is in the world"*** ([1 John 4:4](#)).

Paul asked the Romans, ***"Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?"*** ([Romans 8:35, NLT](#)). He answers his own question with a resounding, ***"No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us"*** ([Romans 8:37, NLT](#)).

c) Sin and temptation:

[Temptation](#) to sin will always be a part of our lives in this world, but **Christ gives us victory over sin**. Before salvation, the Bible says we lived like we were dead in disobedience and sin ***"just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God"*** ([Ephesians 2:1–2, NLT](#)). We used to follow only the passions and inclinations of our sinful nature ([Ephesians 2:3](#)). ***"But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. . . For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus"*** ([Ephesians 2:4–6, NLT](#)).

d) Spiritual forces:

Jesus not only paid the penalty for our sin, but He also won a pivotal victory over Satan and all the supernatural powers of evil who are aligned with him ([Colossians 2:15](#); [Hebrews 2:14](#)). The devil has been defeated through Jesus Christ. As believers, we appropriate Christ's victory when we put on the whole armor of God ([Ephesians 6:10–18](#)).

d) Sorrow and death:

Death is an inevitable reality for all people, but for believers in Jesus Christ, death means victory over our last enemy ([1 Corinthians 15:26–27](#)). Through His atoning sacrifice on the cross and subsequent resurrection, Jesus overcame the world by conquering death. He shares that victory with all who repent and believe in Him as Lord and Savior: ***"For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we***

achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God” (1 John 5:4–5, NLT). Christ’s death grants salvation and eternal life to all who believe in Him.

Victory in Jesus! (Song)

*I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins, and won the victory, yeah.*

***Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.***

*I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.*