

John 16 Part 1

Recap: We've talked about our mission as believers as causing others to believe in the Messiah, bringing all glory to God. We've also seen that Jesus has given us a "new commandment" to love each other as He has loved us. We also have a new condition of hatred from the lost world because of Jesus' testimony. The last thing we talked about is our new Companion in ministry and life – the Holy Spirit. Chapter 16 begins by continuing this thought.

A Word about Loving One Another, Tough Love, and Separation

"I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." – 1 Cor. 5:9-13

Turn to 1 Corinthians 6

A NEW COMPANION – Our Partnership with the Holy Spirit (Continued)

16:26 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

CHAPTER 16

1. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

"Offended" here means "to cease believing", "to stumble", or "to fall into sin." Jesus is warning His disciples about the difficulties to come, and the Holy Spirit's help through those difficulties.

2. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

In the first century, taking the gospel to Jewish people was a very dangerous endeavor. This is a commonly neglected truth when interpreting certain passages of Scripture.

THE "THEREFORE" WE DON'T CARE FOR

INTRO: READ Romans 5:1 - "When you see a 'THEREFORE', you have to see what it's THERE - FOR!"

1. It ties back to Chapter 4, especially verses 20-25!

2. We are justified just as Abraham was! (Believing the Promise)

3. Our faith is in Jesus being "delivered up for our offenses, and raised for our justification"

THEREFORE, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we look through the Bible, we must not ignore CONTEXT!

READ: Romans 12:1,2

A seashore is a better place than the street because you need lots of room. At first it is better to run than to walk. You may have to try several times. It takes some skill, but it is easy to learn. Even young children can enjoy it. Birds seldom get too close. If there are no snags it can be very peaceful. But if it breaks loose, you won't get another chance.

The context helps the paragraph make sense. In the same way, when it comes to the Bible (or theology, or Christianity, or the gospel), once you have the context or the framework, all of the details start to fall into place.

I. THE MISUNDERSTANDING

1. What does the "therefore" tie back to?

A. THE WHOLE BOOK OF ROMANS SO FAR**B. Romans 6, 7 & 8 (Dead to Sin, Freed from the Law, and No Condemnation)****2. What is the popular interpretation of this passage?****A. SANCTIFICATION**

Paul is pleading with believers to give of their bodies as an act of sanctification

B. TRANSFORM YOUR LIVES TO BY MORE HOLY

Our minds must be transformed to separate from the world, and to find God's perfect will for our lives

II. THE CONTEXT**WE ARE GETTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE!!**

What is the key to interpreting Scripture? CONTEXT!!

THE "KEY" TO ROMANS 12:1 & 2 IS ISRAEL.

1. What does the "therefore" tie back to?**A. Romans 9,10, & 11**

1) Paul Wishes to be Accursed from Christ if Israel could be Saved

2) Paul's Heart's Desire and Prayer to God for Israel is that They would be Saved

3) Hath God Cast Away His People? GOD FORBID!

B. LOOK BACK TO ROMANS 11:13-32 (33-36 is a parenthetical statement)**2. What is the biblical interpretation of this passage?****A. MERCY OF GOD**

- "Mercy" is mentioned 4 times in vs. 30-32
- When God extended His saving Mercy beyond Israel to the nations of the world, He desired that through the mercy of the Gentiles, the Jews would receive Jesus as their Messiah, bringing God's mercy full circle.
- **Are you thankful for your salvation? Seriously. Think about it. Try to imagine your life apart from Christ.** The only reason we are saved here today, is that at some point, a Jew told a Gentile about Christ.
- It was God's plan to send partial and temporary blindness to Israel, so that the rest of the world would have an opportunity to be saved. **Eph 3:1-6**

B. GENTILES REACHING THE JEWS Rom 11:11-15**III. WE MUST BE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE OUR BODIES ON THE ALTAR OF JEWISH EVEANGELISM**

PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE

- 1 Thess. 2:14-16 - The Judean Christians and the Apostles have suffered persecutions of the Jews - who both killed the Prophets, and consented unto Jesus' death.
- Acts 7 - They stoned Stephen
- Paul himself committed many Christians to prison, and even sentenced many to death
- The Jews in Paul's day were like the ISIS of today.
Imagine being a Christian today in Iraq or Syria. Those connected with ISIS or Al-Queada regularly do exactly what Paul did.
"Saul...entering into every house, and hailing men and women committed them to prison." - Acts 8:3
- Jesus spoke of the Jews (Jerusalem) as those that "killest the Prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee" - Luke 13:34
- Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of

your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city: Mt 23:29-34.

- "They are ENEMIES for your sakes..." Rom 11:28

HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD - "Set apart for a purpose", "Pleasing unto God"

- "Without FAITH it is impossible to please Him." - Heb 11:6
- Paul's burden and sorrow for his people comes from Christ, and the Holy Spirit - Rom 9:1
- No wonder we find "The Apostle to the Gentiles" constantly sharing Christ in the synagogue!
 - In Acts 18:6 Paul makes the declaration that "I am clean, from henceforth I go unto the Gentiles."
 - 13 verses later, we find him reasoning with the Jews in the synagogue at Ephesus!
- The Apostle to the Gentiles followed the biblical model of taking the gospel to "the Jew first"
- **This is pleasing to God, and is something we have gotten away from today**

REASONABLE SERVICE λογικός λατρεία (Lo-gee-Kos Lat-rey-ah)

It has the idea of "true or reasonable work or service"

true to real nature, pertaining to being genuine: spiritual, reasonable, sensible, pertaining to mind and heart

Service - pertaining to worship,

- John 16:2 - "...whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God **service**."
- Ro 9:3,4 - For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the **service of God**..."
- Heb 9:1, 6 - "Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary... Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the **service of God**."
- If this is true, we are missing out on a MAJOR area of worship of and service for, God!

IV. WE MUST THINK DIFFERENTLY... ABOUT THE JEWS!!

BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD

- THIS WORLD (UNSAVED GENTILES SPECIFICALLY) DO NOT CARE FOR, NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR THE JEWS
- in a 2015 Global poll, out of 4.2 billion people represented, 1.1 billion harbor anti-Semitic attitudes
- **That we "should not be pressed into this world's mold of sin" is a great truth! And it can be implied here by a secondary application, BUT THAT IS NOT THE CONTEXT OF THIS PASSAGE!**
 - **This world is passive!!**
 - **This world does not want to evangelize!!**
 - **This world does not care about the Apple of God's eye!!! (The Jews)**

BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF THE MIND

- *vouç (Noos) - Literally means*
- **THIS IS NOT AN ACTION PERFORMED IN THE DAILY PROCESS OF GENERAL SANCTIFICATION!**
- IT **IS** BY LOOKING AT THE JEWS DIFFERENTLY
- **IT IS REALIZING WHERE YOUR MERCY CAME FROM**

THAT YE MAY PROVE GOOD, ACCEPTABLE, PERFECT WILL OF GOD

- TO WHO? ...TO GOD?
- δοκιμάζω *dokimazō* test; put to the test
- **examine**, try to out, test
 - Lk 14:19 - "**proving** oxen"
 - 1Co 3:13- "The fire shall **try** every man's work, of what sort it is"

- 11:28- "but let a man **examine** himself..."
- 2Co 8:8 - Paul speaks to "...**prove** the sincerity" of their love.
- Gal 6:4 - "But let every man **prove** his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."
- 1Ti 3:10- And let these also first be **proved**; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless."
- **regard as worthwhile** (Ro 1:28), - "And even as they did not like to **retain** God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

3. **And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.**
4. **But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.**
5. **But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?**
6. **But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.**
7. **Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.**
8. **And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**
9. **Of sin, because they believe not on me;**
10. **Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;**
11. **Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**

Jesus knows what is best for us. It was needful that He die, rise again, and ascend to send us the Holy Spirit. This is how He would "draw all men unto Himself" – John 12:32

12. **I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.**

The Lord doesn't give us everything at once. His yoke is easy, and His burden is light! He is there to strengthen, encourage, and grow us – not to beat us into the ground. His conviction is loving, but firm and true.

13. **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

I don't believe that this is referring to believers being given revelations and prophecies throughout the ages, but rather – the penmen of Scripture would be inspired by the Spirit of God, and moved by Him to write the words of Scripture.

14. **He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.**
15. **All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.**

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." – John 14:26