

## Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

October 20, 2021

John 16: 12 - 18

**12** I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **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. **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. **16** A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. **17** Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? **18** They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

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### Verse 12

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

\*These are Jesus' words to His disciples but they remind us that we will all have times in our lives that if we had known the outcomes, we might have done things differently. We may not have been able to bear the knowledge of the future.

### Verse 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.*

[Howbeit means although, however, yet.]

\*This verse describes the Holy Spirit's work...not ours. Our job when we are praying for someone is to keep quiet and pray, staying out of the Spirit's way to work. We don't want to quench the Spirit (drown Him out) and we do not want to tell the Spirit what to do.

\*The term Spirit of Truth means no errors, no lies. The phrase from a popular movie, "You can't handle the truth!" comes to mind. More people come to the Lord out of brokenness from sin than from being totally prepared or studied up in the Word of God before conversion.

\*"is come" - The Holy Spirit has always been because He is God but at Pentecost the Holy Spirit is revealed in a unique way: tongues of fire came down on the people and thousands became believers that day through the Holy Spirit's working.

Pastor Tom observed as he prepared for Charge Conference that on none of the forms that he had to complete was there a place to record how many people were saved in the past year at Mt. Olive Church. Attendance and giving are recorded but not salvations! And it will never be known how many people were wooed by the Holy Spirit but the call was quenched and no action was taken to reconcile with the Lord.

\*The phrase, He will guide you into all truth. Thinking about a hired guide for hunting or fishing: a guide can only do so much (take you to prime hunting land on a good weather day...) but the guide cannot shoot or catch the game. The Holy Spirit will take you to the cross but you must make the choice to believe in Jesus. That is our responsibility! Even though we pray for children or husbands or other people, they must make the choice to accept Jesus. As mentioned earlier: we just keep our mouths shut, pray and live the Christian life. It has been said that we are supposed to preach Jesus and sometimes we use words!

## **Verse 14**

*He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

\*Jesus is speaking so the words could be something like this: The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus. The Holy Spirit will receive Jesus' people (children of the King).

\*If something miraculous has happened to demonstrate God's power, then we should be bowing down in worship saying thank you to Jesus.

### **Verse 15**

*All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

\*If you have Jesus in your heart (you belong to God) then you no longer have to listen to the devil's lies. Evil has a root; it's the devil. Good also has a root; it's God. So, if what we do glorifies God, it is good and from God. But if what we do does not glorify God, then it's from the devil. We ask ourselves this: Is our purpose in what we are doing glorifying Jesus Christ? Will it bring the spotlight to Him or to us?

### **Verses 16 - 18**

*A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. 17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.*

\*Throughout these verses we see this idea: If we knew the future, if God revealed to us how our lives would play out, would we be able to handle the knowledge of sickness or sadness?

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Go in peace, go in joy, go in love!

May the Lord watch between me and thee  
While we are absent one from the other.

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