

Do ye Now Believe?

John 16:28-33

Proverbs: Parables, figurative language, figures of speech

New era in understanding the Word of God.

When Holy Spirit come able to understand truths of God's Word.

Plainly: openly, frankly, bluntly. Straight up

John 16:28

I came forth from the Father—incarnation

and am come into the world:-- mission

again, I leave the world—passion

and go to the Father—ascension

John 16:29

At last you are speaking plainly and not in parables.

John 16:30

Disciples understand two things about Jesus:

1. His Omniscience.
2. His Origin.

John 16:31 ... **Do ye now believe?**

Jesus knew they believed---partially.

Their belief not be complete or strong until after death and resurrection

Nicodemus John 3:2

Phillips: *Their confession was a sad mix of dullness and discernment. The Lord did not reject their flawed confession of faith out of hand, but he clearly saw its inadequacy... Their enthusiasm was about to receive some very rude shocks, as well he knew.*

These men living in unreal world.

John 16:32

The hour cometh: A period of time.

Phillips: ... *Jesus knew that the storm would break within the hour.*

Scattered: those who are routed or terror stricken by some other impulses and fly in every direction (Thayer)

...every man to his own: to his own home. **Zechariah 13:7**

And shall leave me alone. Give up on me...divorce....desert me.... Forsake, lay aside.

In short period of time Jesus arrested and all disciples forsake Him

Peter, James, John fall asleep

Judas would come with his henchmen

The political leaders and religious leaders beat Him and bully Him

Peter deny Him and curse Him

Bludgeoned and beaten so badly not be recognized

Matthew 26:56 Jn 18:17, 25-26

and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

The Father would stick with Him

John 8:29 Psalm 23:4 Psalm 73:25-26 Matt 27:46.

Jesus has just said.

Put your faith and trust in me, huh?

Dedicated your life to me?

Let me give you an idea of things to come.

You will have your world shaken. ...

John 16:33

Job 28:28 Ecclesiastes 12:13 1 Timothy 1:5 1 Timothy 1:15 Matthew 22:37 Titus 2:11-13 1 John 5:11 1 John 5:12-13

John 16:33

In me: in union with Christ. A relationship with Him. In my presence.

Have peace: tranquil state of soul. Free from inner turmoil. Unruffled temperament

George Morrison: *the possession of adequate resources.*

In Jesus--have all resources we need.

Where peace come from?

In me—relationship with Jesus Christ.

World: in society. Among people. In a system of thinking and philosophy that is opposed to God's point of view.

Dual existence. In Christ and in world.

Expect tribulation

Tribulation: pressing together. Persecution, distress, pressure. ...anguish of woman in travail...

Good cheer: Have courage. Take heart. Be courageous. Cheer up.

To man sick of palsy Matt 9:2.

To diseased woman Matt 9:22

To frightened disciples Matt 14:27

Here, in verse 33 Jesus is telling them to be of good cheer because the victory has already been won. He has overcome the world.

Overcome: conquer, prevailed; obtained the victory

World: system of thinking and philosophy opposed to God's point of view.

Romans 8:37 1 John 4:4 1 John 5:4

What makes us overcomers? Our faith.

Must yield ourselves to Him and claim victory because of what Jesus did on the cross.

Revelation 12:11

Barnes: *He brought down aid and strength from above by his death; and by procuring for us the friendship of God and the influence of the Spirit; by his own instructions and example; by revealing to us the glories of heaven, and opening our eyes to see the excellence of heavenly things, he has furnished us with the means of overcoming all our enemies, and of triumphing in all our temptations*

So what?

Big question. **Do ye now believe?**

Do we really believe?

Do we really believe key to experiencing joy is Asking....?

Do we really believe Jesus omniscient and came from the Father?

Do we believe enough to realize that trials are coming and He has already given us the victory?

Have we put our confidence in Him enough that when world and its trials have completely turned against us and we are all alone

...that we are of good cheer

because we realize--victory has already been won in and by Christ?

Really believe? Then be of good cheer...I have overcome the world.

Wiersbe: *As we review this section, we can see how these three explanations our Lord gave all fit together. He revealed a wonderful principle—God transforms sorrow into joy. But this principle will not work in our lives unless we believe His promise and pray. God has ordained that His work is accomplished through believing prayer. But we will not be able to pray effectively if we do not claim our position as conquerors in Jesus Christ.*