

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:1-33

Key Verse: 16:23

"In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-4. What did Jesus predict about the future? Who would persecute his disciples? Why? How? Why did Jesus tell them about this now?
2. Read verses 5-11. Where was Jesus going, and why was it to the disciples' advantage that he go? Why do God's servants need the Holy Spirit?
3. What is the basic work of the Holy Spirit? (8-10) About what three things does the Holy Spirit convict or rebuke the world? What does this mean?
4. Read verses 12-13. What else does the Holy Spirit do for disciples? Read verses 14-16. What is the main point of the Holy Spirit's teaching? (14,15)
5. Read verses 16-18. What did Jesus mean by "In a little while" and "after a little while"? Read verses 19-22. How does the parable of childbirth apply to them? What would be the cause of their grief? Of their joy?
6. Read verses 23-24. How can disciples have independent faith? Read verses 25-33. What was Jesus teaching them? What did they finally learn? What did Jesus tell them about the future? Why? What did he promise?