

Morning Sermon Outline – April 14, 2019
“Truth Tried, Truth Triumphant” – John 16:1-15

I. Truth will be tried, but Jesus wants us not to stumble –

1. The nature of the trial brought against truth – persecution -

16 “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. ²They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. ³And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. ⁴But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. John 16:1-4 A

A. Persecution is not the only trial truth has, there is also temptation –

4 Then a herald cried aloud: “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; ⁶and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.” Daniel 3:4

- *Almost the entire world bowed to the false god when King Nebuchadnezzar played music*
- *The fire was reserved for God’s people, the few who resisted temptation.*

B. Jesus tells us to be ready, prepared for persecution, so that when we are persecuted, we will not be surprised; we will understand it to be normal! It is normal for the godly to suffer persecution –

12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

2. Jesus knew His disciple’s faith would be tried in an even greater way, not only by persecution, but by His absence -

“And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. John 16:4B – 6

1. He is going away

2. Sorrow filled their heart! In biblical times, the heart was not only the seat of emotion as it is for us, but it included mind, emotion, will, your entire inner being ... Sorrow filling your heart would incapacitate you!

Although Jesus’ aim in telling His disciples these things was that they would NOT STUMBLE – John 16:1 – He knew they would! Jesus knew all His disciples would stumble, even when they all protested, they would NOT –

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³² But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³ Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.” ³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” ³⁵ Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And so said all the disciples. Matthew 26:31-35

II. Our advantage comes, or came, with God’s Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth makes truth triumphant -

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

1. Jesus’ teaching, Jesus’ presence alone, would not cut it, they needed “the Helper” “the Holy Spirit” “the Spirit of Truth” –

A. He, the Holy Spirit was mentioned before, as their Helper with Jesus’ teachings, and remembrance -

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26

B. *He would help them particular with their testimony about Christ*
-²⁶ **“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. John 15:26-27**

2. *Here Jesus speaks more specifically about HOW the Holy Spirit, The Spirit of Truth would HELP their ministry / witness to the world –*

⁸ **And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

We see this with Peter’s Pentecost sermon –

A. *God’s Holy Spirit came on them powerfully –*

2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4

B. *They, including Peter, preached Christ’s death and resurrection*
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³⁶ **“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Acts 2:36**

C. *As Peter and others preached God’s Spirit convicted men’s hearts –*

³⁷ **Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Acts 2:37**

D. *God’s Spirit works with God’s Word, which is ¹⁷ ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; Ephesians 6:17 B*

E. *He the Spirit works both to convict, in order to bring salvation, - ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. John 6:63*

III. *Our advantage is a truth about Christ advantage, Christ’s truth, is what gains salvation! -*

¹² **“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you. John 16:15**

1. *The last thing Christ said before He died on the cross was it is finished –*

³⁰ **So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. John 19:30**

A. *However, He is referring to His work on the cross only, His sacrifice for our sins ... our debt is paid in full!*

B. *Yet, He still had more He would do for us -*

²⁵ **Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25**

2. *The Holy Spirit’s Work / teaching / Helping us understand what Christ did, began after Christ’s death –*

A. *Paul had a preaching Christ, Gospel ministry -*

² **For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2**

B. *God’s Spirit helps us to understand, see God’s Kingdom and grace –*

⁹ **But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

C. *The deep things of God are the same things Christ calls “Mine” meaning His things –*

¹⁴ **He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. John 16:14**

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