

*difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen."*

-- Reinhold Niebuhr

## Prayer Requests

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FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL  
Message #31  
John 16:1-33

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## In Your Life

### **THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE**

*John 16:7-15; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Psalm 90:17a; 1 Peter 2:16*

The Holy Spirit comes to **the church**

Thru you He convicts the world of:

**SIN** - a **violation** of God's intention for humanity  
*It comes from ignoring **God** (9)*

**RIGHTEOUSNESS** - O.T. Term for **holiness**  
*It makes you **whole** (10)*

**TRUTH** - **judgment** has already happened  
*It sets us free from **bondage** to the past (11)*

### **THE ROLE OF JESUS IN YOUR LIFE**

*John 16:16-33; Philippians 4:6-7; Matthew 7:21; Romans 10:9-10*

1) Turns your **sorrow** into **joy** (20)

2) Reveals the Father **himself** loves you! (22-27)

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who **does** the will of my Father who is in heaven. - Matt 7:21*

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

- Romans 10:9-10

Next week: "Jesus' Prayer" John 17

# Community Group Homework

For the week of March 8, 2009

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## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching on the Holy Spirit & Jesus Christ, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. How scattered is your family?
2. What's harder for you:
  - Saying "Goodbye" to someone you love who's moving.
  - Loved ones saying "Goodbye" because you're moving.

## DIGGING DEEPER

3. In John 16:7, what is the disciple's grief keeping them from understanding.
4. If you were one of Jesus' disciples, how would you feel after hearing verse 16?

5. What tone of voice do you hear in verses 17-18?

6. What characterizes the relationship we can have with the Father because of Jesus? (23-27)

7. How do you deal with change? Moves? Job transfers? Transitions from one stage in life to another? How has "pain" helped you to grow?

## TAKING IT HOME

John 16:33 says, *"In this world we will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* In 1 Peter 5:7 we're told to *"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."* Are there any cares you have that you need to cast on Him?

Below is the Serenity Prayer, a well-known prayer that was written to help people experience God's peace. As you read this prayer, how does it affirm what you've learned from this week's teaching and homework?

*"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the*