

The Blessing of Jesus' Bodily Absence (John 16:4b-11)

- Some of the best things that happen to us seem like disasters at the time
- Disciples were overcome with sorrow at the thought of Jesus' departure
- They couldn't see how Jesus' departure could be good for them

I. Jesus' Departure – Believers' Great Blessing (16:4b-7)

- While Jesus is with them: focus is on His mission & not the Holy Spirit
- Jesus' mission was nearly completed, He was returning for them & us.
- It was to their advantage that Jesus went away – the Holy Spirit given
 - a) Jesus must die to accomplish salvation by making atonement for sin
 - b) The Holy Spirit must come to apply the benefits of Jesus death
 - c) The Holy Spirit comes as a reward to Christ's work (seal/adoption)

II. The Holy Spirit Comes to Convict the World (16:8-11)

- Disciples, filled with Spirit, great impact on world after Jesus' departure
- How could disciples stand in light of world's hatred & murder of Jesus?
- Jesus' answer, the ministry and work of the Holy Spirit: three things
 - 1) Convict the world of sin
 - 2) And of righteousness
 - 3) And of judgment
- Vs. 9 Holy Spirit will convict the world because they don't believe Jesus
- Vs 10 Holy Spirit: expose the lies & darkness that world is steeped in
- Vs 11 Jesus death, meant judgment for the ruler of the world, Satan