

John 16:31 - 33 (NLT) ³¹Jesus asked, “Do you finally believe?”

³²But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me.

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“Do you finally believe?”

The implied exasperation in the statement is conveyed better by “You believe at last!”

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (NKJV)

- In a final note of encouragement, Jesus promised the disciples peace through their union with him—for he would overcome the world by rising from the grave.
- The world, Satan’s system that is opposed to God, will give the believers terrible trouble and opposition.
- But Jesus has beaten Satan’s system, won the victory, and overcome the world. Before his own trial, Jesus could already speak of an accomplished task.
- This adds impact to his victory over Satan since he not only accomplished it, he predicted it! The disciples could constantly rejoice in the victory because they were on the winning team.

Jesus summed up all he had told them this night, tying together themes from John 14:27-29; John 16:1-4; and 16:9-11. With these words he told his disciples to take courage. Despite the inevitable struggles they would face, they would not be alone.

1. Just as Jesus’ Father did not leave him alone, Jesus does not abandon us to our struggles either.
2. If we remember that the ultimate victory has already been won, we can claim the peace of Christ in the most troublesome times. Jesus wants us to have peace.
3. In contrast to our assumption that peace means the absence of conflict, Jesus promises that his peace becomes apparent in the very middle of trouble and conflict.
4. Troubles remind us to ask for Jesus’ peace. God’s answer will not usually mean that the problem will be over, but that Christ’s peace will see us through it.

Question: How much have you relied on the peace of Jesus when you face trouble?

There must be no surrender, no compromise and no fellowship with the world.

Here is the Lord’s war-cry: Whoever overcomes the world will sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne”

Revelation 3:21 - 22 (NLT) ²¹Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. ²²“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

1 John 5:4 - 5 (NLT) ⁴For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Monday Morning Moment: *“Peace with God brings us the peace of God!”*

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