

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for July 15, 2007

“The Spirit's Revelatory Work among the Apostles” John 16:12-15

From the future convicting work of the Spirit in the world in John 16:1-11, Jesus now turns to the future revelatory work of the Spirit in respect to His apostles in John 16:12-15.

What did Christ tell His apostles in John 16:12-15 that they should expect in terms of the Spirit's future revelatory work?

Christ told His apostles that they should expect more revelation in terms of the Spirit's future revelatory work (John 16:12-13).

The word “bear” (BASTAZO) signifies “to support as a burden” whether it is physical, such as the cross, or metaphorical, such as sufferings endured in the cause of Christ (Luke 14:27; John 19:17).

Christ had not chosen to share with His disciples certain truths while He was with them because He knew that those truths would have crushed them.

Jesus' promise to His disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide His disciples into all truth assures us of several things.

Christ's promise that the Spirit would guide His disciples into all truth assures us that there will be no further truth made available to us from God other than the truth we find in our Bibles (Ephesians 2:20).

Christ's promise to His disciples that the Spirit would guide them into all truth assures us of the sufficiency of the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Christ told His apostles they could expect that the future revelatory work of the Spirit would glorify Christ (John 16:14).

When Christ told His disciples that the Spirit would disclose to them what was to come, He was talking about what would come to them and others as a consequence of Christ's person and work.

Christ told His apostles that the future revelatory work of the Spirit would be a cooperative effort (John 16:15).

May God give us the grace to apply God's Word so that the Word that has been supplied to us by the revelatory work of the Spirit might glorify Christ.