

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

### **Sermon Notes for August 12, 2007**

#### **“Sorrow Turned To Joy”**

#### **John 16:23-24**

Christ told His disciples in John 16:5-11 that after He left them and the Holy Spirit came to them that they could expect the Holy Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Christ also told His disciples in John 16:12-15 that they could expect that after He left them and the Holy Spirit came to them that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all the truth.

Christ told His disciples in John 16:16-24 that they could expect that the sorrow that was about to come upon them because of the cross would be transformed into an enduring and abounding source of joy.

The perplexity (John 16:16-19)

The promise (John 16:20-21)

The power (John 16:23-24)

When Jesus said, “and in that day,” He was referring to no special day but to that period of time that would begin with the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 16:23).

The significance of that particular period of time that Christ referred to as “in that day” was that His disciples would no longer feel the need to ask Him questions (John 16:23).

But just because Christ's disciples would have their questions answered did not mean that they would have all their needs met, and therefore Christ directed His disciples to ask His Father for help (John 16:23).

The reason why Jesus directed His disciples to ask His Father for help was because His Father would give them as much help as they needed if they asked “in Jesus' name.”

To pray “in Jesus' name” means that our prayers are based on all that Christ is, has done, is doing and will do.

If we are seeking to pray in Jesus' name we will be making a conscious effort to pray prayers that we believe Christ Himself would be praying if He were in our circumstances.

Up until this time in the upper room the disciples had not prayed “in Jesus' name” for the simple reasons they couldn't have. They knew too little about Christ and His purposes (John 16:24).

When Jesus, in John 16:24, spoke to His disciples of their joy being made full, He was speaking of the joy of the cross that He had alluded to in John 16:20.

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

Every answered prayer prayed in the name of Jesus should make our joy full because it was Christ's victory at the cross that opened up God's throne of grace and made this all possible.

May God give us the grace to pray in the name of Jesus and when He answers those requests, may it cause our joy, the joy of the cross to be made full.