

## John 15:22-27 & 16:1-7

**22-25.** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but **now they HAVE NO EXCUSE** for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, **they would have no sin**; but **now they have SEEN** and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that **the word might be fulfilled** which is written in their law, **"They hated Me without a cause."**

- **John 16:8-9** "And when He (the Holy Spirit) has come, He will \_\_\_\_\_ the world of \_\_\_\_\_, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of \_\_\_\_\_, because they do not \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."
- **John 9:39-41** "And Jesus said, 'For \_\_\_\_\_ I have come into this world, that those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_, and that those who \_\_\_\_\_ may be made \_\_\_\_\_.' Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, 'Are we \_\_\_\_\_ also?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no \_\_\_\_\_; but now you say, 'We \_\_\_\_\_.' Therefore your \_\_\_\_\_ remains.'"
- **Psalm 69:4** "Those who \_\_\_\_\_ Me \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ are more than the hairs of My head; they are mighty who would \_\_\_\_\_ Me, being My enemies wrongfully....."

**Definition: "Now they have NO EXCUSE" and "They would have NO SIN"** - This does not mean that the Pharisees would have been sinless and perfect if Jesus hadn't come and done His miracles in their sight. Jesus is talking **specifically about the SIN of REJECTING Him as Messiah**. Jesus did all the "signs" and miracles that the Old Testament prophecies said the coming Messiah would do, so now **they have no excuse** for not believing in Him, and their only reason for rejecting Him is that they hate God!

- **Romans 1:20-22** "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ by the things that are \_\_\_\_\_, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without \_\_\_\_\_, because, although they \_\_\_\_\_ God, they did not glorify Him as \_\_\_\_\_, nor were thankful, but became futile (foolish, empty) in their \_\_\_\_\_, and their \_\_\_\_\_ hearts were \_\_\_\_\_. Professing to be wise, they became \_\_\_\_\_."

**26-27.** But **when the HELPER comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me**. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

- **John 16:13** "However, when \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, has come, \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ you into all \_\_\_\_\_; for \_\_\_\_\_ will not speak on His own authority, but whatever \_\_\_\_\_ hears \_\_\_\_\_ will speak; and \_\_\_\_\_ will tell you things to come."
- **John 14:25-26** "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, whom the Father will send in My name, He will \_\_\_\_\_ you all \_\_\_\_\_, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."
- **Romans 8:26-27** "Likewise the \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_. For we do not know what we should \_\_\_\_\_ for as we ought, but the \_\_\_\_\_ Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_"

knows what the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is, because He makes \_\_\_\_\_ for the saints according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "The SPIRIT HELPS in our WEAKNESSES"** -- The Holy Spirit is called the "Helper," and here in Romans 8:26-27 we see in detail one of the ways He helps in our lives. "Weakness" in this context means our INABILITY to KNOW exactly how we should PRAY. The **Holy Spirit helps us** in our praying **when we really get SERIOUS about prayer**. This is not talking about the selfish or foolish requests we sometimes ask of God (see James 4:2-3), but when we are **sincere and earnest**, we don't have to worry about "not praying correctly" or "following a certain prayer formula." The Holy Spirit HIMSELF will make any CORRECTIONS NECESSARY, and **PRESENT our PRAYERS before the Father** (make intercession for us), because **He knows our hearts, and He knows the will of God**.

- **I Corinthians 2:10-11** "But \_\_\_\_\_ has revealed them to us through His \_\_\_\_\_. For the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the \_\_\_\_\_ of the man which is \_\_\_\_\_ him? Even so no one \_\_\_\_\_ the things of God except the \_\_\_\_\_ of God"
- **Psalms 139:1 & 7** "O Lord, You have \_\_\_\_\_ me and \_\_\_\_\_ me." "Where can I go from Your \_\_\_\_\_? Or where can I flee from Your presence?"

**16:1.** These things I have spoken to you, **that you should NOT be made to STUMBLE**.

- **John 14:29** "And now I have \_\_\_\_\_ you before it \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, that when it does come to pass, you may \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Luke 17:2** "It would be better for him if a \_\_\_\_\_ were hung around his neck, and he were \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_, than that he should offend (cause to stumble) one of these little ones."
- **James 3:2** "For we all \_\_\_\_\_ in many things. If anyone does not \_\_\_\_\_ in word, he is a \_\_\_\_\_ man, able also to bridle (bring under control) the whole body."

**Definition: "That you should NOT be made to STUMBLE"** - "Made to stumble" usually means "caused to sin" in some kind of way. Jesus says that the reason He is telling them all these things ahead of time, is **so that they will not DOUBT and be damaged in their faith** (made to stumble). If they knew what was going to happen to Jesus, it would "cushion the blow" and help them to stay on track.

**2-3.** They will put you out of the **synagogues**; yes, the time is coming that **whoever KILLS you will THINK that he OFFERS GOD SERVICE**.

- **Matthew 10:17-20 & 28** "But \_\_\_\_\_ of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge (whip, beat) you in their \_\_\_\_\_. And you will be brought before governors and kings for My \_\_\_\_\_, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up (arrest you), do not \_\_\_\_\_ about how or what you should \_\_\_\_\_. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ in you." "And do not \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ the body but cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. But rather fear Him who is able to \_\_\_\_\_ both soul and body in hell."
- **Acts 7:58-8:1** "Now they cast him out of the city and \_\_\_\_\_ him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a \_\_\_\_\_ man named \_\_\_\_\_. And they stoned Stephen....." "Now Saul was \_\_\_\_\_"

to his \_\_\_\_\_. At that time a great \_\_\_\_\_ arose against the church which was at Jerusalem...."

**Definition: "Whoever KILLS you will THINK that he OFFERS God SERVICE" -** Many misguided people have killed the **true followers of Jesus Christ** over the last 2,000 years in **the name of their god or religion**, some even calling themselves Christians. Some, like Saul of Tarsus, who later became known as the Apostle Paul, eventually became true Believers themselves. Many, however, have persecuted and killed Christians because they hate God, and they are motivated by Satan. Most of us are sheltered here in America, and we do not realize **how many Believers in Christ are killed every day** in other countries, just because of their faith in Jesus!

- **Galatians 1:13** "For you have heard of my \_\_\_\_\_ conduct in \_\_\_\_\_, how I \_\_\_\_\_ the church of God beyond measure and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ it."
- **Acts 9:1** "Then Saul, still breathing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, went to the high priest, and asked letters of him to the synagogues...."

**Definition: "FEAR Him who is able to DESTROY both SOUL and BODY in HELL" -** Why are we to fear God? There is a difference between the "fear of man" and the "fear of God." **To fear God means to give Him REVERENCE and awe** because of His holiness and power, and to OBEY Him simply because He is God. The "fear of man" or fear of what people will think of us or do to us **causes us to NOT step out in faith and do what God wants**. Jesus is saying here that it is better to obey God, because ultimately, men can only kill your body, they cannot touch your spirit and soul.

- **Hebrews 13:5-6** "...He Himself has said, 'I will \_\_\_\_\_ you nor \_\_\_\_\_ you', so that we may boldly say, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_, and I will not \_\_\_\_\_ what man shall do to me.'"
- **Psalms 33:8** "Let all the earth \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, let all the inhabitants of the world \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**4-7.** And these things they will do to you because **they have not known the Father nor Me**. But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. But **now I go away to HIM who SENT Me**, and none of you asks Me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; **for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will SEND HIM to you.**

- **John 7:33** "Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little \_\_\_\_\_ longer, and then I \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ Me."
- **John 14:26** "But the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, whom the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ in My name, He will \_\_\_\_\_ you all \_\_\_\_\_, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."
- **John 14:16-17** "And I will pray the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ you another \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ may abide with you forever, even the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_....."
- **Ezekiel 36:26-27** "Moreover, I will give you a new \_\_\_\_\_ and put a new \_\_\_\_\_ within you; and I will remove the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My \_\_\_\_\_ within you and cause you to walk in My statutes (laws), and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."

**Definition: "If I depart, I will SEND HIM to you"** - Between chapters 14 through 16 of John, Jesus refers to the sending of the Holy Spirit many times. He says the Father will send the Holy Spirit in some verses, and He says that **He Himself will send the Holy Spirit** in other verses. Also, notice how the Holy Spirit is "He" and "Him," not an "It." The Holy Spirit is God, and the Third Person of the Godhead (Trinity).

- **II Corinthians 3:17** "Now the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_; and where the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is, there is liberty."
- **John 15:26** "But when the \_\_\_\_\_ comes, whom \_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ to you from the Father, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who proceeds from the Father, \_\_\_\_\_ will testify of Me."
- **John 4:10 & 13-14** "\_\_\_\_\_ answered and said to he, 'If you knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and \_\_\_\_\_ would have \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.'" "Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that \_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ him will never thirst. But the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ him will become in him a \_\_\_\_\_ of water springing up into everlasting life.'"
- **John 7:38-39** "He who \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his \_\_\_\_\_ will flow rivers of living \_\_\_\_\_. But this He spoke concerning the \_\_\_\_\_, whom those \_\_\_\_\_ in Him would \_\_\_\_\_; for the \_\_\_\_\_ was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."
- **Jeremiah 2:13** "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "FORSAKEN the FOUNTAIN of LIVING WATER"** - Forsake means to quit or leave entirely, to abandon. God says that **He Himself is the "Fountain of Living Water"**. In John 7:37-39, Jesus says He is referring to the Holy Spirit as the source of this living water. Since **the Holy Spirit, Jesus, and God the Father are One**, if we have the Holy Spirit living in us, we also have God the Father and Jesus living in us, and we have **"living waters"** springing up into everlasting life!

- **Jeremiah 17:13** "O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who \_\_\_\_\_ Thee will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, because they have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ water, even the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "Now I GO AWAY to HIM who SENT Me"** - For forty days after His resurrection, Jesus remained on earth and appeared to His disciples many times. Then, after the forty days, He went up to heaven, and ten days later, He sent down the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1-9).

- **John 16:28** "I came forth from the \_\_\_\_\_ and have come into the world. Again, I \_\_\_\_\_ the world and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Luke 24:51** "Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that \_\_\_\_\_ was parted from them and \_\_\_\_\_ up into \_\_\_\_\_."