

²⁶But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. —John 15:26-27 ESV

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Witnessing is Difficult Work
Because of Resistance

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¹I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me. —John 16:1-3 ESV

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A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me. —John 16:16 ESV

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Witnessing is Dynamic Work
Because of Coming Joy

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²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish,

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for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. —John 16:20-22 *ESV*

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Witnessing is Dependent Work
Because of the “Helping” Spirit

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⁷Nevertheless, 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 go, I will send Him to you.
⁸And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

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⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. —John 16:7-11 *ESV*

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The Helper
John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26-27; 16:13-14

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“God’s way to strengthen and sustain His people is through the work and power of the Holy Spirit.”

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¹³When the Spirit of truth comes,
He will guide you into all the truth,
for He will not speak on His own
authority, but whatever He hears
He will speak, and He will declare to
you the things that are to come.
¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take
what is Mine and declare it to you.

—John 16:13-14 ESV

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“The ministry of Jesus is continued
and fulfilled through the strategy
and sufficiency of the Holy Spirit.”

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“Sin is a violation of God’s intention
for humanity. It is a destructive force
that wrecks and ruins the full glory
and beauty of humanity as God
intended it to be. A mere glance at
what is happening in society will
convince you how true this is...
People all around us are hurting,
lonely, and miserable inside;

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life is just as empty and as painful as it
is anywhere on earth. Why is that?
It is because of sin. But they do not
know that. They do not understand
what causes all the pain, hurt, and
loneliness. They ascribe it to a lot of
different sources, but when those are
corrected the same pain, the same
emptiness remains.” —Ray Stedman

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¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not
condemned, but whoever does not
believe is condemned already,
because he has not believed in the
name of the only Son of God.
¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light
has come into the world, and people
loved the darkness rather than the
light because their works were evil.

—John 3:18-19 ESV

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²⁰For everyone who does wicked
things hates the light and does not
come to the light, lest his works
should be exposed. ²¹But whoever
does what is true comes to the
light, so that it may be clearly seen
that his works have been carried
out in God. —John 3:20-21 ESV

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“Sin is the most ‘misdiagnosed’
illness in the human race.”

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“They are trying to play the game of life without any reference to the One who sets the rules. The first thing they learn when they see people who have been inwardly transformed by the presence of the Spirit releasing to them the life of Jesus is that here are people who have found the secret of life. Here are people who like themselves have suffered all the hurt and the loneliness of life

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who now have found the secret of calmness, peace, and forgiveness. They discover for the first time that the nature of sin is to ignore the One in charge of life. ‘They sin because they do not believe in Me,’ Jesus declares. The secret to life, therefore, is to believe in and come to the Lord Jesus.” —Ray Stedman

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“The Christian life is not a righteous performance, but a life of peace and power through the righteous performance of Christ for us.”

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Romans 8:3-4, 10

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“We live no longer in the bondage of the adversary, but now in freedom as the sons and daughters of God.”

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Witnessing is a Declarative Work
Because of the Triumph of Jesus Christ

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I have said these things to you,
that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have
tribulation. But take heart;
I have overcome the world.

—John 16:33 ESV

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Two Categories of People
Overcomers
Overcome

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⁴For everyone who has been
born of God overcomes the
world. And this is the victory that
has overcome the world—our
faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes
the world except the one who
believes that Jesus is the Son of
God? —I John 5:4-5 ESV

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