

THE BENEFITS OF JESUS' RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER  
(John 16:25-33)

- I. The Blessing of Contact through His LOVE (John 16:25-27a)
  - A. Jesus had sometimes spoken to them in FIGURATIVE language
  - B. The time was COMING when Jesus would speak PLAINLY
    - 1. Through the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT at Pentecost
    - 2. Teaching them between His RESURRECTION and ASCENSION
  - C. He would explain their BENEFIT from His relationship with the Father
    - 1. He had told them, “you will ASK in MY NAME” (cf. 15:16; 16:23)
    - 2. He insists He is not the MESSENGER delivering our REQUESTS to the Father
    - 3. The Father responds to our requests because He LOVES US
  
- II. The Blessing of Confirmation of FAITH (John 16:27b-32)
  - A. Jesus SUMMARIZED the central theme of the Christian FAITH
    - 1. He came FROM the FATHER, confirming Jesus' DEITY
    - 2. He came INTO the WORLD, confirming Jesus' DUTY
    - 3. He's RETURNING to the FATHER, confirming Jesus' DESTINY
  - B. The disciples realized He was SPEAKING PLAINLY

1. They AFFIRMED their faith in Jesus' DEITY
2. They PRESUMED all their questions had been answered
- C. Jesus' notes the IMMATURITY of their DECLARATION
  1. They would SCATTER and leave Jesus ALONE
  2. Even when they ABANDONED Him, the FATHER would not

III. The Blessing of Confident HOPE (John 16:33)

- A. Jesus reminded them of the PEACE He had bequeathed to them (14:27)
- B. Jesus reminded them of the TROUBLE they'd face in the world (15:18-25)
- C. Jesus affirmed His coming VICTORY over the WORLD (cf. Rom. 8:38-39)