

Dove-Vine Intervention #4

The Permanent Voice

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John 16:5-16 ⁵"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not *come to you*; but if I go, I will send him *to you*. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹²"I have much more to say *to you*, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he *will speak* only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known *to you*. ¹⁶"In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." (NIV)

I. The Holy Spirit now has a permanent voice in the world. V. 13

- A.** Notice the location of where the Spirit **dwells**. V. 7 "to you.." This is the key to understanding this passage. The point of origin for the Spirit's ministry is "YOU".
- B.** The world will be **convicted** by the presence of believers. V. 9 We don't need to apologize for people getting convicted by our presence.
- C.** The church is the **visible** representation of Jesus Christ. V. 10
- D.** The church is to **claim** what was earned by the sacrifice on the cross. V. 11 Judgment has come to Satan and the other powers and authorities that reject God.

II. The Holy Spirit equips us for this task.

- A.** He gives us **truth**. V. 13
- B.** He gives us **authority**. V. 14
- C.** He gives us **gifts**. V. 15

III. How can we apply these truths to our life.

- A.** We need to look for **opportunities** to point people toward Jesus Christ.
- B.** We need to use our authority to help others get **victory** over the enemy.
- C.** We must learn what our gift(s) are and start **using** them.
- D.** We must stop seeking **signs** to prove what the Holy Spirit is trying to tell us. He will make clear what was meant to be clear. Walking by faith means that we will not always have a clear sign.