

PBC Growing in Christ

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Class Norms

A large black cross silhouette stands in a field of dry grass under a blue sky with light clouds. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and horizontal arms clearly visible against the sky. The field in the foreground is filled with dry, brownish grass, and the sky is a mix of deep blue and lighter, hazy tones with some wispy clouds.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 15:26-27; 16:7-15

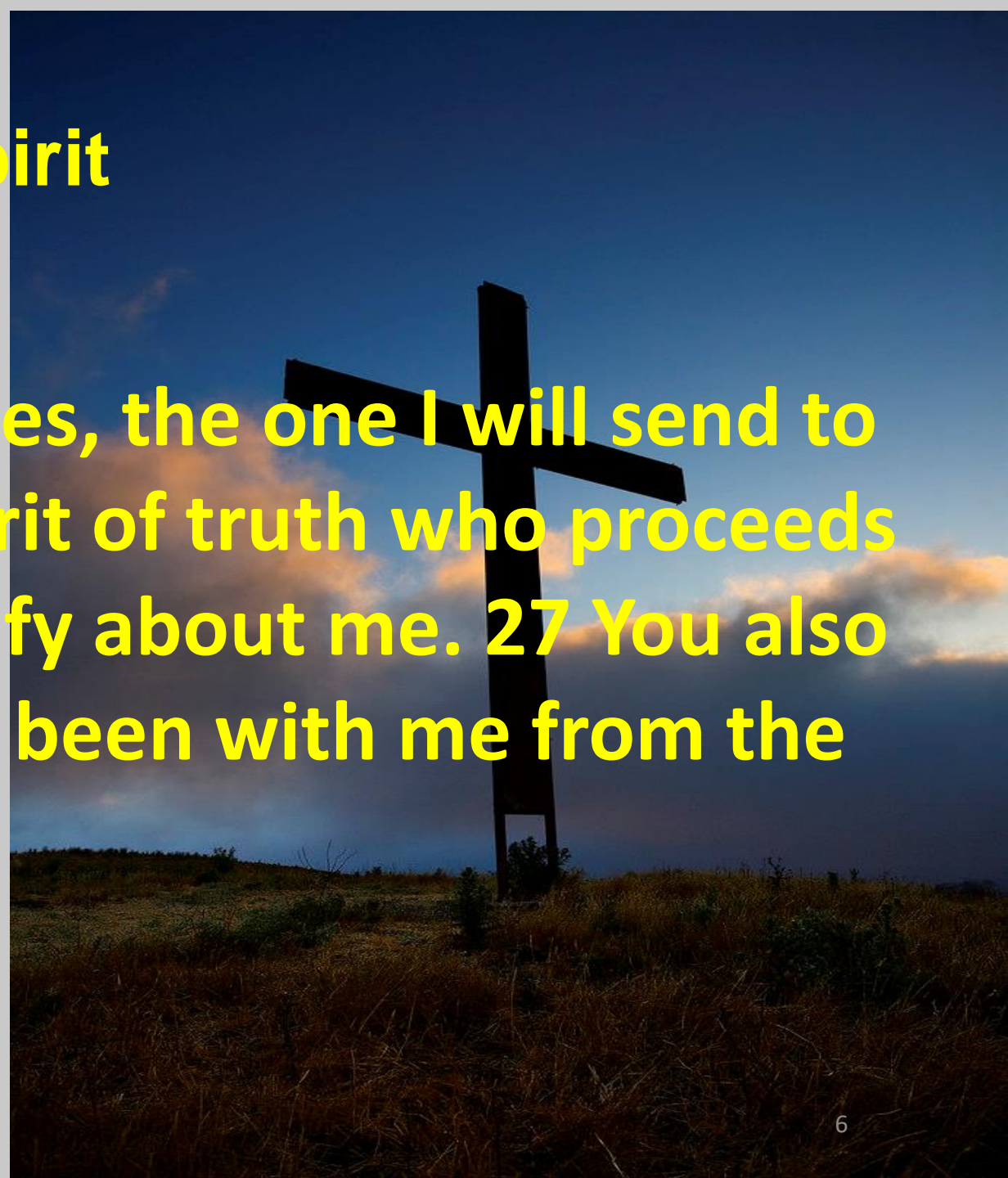
What's a memorable parade you've watched or attended?

Scripture

The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 15:26-27

26 “When the Counselor comes, the one I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 You also will testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

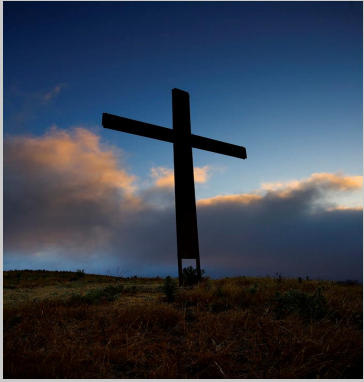




The Work of the Holy Spirit John 15:26-27

What do we learn about the Holy Spirit from this passage?

How does the Holy Spirit help us to be Christ's witnesses?



The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 15:26-27

- **The holy spirit is a gift from the Father through Jesus**
- **The holy spirit is.....**
 - **Truthful**
 - **Powerful**
 - **Allows the impossible to happen**
 - **Testify of the power**

Scripture

The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-11

7 Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: 9 About sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; 11 and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.



The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-11

What are some ways the Holy Spirit helps us recognize our sins?

Why is it a positive thing to be convicted of your sin?



The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-11

- Holy spirit reveals our sins, because we can be blinded by the flesh. As we share the gospel and witness for Christ,
- The Holy Spirit will use our witness to convict unbelievers in three areas.
 - **Sin.** The Holy Spirit convicts us of all sins, but the sin Jesus was referring to here is the sin of unbelief.
 - **Righteousness.** Even unbelievers can have a notion of what righteousness is, but the Holy Spirit convicts them about the righteousness of Christ. He leads them to see the truth of who Jesus is: the righteous, holy Son of God.
 - **Judgment.** The work of Satan and our sin was judged on the cross of Christ. Our sin was judged and dealt with through the death of Jesus, and salvation is complete.

Scripture

The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:12-15

12 “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. 15 Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I told you that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.



The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:12-15

What are some ways the Holy Spirit has used you to glorify Jesus?

What promises are we given about the Holy Spirit in these verses?



The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:12-15

- The Spirit guides us into all truth; He speaks Jesus' words to us; He glorifies the Son. These tasks aren't separate from one another. By guiding us into all truth, the Holy Spirit is also glorifying Jesus. Bringing glory and honor to Jesus is a part of everything the Spirit does.
- Refer to Roman 8:13-17 "The work of the holy spirit:
 - The Holy Spirit helps us put to death the deeds of the flesh (see v. 13).
 - The Holy Spirit leads us and directs our steps (see v. 14-15).
 - The Holy Spirit testifies that we belong to Christ (see v. 16-17).

Scripture

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:13-17 (NIV)

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.





GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Respond to the Holy Spirit.** As you recognize sin in your life, thank God for the mercy of conviction and for the power to resist temptation. If He is convicting you of an unconfessed sin, take a few minutes to repent of that sin.
- **Submit to the Holy Spirit.** Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you and have control of your life. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Which of these fruits of the Holy Spirit do you struggle with most? Determine a way you can practice one of them with someone close to you this week.
- **Rely on the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit empowers us to accomplish what we can't accomplish on our own. Is God calling you to something that seems impossible? Ask Him to help you rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish His will.



Final thoughts about The Work of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit comes to us, He will do His convicting work through us.
- The Holy Spirit helps us put to death the deeds of the flesh, we no longer walk as children of darkness, but as children of the Light.
- The Holy Spirit directs our steps toward those actions and activities that honor Christ and gives us the tools to live a Christ-glorifying life.
- The Holy Spirit comes into our lives to help us magnify the work of Jesus.
The more time we spend listening to Him, the easier obeying His direction will become.

Resources

- **John 14:16-17**
- **Acts 1:8**
- **Matthew 28:18-20**
- **Romans 8:13-17**
- **BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**
- **Bible.com**



Next Week: April 18, 2021 The Return of Jesus

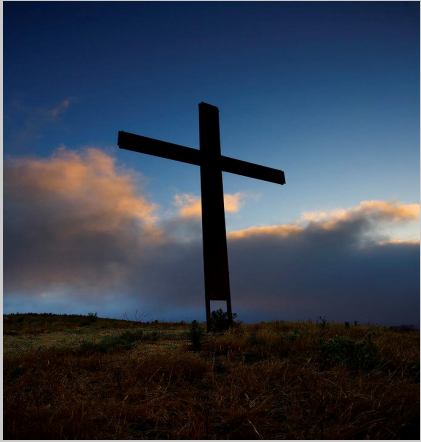
THE POINT

Jesus will return to establish His eternal kingdom.

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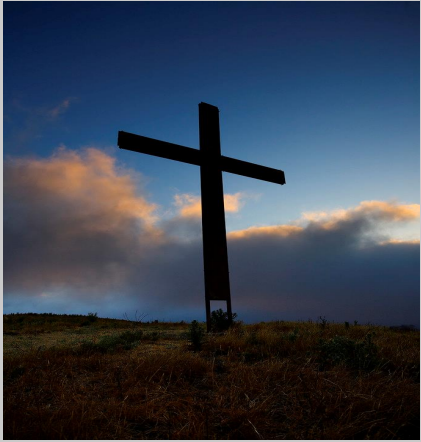
Matthew 24:3-8,29-32,42-44

What are some future events you can't wait to experience?



Bible Study Session Date of Essentials of Christianity

1	April 25, 2021	The Nature of God	John 14:8-11,16-20,23-26
2	May 2, 2021	The Purpose of Humanity	Genesis 1:1-5,26-31
3	May 9, 2021	The Nature of Sin	Isaiah 59:1-13
4	May 16, 2021	The Death of Jesus	John 19:8-11,16b-18,28-30
5	May 23, 2021	The Resurrection of Jesus	John 20:3-9,19-23,27-29
6	May 30, 2021	The Work of the Holy Spirit	John 15:26-27; 16:7-15
7	April 18, 2021	The Return of Jesus	Matthew 24:3-8,29-32,42-44



Bible Study Session Date of How to Share Christ

1 April 25, 2021	Our Commission	Matthew 28:1-20; 2Cor. 5:16-21
2 May 2, 2021	Start with Prayer	1Timothy 2:1-8
3 May 9, 2021	The Message	Romans 10:8-17
4 May 16, 2021	Live the Message	Colossians 3:1-3,12-17
5 May 23, 2021	Share the Message	Acts 17:16-18,22-23,30-31
6 May 30, 2021	Trust God to Work	Matthew 13:3-8,18-23



**God Bless
You!**

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