

Sermon Outline
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The Promises of Absence and Presence
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Sermon Text: John 16: 16-33

1. The Crisis of the moment

The disciple's questions and Jesus' answers (vs. 16-19)

The shameful and painful death of the cross will bring disappointment and sadness! (vs. 20-21)

The immediate crisis—betrayal, arrest, death, scattering of disciples (vs. 29-32a)

The sorrow of their loss will turn into unending joy. (vs 20b-22)

William Hendrickson summary of verses 16-32a

A little while -- a few more hours! --, and I will be taken away from you, for I will be put to death and buried. Hence, you will observe me no longer. But I will not remain away from you. I will rise from death gloriously on the third day, I will usher in the dispensation of the Spirit. In and by means of the mighty works which he will perform on earth, you will see me.

2. The characteristics of the future of life after Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost

The promise of: Full knowledge of the saving purpose of God. (vs 23, 25a)

The promise of Prayer made through Jesus' name. (vs. 24-28)

Ephesians 2:17

Jesus will be victorious, vindicated by the Father in the resurrection. (vs 32b-33)

Edd Cathey summary of verses 22-28 and 32b, 33

In the future you will have the big picture, the whole story. You will be able to look back and rejoice in what God has done! Not wishing away the crucifixion and death of Jesus, but seeing the triumph of God in the cross and resurrection!

This is also true today for all who follow Jesus.