

Study Continued

7. Read John 16:7. We will cover the rest of John 16 next week.
Why is it good that Jesus is going away?

What is the significance of Jesus sending the 'Advocate' to us, in light of this weeks study?

How can we live each day empowered by the Holy Spirit?



Only One Life by C.T. Studd

Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

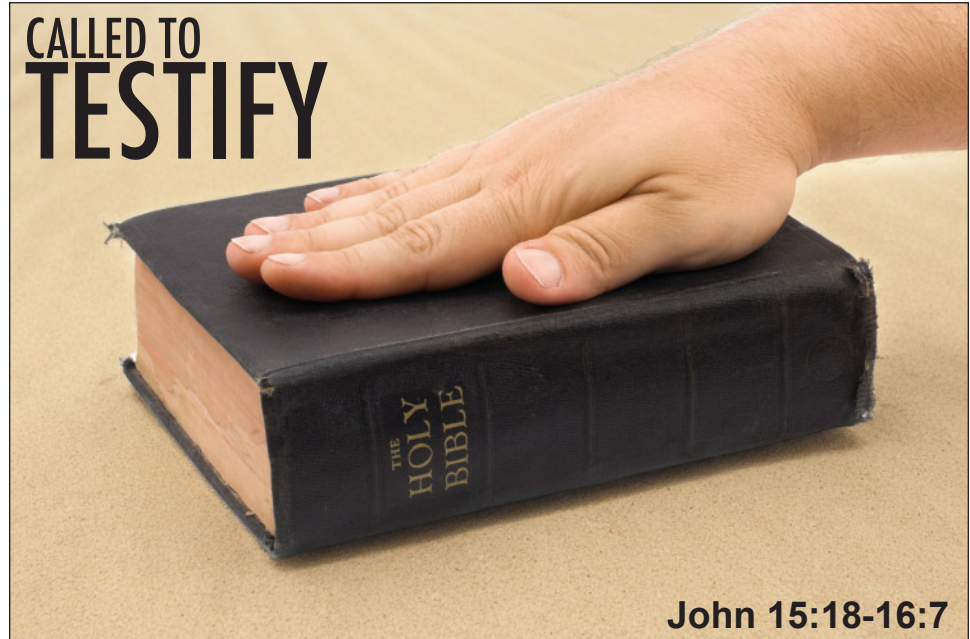
Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its days I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore, When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way, Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep, In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife, Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn, And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone, Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say 'twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.



*"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father
- the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father -
he will testify about me. And you also must testify,
for you have been with me from the beginning."*

John 15:26-27



CALLED TO TESTIFY • John 15:18-6:7

John 15:26-27 When the advocate comes... He will testify about me. And you
also must _____

We are called to be _____ testimonies

CALLED OUT OF THE WORLD

Background:

John 15:18-19 ...you do not _____ to the world

1Cor 6:19-20 You are not your own; you were _____

1Cor 10:31 Whatever you do, do it all _____

DEFINED BY JESUS

John 15:20 Your life is _____ by Jesus

John 15:21 The reason the world is antagonistic towards Christianity is...

How do I live a life defined by Jesus?

Be _____ (Acts 2:42)

Be _____ (1 Peter 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:22)

Be _____ (1 Peter 5:8)

LIVE FOR THE GOSPEL

John 15:26-27

To testify =

Matthew 16:24 Whoever wants to be my disciple must _____ themselves and
_____ their cross and _____ me

My life is to be a _____

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

John 16:1 All this I have told you so that _____

John 16:7 Very truly I tell you, it is for your _____ that I am going away.

Unless I go away, the _____ will not come to you; but if

I go, I will send him to you.

Start each day _____ Jesus

Live each day _____ Jesus

1. Read John 15:18-19. In the verses leading up to the passage we are studying today, Jesus has been telling us to 'remain' in Him, to bring forth fruit, and to be obedient to His commands. He gives us a new command to, 'Love each other as I have loved you.' Then Jesus says that we have been called out of a world that will hate us. How does this show us the importance of 'remaining in Christ?' and 'loving one another?'

Why will the world hate us? What should we do about it?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and 1 Corinthians 10:31. What do these two verses say about who we 'belong' to and how we should live our lives?

Do you think of yourself as, 'not your own?' How does our view of who we are change the way we live?

3. Read John 15:20-21. These two verses point out that the way we are treated by the world is because of Jesus, our life is defined by Jesus. From the notes opposite Pastor Peter gave three things that will enable us to live a life defined by Jesus. What are they? Explain.

4. Read John 15:22-25. These verses point out that Jesus showed Himself to be the promised Messiah, but they did not believe. The specific sin that Jesus is referring to is the rejection of Christ, and in so doing, rejecting the Father as well. Now read Matthew 16:24. Based on this verse how are we being called to live in order to live like Jesus in a world that is antagonistic to Christians?

5. Read John 15:26-27. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to us. He will testify to the world about who Jesus is. He will also empower us to do the same. What does the word 'testify' mean?

What does it mean to live our lives as a testimony to the world?

6. Read John 16:1-6. With the type of pressure that Jesus refers to here, coming from a world that hates those who living as a testimony to Christ, the tendency could be to, 'fall away.' But Jesus warns his disciples ahead of time, and he is also warning us. What is necessary for us to stand firm in the face of such opposition?