

John 16:25-33

V25-33 – What's going on with the disciples? When and where are we in the course of Jesus' time on this earth?

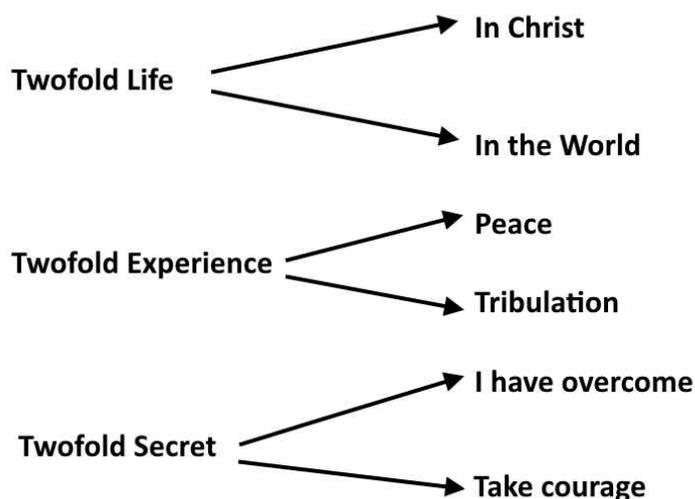
Profound Facts in John 16:33

As the life of Christ began with a declaration of God's endowing and imbuing this sin-agitated world with his peace in Jesus (Luke 2:14), in the same way Jesus, the mediator and means of that peace concludes his message to his disciples, before the cross, of peace.

The experience of the disciples, is reflected in that of our own.

We live as people with dual citizenship

Living in Two Worlds



The Christian life is hugely significant in that it involves living in two worlds. The Christian life is unique! It is only in Christ that we, who do live this way, can find true peace (14:27). We find peace *while we are in this world*, but we do not seek or expect to find peace *through the unspiritual means of this world*.

“In this world, you have tribulation” - The 3 Modes		
1-General trials	2- By Divine Permission	3- By Divine Intention
Because we live in a sinful world	Afflictions/trials God allows into our lives	God intentionally disciplines via trouble
Romans 8:35-36	Romans 8:28	Heb 12:6-7

“I have overcome the world” - A most emphatic statement! And one that can have a profound effect on the confidence and peace of the believer if we take it to heart, by faith! The word “overcome” means *to conquer by overthrowing an enemy*. Just as a mortally wounded animal continues to bite and fight, so the attacks by our enemy, the world, are simply the death-agonies of a mortally wounded and conquered foe.

And just as a wounded animal might “play dead” to lure us close to bite us, so we must not take the bait and approach the world for our source of peace when we're agitated and needy.

How do we, by faith, apply this stunning truth of, “I have overcome” to our own lives? Two little words, found in the middle of v33: **“in me”** - that is, in Christ, and these point us straight to Jesus' earlier teaching on the Vine and Branches in 15:4-5. The secret is to abide in Christ, to walk in His Spirit,.

Quick flight, bird's-eye view of John 17			
<u>The 3 Great Words in John 17</u>		<u>The 4 Great Doctrines in John 17</u>	
Glory	vv1-5	Salvation	vv1-5
Kept	vv6-19	Preservation	vv11-16
One	vv20-26	Sanctification	vv17-19
		Glorification	vv20-26

How to get the most out of this sermon series and bear much fruit. I ask that you:

- Pray for me as I prepare and teach it.
- Pray for yourself (and your family) that you take it to heart.
- Invest 15 minutes each week reading each of the above sections... the 3 great words verses, and the 4 great doctrines verses. Read them and see them for those words and concepts.