

John 16:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Analysis

Of righteousness, because I go to my Father (περὶ δικαιοσύνης δέ, ὅτι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα ὑπάγω, *peri dikaiosynēs de, hoti pros ton patera hypagō*)—the Spirit convicts concerning *dikaiosynē* (righteousness, justice) by proving Christ's vindication through His ascension. **Ye see me no more** (οὐκέτι θεωρεῖτέ με, *ouketi theōreite me*) marks the transition from earthly ministry to heavenly session.

Christ's return to the Father proves His righteousness and provides ours. The world condemned Jesus as a blasphemous criminal; God vindicated Him through resurrection and ascension. This exposes two truths: first, the world's 'righteousness' is corrupt (they crucified the Righteous One); second, true righteousness is found only in Christ, now exalted at the Father's right hand. The Spirit convicts that human righteousness is insufficient and that Christ's imputed righteousness is both necessary and available through faith.

Historical Context

Jesus spoke this hours before being condemned by both Jewish and Roman courts as a criminal worthy of crucifixion. Yet within 40 days, He would ascend to the Father (Acts 1:9-11), proving the world's verdict false and God's verdict true. The ascension became the divine courtroom reversal, with the Father's acceptance of Jesus demonstrating His perfect righteousness and validating His atoning work.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's ascension to the Father prove both His righteousness and yours?
2. In what ways do you still seek to establish your own righteousness rather than receiving Christ's?
3. How should the Spirit's conviction of righteousness affect your evangelism and discipleship?

Interlinear Text

περὶ	δικαιοσύνης	δέ	ὅτι	πρὸς	τὸν	πατέρα	μου
Of	righteousness	G1161	because	to	G3588	Father	my
G4012	G1343		G3754	G4314		G3962	G3450
ὑπάγω	καὶ	οὐκ	ἔτι	θεωρεῖτέ	με·		
I go	and	G3756	more	ye see	me		
G5217	G2532		G2089	G2334	G3165		

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 5:21 (Righteousness): For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1 Peter 3:18 (Righteousness): For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Acts 3:14 (Righteousness): But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

1 Corinthians 1:30 (Righteousness): But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

1 Timothy 3:16 (Righteousness): And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

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