

John 16 • The Work of the Helper

1. (v.1-4) Nothing the world does can **overcome** a believer who puts God's **Word** and **ways** into practice.
2. (v.5-11) There is no **salvation** without Holy Spirit-led **conviction** of sin and righteousness, the working of **judgment** in this life to save the lost. This is the actual working of the **Gospel** and the role of the Holy Spirit to the **world**.
3. (v. 12-15) The role of the Holy Spirit in each individual believer is the continual working of the **Word** to not just guide us into all **truth**, but so that it ultimately **glorifies** Christ.
4. (v.16-24) The role of the Holy Spirit in each individual believer is establishing a steadfast **faith** inseparable from their **prayer** life.
5. (v.25-28) Biblical prayer to the Father takes place in the **Spirit** through the **Son**. A right and proper prayer life is **inseparable** from a right and proper relationship with **Christ**.
6. (v.29-33) The work of the **Godhead** in each individual believer's life is ultimately the **faith** which **overcomes** the world.

Discuss each of the seven "ask in My name" references in the past few chapters and how they might both related to each other as well as the bottom-line teaching they combine into:

1. ¹³"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, **so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** (Jn. 14:13)
2. ¹⁴"If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. (Jn. 14:14)
3. ⁷"**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,** ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (Jn. 15:7)
4. ¹⁶"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would **go and bear fruit,** and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. (Jn. 15:16)
5. ²³"In that day **you will not question Me about anything.** Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. (Jn. 16:23)
6. ²⁴"Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, **so that your joy may be made full.** (Jn. 16:24)
7. ²⁶"In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father Himself loves you, **because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.** (Jn. 16:26–27)

How do these things combine to teach us the true nature of a biblical prayer?