

"A Spirit-Empowered Witness"

Text: John 15:26-16:4

Scripture reading: I Peter 4

I. An empowered testimony - 15:26-27

A) The Spirit gives testimony to Christ's mercy and grace

B) The Spirit gives testimony to the truth of Christ

C) The Spirit gives testimony through the Church (Rom. 10:17; I Thess. 1:5; I Cor. 2:4-5)

II. An attacked witness - 16:1-2

A) No avoidance (Acts 5:41; Phil. 3:10; Gal. 6:17; Phil. 1:27-29)

B) No stumbling (Matt. 26:31)

C) No limits (Matt. 10:28)

III. An informed witness - 16:3-4

A) Things done in rejection - vs. 3

B) Things to be remembered - vs. 4a

C) Things given appropriately - vs. 4b

Conclusion:

1) Will I _____ the Spirit's _____? (II Pet. 1:3)

2) Will I _____ under _____?

3) Will I _____ against the _____?

"An unjust man is abominable to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way is abominable to the wicked."
Solomon (Pr. 29:27)

Sermon quotes:

Arthur Pink, *"Marvelous grace is this. Neither hostility nor hatred had quenched the compassion of Christ. The world might cast Him out, yet still would His mercy linger over it. Before judgment ultimately descended on the world, a further witness to Himself should be given to it, a witness which has already continued for over eighteen centuries! May Divine power enable every Christian to witness faithfully and constantly for our absent Lord. May we by lip and life bear testimony, in season and out of season, to His excellency, and to Him as our sufficiency."*

Arthur Pink (written almost 75 years ago),

"The 'professing Church' has boasted that it would convert the world. To accomplish this aim, it has sought to popularize 'religion.' Innumerable devices have been employed - (many of which even a sense of propriety should have suppressed) - to attract the ungodly. The result has been the world has converted the 'professing Church.'"