

**Title: "Finally Seeing God"**

**Text: John 16:25-33**

1. The confusing exasperation (**vv. 16-19**)
2. The comforting explanation (**vv. 20-24**)
3. The confident expectation (**vv. 25-33**)

**Luke 22:44-48** "Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.'"

**1 Cor. 2:2** "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

**Col. 1:28-29** "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily."

**1 Cor. 1:22-23** "For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

### **Acts**

**Galatians 6:14** "But God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

**John 1:18** "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

- a) Deeper love (**vv. 25-27**)

**Col. 1:19-22** "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him...having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight."

**Col. 2:13-15** "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

- b) Increased faith (**vv. 28-32**)

c) Certain hope (v. 33)

**1 John 4:4** “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

**1 John 5:5** “Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

**Romans 8:35-37** “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

**1 Cor. 15:57-58** “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”