



"And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

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REENACTING THE PAST

Last Sunday saw a reenactment of the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" march in Selma, Alabama—this time without the blood. In the original event of 50 years ago, some 600 peaceful marchers were demonstrating for voting rights when they were attacked by police using clubs, whips, and tear gas. That turned out to be a watershed moment that led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Last Sunday's march was intended to call attention to the continuing need to ensure that no one is denied civil rights and justice.

REDEEMING FOR ETERNITY

Christians realize the need to work to eliminate the sin of earthly injustice while proclaiming the eternal justice that Jesus will implement in finality at his second coming. Until he does return, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us in confronting sins of all kinds. He is the Spirit of Truth. When truth confronts sin, sin loses.

1. Why did some Christians of 50 years ago oppose equal voting rights? How do we keep from repeating this error?
2. Were Jesus' declarations in John 16:13 only for the apostles, or were they for all Christians of all centuries? Explain.
3. What does today's lesson text imply about the nature of the relationship between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
4. Does John 16:7 imply that it's better for us to have the Holy Spirit than to have Jesus walking among us in the flesh? Why, or why not?
5. When was an occasion that you saw truth defeat sin? Describe.

—Charles R. Boatman

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