

The Work of the Holy Spirit



John 16:7-15

- For three years, Jesus had been with the disciples to protect them from attack, but now He was about to leave them.
- The major reason is that the Holy Spirit might come is to empower the church for life and witness.
- It is very important to note that the Holy Spirit comes to the church and not to the world.
- Our Lord Himself gives the clearest revelation of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit helps believers (v. 7).

- A. Since Jesus departed, we now have a glorified and exalted Lord (Eph. 1:19-20).
- B. Since Jesus departed, we now have an Intercessor before the very throne of God (Heb. 4:14-16).
- C. Since Jesus departed, we now have the presence of the Holy Spirit with us at all times (John 14:16).
- D. Since Jesus departed, we now have a real gospel to proclaim, the gospel of the risen and exalted Lord (Rom. 10:8-10, 13).
- E. Since Jesus departed, we now have the worldwide work of the Holy Spirit, His work of:
 - Convicting the world
 - Helping and guiding believers
 - Glorifying Christ

2. The Holy Spirit convicts and convinces the world (v. 8-11).

- Convict means to prick a person's heart until he senses and knows he is guilty.
- Convince means to hammer and drive at a person's heart until he knows the fact is true.
- The Holy Spirit convicts and convinces the world of three things: sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- A. There is the conviction of sin.
 - The Holy Spirit convicts the world of its sin, that man is sinful (Rom. 3:23; Eph. 2:1; Heb. 2:2-3).
 - The Holy Spirit convinces the world that a man's unbelief is wrong (John 8:24; 1 John 2:2-2).

B. There is the conviction of righteousness.

- The Holy Spirit convicts the world of its lack of righteousness, that a man has no righteousness whatsoever that is acceptable to God (Gal. 3:11; Gal. 2:16; Isa. 64:6-7, 9-12).
- The Holy Spirit convinces the world that Jesus' righteousness is acceptable to God (2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 4:24-25).

C. There is the conviction of judgment.

- The Holy Spirit convicts the world that judgment is coming, that a man is to face the personal judgment of God (Rom. 14:12; Heb. 9:27).
- The Holy Spirit convinces the world that Jesus has borne the judgment of sin and death for man (1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Pet. 3:18; John 12:31; Heb. 2:14-15; John 3:16; Eph. 1:7).

3. This passage concerns the judgment of Satan (v. 11).

A. Satan is judged and condemned by the obedience of Christ upon the cross.

B. Satan is judged and condemned by the belief of men in the cross, in the death of Christ.

- The cross judges and breaks the power of Satan over the world (Jn. 12:31).
- The cross judges and breaks the authority and power of Satan over death (Jn. 12:31).
- The cross judges and breaks the authority and power of Satan to corrupt men through worldliness and sin (Jn. 12:32).

