

# 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).

**4. The Holy Spirit guides believers (v. 12-13).**

**A. The Holy Spirit guides by speaking the truth (Psa. 48:14; 73:24; Isa. 30:21; Isa. 42:16; Isa. 48:17).**

**B. The Holy Spirit guides by leading into all the truth (John 15:26; 1 John 4:6).**