

The Holy Spirit's Work 2019-11-17

John 16:7-15

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

When leave give instructions to loved ones...example.

- Jesus leaving so He gives disciples hope and prepares them with information and directions on how to continue His mission....still in upper room.
 - Warns disciples that the world will respond to them same as it did Jesus.
 - Even if abide, persecution/trials come. John 15:16-20b, John 16:4, 33

They'll find hope/strength through His death and resurrection and His indwelling presence.

- Here Jesus reveals some of work of Holy Spirit: He glorifies Jesus by convicting world of sin, righteousness and judgment and reveals the truth to Christians.
 - Holy Spirit convicts sinners and illuminates believers. John 16:7-9

World not convinced of sin or that they've sinned....I'm not that bad!

- Holy Spirit exposes world's error by illuminating facts about sin; anything against character/will of God....before being a Christian, I did not agree with God about sin.
 - Not believing in Jesus as savior/Messiah is root of all sin.

Convicts world of sin and need for righteousness don't have. John 16:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21,

- Holy Spirit lifts veil and displays God's holiness and our separation because of sin

- Holy Spirit reveals that because of resurrection, Jesus alone standard of righteousness and that Jesus is righteousness we desperately need.

- At salvation: Father imputes JC's righteousness to us

Holy Spirit convicts world of its sin, makes clear God's standard of righteousness and reveals that individual judgment awaits all. John 16:11, 5:22, Acts 10:42.

- Thru Jesus' death/resurrection, Satan already judged and condemned.
 - If Jesus judge/condemn Satan, He has all authority to judge everyone based on God's righteous standard....Jesus Christ!

Holy Spirit prepares heart/mind, then persuades/enables to receive Gospel. John 6:44, John 5:24

- Holy Spirit lovingly convicts of sin, reveals God's holiness and our need for rightness, brings to repent so our judgment placed upon Jesus at the cross.

- God's grace precedes even faith (God's gift). Ephesians 2:8-9

God has determined He'll work through Christians walk, witness, prayers to bring world to conviction and convincing of sin, righteousness and judgment. ...Greater works.

- Holy Spirit equips Christians for mission through illumination of Word! John 16:13-14

- Confusing days regarding truth: Gender issues, pope.

- "All truth" not science/math/history but Spiritual truth.

- Guides Christians into all truth of Jesus identity, words, actions by illuminating (understand what taught) Scriptures.

Holy Spirit teaches and reminds us what Jesus said so we can be conformed to His image and grow spiritually. John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18

- Holy Spirit makes want to apply, teaches to apply, and empowers/enables us to apply Jesus' words for daily living/service.

- By grace fulfill mission to know God and make Him known.

Holy Spirit's role is to continue to make Jesus known and carry out Father's will.

- All Holy Spirit does is Christ-centered....He does not glorify or call attention Himself
 - So His ultimate goal in convicting sinners and illuminating believers is to glorify Jesus Christ.