

**John 16:1-15**  
**What Jesus Has to Say about the**  
**Holy Spirit Part 3**  
**- Red Letters Series -**

**Intro: Have you ever had this thought – I wish I lived during the time of the apostles.**

A) I wish that I was there to hear Jesus teach the Sermon on the Mount.

B) If I could have seen him / heard him / touched him I would be a stronger believer.

1) I have felt that way at times!

C) But Jesus says something here in JN 16:7 that completely contradicts that mentality.

**7 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 depart, I will send Him to you.**

**D) Why an advantage? Jesus limited by time and space in His physical body – couldn't be with Peter in Galilee and John in Jerusalem at the same time.**

1) He would have to Choose. – But now – In them – by His Spirit.

**You look at the Disciples so often before this when Jesus gave a teaching afterwards**

A) They didn't get it they were in the dark. They were at a loss.

B) That all Changed **after they received the Spirit**- they were invigorated – strengthened & encouraged

1) Jesus was now in them – not just principles to remember but His spirit – impressing upon their hearts

**Jesus here in John 14-16 is giving us insight into that abiding indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit**

A) He has said some hard things – tough instruction but each time He says them.

B) He follows it up by reminding them – I am sending the Helper to you – Parakeltos – and this is what He is going to do

1) **Teach you** – John 14:26

2) **Bring to your remembrance** John 14:26

3) **Bring Peace and Stability to you** John 14:27

4) He will testify of me- John 15:26

5) **He will bear witness** – John 15:27

6) He will guide you into all truth- John 16:13

7) He will speak in the authority of Jesus - John 16:13

8) **He will glorify Jesus** – John 16:14

9) He will take the things of Christ and reveal them to us. John 16:14, 15

C) That is the ministry of the Holy Spirit that we have talked about thus far.

**Today we want to focus on v.8-11 where the Lord goes on to point out – an important ministry the Holy Spirit would have in the lives of believers.**

**8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

A) Now I believe that these verses are often misunderstood. –

B) They are commonly quoted, and most of us read it as though the Holy Spirit is going to come into the world and work directly upon the hearts of unbelievers,

C) those who are not Christians, and convict them, or convince them, of these **three things: sin, righteousness, and judgment.**

D) Now I do believe that the Bible teaches us that the spirit of God does – convict – does speak to men's hearts directly-

1) but I don't think that is what this verse is implying.

**Now one of my favorite modern day commentators is Ray Stedman-**

He pointed out something here I had never seen before.

He points out that there are two key words missing in v.8 – **brings context – watch this**

**Read v.7 again emphasizing these words**

7 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 depart, I will send Him **to you**.

12 "I still have many things to say **to you**, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide **you** into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell **you** things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it **to you**. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it **to you**.

**It is clear the emphasis here is on the Holy Spirit coming TO THEM.**

**A) In light of that Stedman suggest that v. 8 then should be read in this way.**

8 And when He has come **TO YOU**, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

B) In other words the ministry of the Holy Spirit being talked about here is not something that He does independently

1) But He is working directly through the Church. He is working directly through the Lord's people.

**C) See the Holy Spirit doesn't float around like some ghost impressing upon the hearts of unbelievers they need Jesus.**

**D) He is almost always seen working in conjunction with a vessel with a person.**

1) The Holy Spirit works through the people in whom He lives.

E) Example: When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, He empowered Peter to preach; and the preaching of the Word brought conviction to those who heard.

**That I believe is what this passage is teaching us here**

**A) Jesus is teaching the disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes He is going to be working in them to accomplish a greater impact**

**B) Another one of my favorite modern day commentators supports this idea Warren Wiersbe**

"It is important to note that the Spirit comes *to the church* and not to the world. This means that He

works in and through the church. The Holy Spirit does not minister in a vacuum. Just as the Son of God had to have a body in order to do His work on earth, so the Spirit of God needs a body to accomplish His ministries; and that body is the church. Our bodies are His tools and temples, and He wants to use us to glorify Christ and to witness to a lost world."

**So the point that Jesus is making is how the Holy Spirit was going to be working thru them – in order to accomplish 3 important things**

**A) Thru the Church He intends to have a 3 fold affect upon the world.**

**B) Convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of Judgment.**

**C) There are three things the world ought to see when it looks at the church – looks at individual believers.**

1) Marks we are walking in the Spirit.

**First thing it should see when it looks at us is the Life of Jesus.**

**A) It ought to be convicted of sin, but there is one specific sin He is referring to: "because they believe not on me. "**

**B) That right there is the greatest sin in the World. Not murder / rape/ child abuse / genocide/ -**

1) Listen **you might not like this**. – I don't always – but a person can be forgiven of all of those things

**C) But there is one sin they will not be forgiven – That is the sin of not believing in Jesus –**

1) that is the sin that sends a person to Hell

2) Believe = to cling to trust in and rely upon.

**See the Holy Spirit is seeking to work in the Church in individual believers in such a way**

A) that when the world looks at us – get to know us – clear to them – they are missing Jesus.

B) The key word here is *convict* (John 16:8). It is a legal word that means "to bring to light, to expose, convince."

**C) Our belief and reliance upon Jesus is to be so apparent so strong – that when the world looks at us it says**

1) I am missing something.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thing the world is convinced of flows right out of that relationship. – Righteousness**

A) Now notice it doesn't say that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of unrighteousness

B) Not convincing them of what is wrong – but – of righteousness

C) Which I think further supports what Jesus is saying here applies to the Holy Spirit working thru Believers

1) Jesus said – I go to my Father and they don't see me anymore – **but they will see me in you.**

D) My righteousness is to be displayed in your lives

**That is why as believers – We do what we do as unto the Lord**

A) Jobs – hardest most faithful loyal workers – that is righteousness being displayed

B) Business practices we are honest – ethical –

1) The world loves to preach situational ethics – So your morals and ethics are based on the situation

**C) So there are times when – it is ok to cut corners**

1) There are times when it is ok to lie –

2) There are times that might warrant doing a half-hearted effort

D) You really need to get home – for one reason or another

**The Bible doesn't teach situational ethics – it says whatever you do in word or in deed do all in the name of the Lord**

A) In the Psalm 29:2 we are encouraged to Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

B) Implied in that verse is that there is a beauty in Holiness – Beauty in holy living

C) The world sees that – Righteousness in our conduct in our speech –

1) Friendships and is to be convicted by that

**In Ephesians Paul talks about not grieving the Holy Spirit**

A) List there in Ch. 4 the things that are grievous to him Begin in v.25

B) Lying, Anger, stealing, corrupt speech, cutting talk – doesn't edify

1) **Bitterness, Malice, - evil speaking – or gossip**

C) Now the world sees all of that in each other so when they don't see it in us – they are convicted of righteousness

**3<sup>rd</sup> Of Judgment**

A) The third thing the world is to see as it looks at the church is judgment, "because the ruler of this world is judged."

Two Systems –

A) System of this world is live for the moment – live for yourself.

B) But the unbeliever falling that system is painfully aware – it doesn't work –

1) Not satisfied! –

C) But the system of Jesus is radically different

D) See the Lord is seeking thru His Spirit – ministering the Lord's will and word to us

1) Live not for the moment but for eternity

E) Die to self in order to bless others – build up others

Again when we are walking in the Spirit and treating others in that way – the World looks on – convinced

A) Something going on here – something different

B) I have way more than they do – but they are much more content – more satisfied –

C) They are judged – convicted – Missing it

**13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;**

A) Teaching guiding – carry the idea of instruction and application.

B) Computer problems – Eddie/ Aaron / Rob

1) **They quickly fix it – fast** – what did you do They start talking computer {forget it

C) The Holy Spirit doesn't operate that Way – He teaches – He guides

**D) He opens the word to us and speaks to our hearts giving us insight into how it is to be applied.**

**I love the fact that the Lord's desire is not to keep us in the dark – V. 13 continues**

for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and **declare it to you**. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and **declare it to you**.

**A) Twice Jesus says – the heart of the father is to DECLARE these things to you.**

**B) That is the role of the HS**

**1) He starts by bringing the word to life!**

1 Corinthians 2:9-14

**9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." Usually we stop there – but we must read further.**

**10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.**

**A) What a remarkable thing – These deep things have been revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.**

**B) The Word of God can at times seem like a dark cave with many tunnels and depths**

**1) For the Christian who is willing to venture in the Holy Spirit is like a guide – holding a torch – illuminating wonders there in.**

**C) Unfolding the beauty of ancient truths that with stand the test of time.**

**1) True 4,000 yrs ago and equally true today.**

**Paul continues**

For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

**The spirit of God is clued into the heart and mind of God! { Good news**

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

**God has blessed us – Given us His spirit – opens the word to our hearts**

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**The Spirit is truly a remarkable resource.**

**A) He gives to the believer a source of knowledge not to be found in any university in the land.**

**B) Take the top academic institutions – filled with vast collections of human learning and knowledge,**

**1) But it doesn't compare with the Wisdom that comes from the Spirit of God.**

**C) There is fundamental knowledge about life, absolutely necessary to properly function as a human being, that will never be found in any secular university,**

**1) but is made available to us only by the Spirit.**

**D) This resource is a fountain of strength, an ability to revive, to encourage, to put new focus into life.**

**1) The Spirit can grant a cleansing of the conscience and heart that human psychology knows nothing about.**

**<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26**

**#3 He brings to remembrance: For the disciples talking inspiration**

**A) Jesus was reassuring the disciples that the things He taught them – over 3 yrs – Holy Spirit bring to remembrance**

**B) This is our reassurance that when these men began to write they wrote exactly what Jesus had said.**

**C) To use the modern language of Silicon Valley, the Spirit of God has power to trigger the "data retrieval system" in the minds of these apostles and bring back everything they had heard.**

D)Some even see this division in the words of Verse 13: **However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** (that would be Gospels), **for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak;** (the Epistles), **and He will tell you things to come** (the book of Revelation)

E)For them it was bringing to mind the things that He taught – to be penned for the scriptures

**He still does the same thing in our lives – brings to your remembrance truth –**

A)Don't worry about what to say .....

**B) Some verse you haven't even memorized – He brings to your remembrance.**

1) Holy Spirit retrieval system – Computer data base of the heart and mind.

C) Notice v. 13 again **However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak;**

**This is an important point as well.**

A)What does he mean there? He means that the Spirit of God is never going to give you isolated truth.

**B)He will not come out with some startling, brand new, absolutely different revelation which nobody has ever heard of before!**

C)Every now and then we hear of some preacher who says, "God has spoken to me and has revealed to me this brilliant new idea. Nobody has ever taught it before.

1) If you want to know the secret you've got to come to me!"

**That is exactly what Jesus says will not happen.**

A)The Spirit of God will never speak that way.

B)He will speak only what he hears. The Spirit, as God, is always hearing what God forever is saying to men.

1)Therefore, what he says is always integrated truth, always in line with what God has already said.

**C)It is in line with what he has already spoken.**

1) It will never differ from what he has said in the past, but will fit into the context of life as God has revealed it.

**No new truth! If it is new it is not true!**

A)New application – maybe even insight that might broaden the truth. – No new truth

**B) Test – taught by Jesus in the gospels? Was it modeled by Jesus in the gospels?**

1) Modeled by the Church in the book of Acts ?  
2) Taught by the earlier Church in the epistles?

**C) If answer is no – throw it out!**

J. O. Sanders wrote, "A walk in the Spirit will of necessity be a walk in accordance with the Word the Spirit has inspired."