

- I. What the Holy Spirit does
  - A. Makes redemption present and authoritative to us
  - B. In this passage: convicting, revealing what is to come, joy-giving
  
- II. Convicting the world that it is in sin (8-9)
  - A. Unbelief is the root of sin (Genesis 3:1; Deuteronomy 1:32-33; Psalm 14:1; Romans 3:9-20)
  - B. Unbelief in the incarnate Christ is the height of sin
  - C. The Spirit convicts the world of its sin (Psalm 2:2; Luke 23:12)
  - D. The long work of the Spirit in the world
  - E. The long work of the Spirit in you and me (Philippians 4:7)
  
- III. Convicting the world that Christ has been proven (8, 10)
  - A. "Believe the works," (John 10:37)
  - B. What is righteousness? (Psalm 112:9; 2 Corinthians 9:9; James 2:24)
  - C. Jesus Christ said *Yes* to the requirement of his life (Hebrews 4:15; Mark 14:36)
  - D. Justification on the third day (Romans 1:4; 4:17; 10:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Mark 15:39)
  - E. The testimony of the Spirit to the risen and glorified Christ (Isaiah 25:9)
  
- IV. Convicting the world that its ruler is overthrown (8, 11)
  - A. We have met this ruler before (John 12:31; 14:30)
  - B. How does judgment related to sin and righteousness?
  - C. The new boss is *not* the same as the old boss (Luke 12:4)
  
- V. The Spirit and Prayer
  - A. The Holy Spirit is crucially important in our prayer (John 14:12-17; Romans 8:26-27; Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4)
  - B. Do we pray as if the Spirit were at work in the world?
  - C. Pray in keeping with the Spirit's work.