

Jesus-

“Receive the work of the Holy Spirit!”

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. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

- concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

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. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Conviction of the Holy Spirit

- Face to face with truth
- 321,384 abortions in the U.S in 2017
- 880 every day

What is the work of the Holy Spirit in the world?

1. The work of conviction

. Of sin

He brings us to the need for repentance to God
... and when He comes,
He will convict the world concerning sin (8)

The world will never seek a Savior unless they see their need for a Savior.

“Convict”

- . To cross examine;
- . To refute
- . To bring to guilt with evidence

Satan’s lie

- . No sin
- . NO strict standard of

right and wrong

. No standing before God as judge.

Concerning sin because they do not believe in Me.

(9)

The sin of unbelief –

the primary sin – rejecting Jesus

Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. Jn. 3:18
... unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.

Jn. 8:24

. Of righteousness

He brings us to God's standard of right and wrong

Convict the world of...

righteousness (8)

For being ignorant of the righteousness of God and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Rom. 10:3

All our righteous deeds are
like a polluted garment.

Isa. 64:6

Concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and
you will see Me no longer.

(10)

In the presence of Jesus –
They saw God in the flesh

- . God's truth
- . God's grace
- . God's goodness
- . God's holiness
- . God's love

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Ps. 119:105

Your righteousness is righteous forever... Ps. 119:142

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and
my Redeemer.

Ps. 19:14

Search me, O God and know
my heart; test me and know
my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that
offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting
life.

Ps. 139:23-24 (NLT)

. Of Judgment

He brings us to the truth of accountability before God.

“Convict the world of... judgment”

John 16:8

Satan’s lie –

No accountability;

No judgment from God

No consequences for sin; Nothing to worry about!

Concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is
judged (11)

At the cross – Satan is judged!

(Col.2:15; 1Jn.3:8)

At the end of all things -Satan is judged!

(Rev. 20:10)

Now He commands all people everywhere to repent
Acts 17:30

... because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.

Acts 17:31

So then each of us will give an account of Himself to God.
Rom. 14:12

For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done.
Matt. 16:27

2. The work of communication

. The voice of authority

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth (13)

Whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.
Jn. 16:2

... because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.
2 Peter 2:2b

How does the Spirit of Truth guide us?

. Through the Word of God

2 Pet. 1:21; Heb. 4:12

. Through other Christ-followers Jn. 15:27

. Through Christ-like examples

Our Gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

1 Thess. 1:5

... for He will not speak on His own authority but whatever He hears He will speak (13)

Jesus spoke only what He heard from the Father Jn. 15:15

Holy Spirit speaks only what He hears from the Father

Therefore

Complete consistency

in the message

. The voice of future things

He will declare to you the things that are to come (13)

We can learn about God's plans for the future!

. Jesus is coming back!

(Maybe today)

. Sin and Satan will be destroyed!

. Eternal Life for His followers

is sure!

. God has a "good" plan
for His people

3. The work of pointing everyone to Christ

He will glorify Me

(14)

"This is probably going to go down as the third best moment of my life, behind giving my life to Jesus Christ and marrying my wife."

Case Keenum – (Minnesota Viking Quarterback)

... for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. (14)

His true identity

His true purpose

His true plan

His true power

My personal identity

My purpose

My plan

My power

My eternity

is found in JESUS!