

## Lesson 12:

### B. Concerning the Sinner

The Holy Spirit does many things but everything that He does is to glorify the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Trinity, the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 16:13-14** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.* 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

By the way, everything the Church does is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ as well. Our commission that the Lord Jesus gave us was **Mark 16:15** And he said unto them, *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

The reason we preach the gospel, whether it be from behind a pulpit, a lectern, a street corner, a conversation, individual or corporate soul-winning – it is all done to tell the lost the good news of Jesus Christ and to see people saved which glorifies Jesus Christ. We do not do it to make a name for ourselves or to boast about great numbers or be known as a “great soul-winner,” that’s a good thing but that’s not our purpose, our purpose is to glorify Jesus Christ, and while your efforts may not make the news here on this earth, you can rest assured that it makes news in heaven each and every time you glorify the Son, Jesus Christ.

So, this morning, we want to continue looking at the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the sinner.

- The Holy Spirit Investigates, Interrogates, Incriminates

**John 16:7-8** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

- Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

#### Let’s read about this event in Acts 2

- **All unsaved people belong to Satan:** John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Jesus was speaking with the Pharisees. They were boasting of being “seeds of Abraham,” and that “God was their Father.” But Jesus knew their hearts and souls and knew they were nothing but whited sepulchers.

- **All of the lost will share in Satan’s doom:**

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Revelation 20:14-15 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

For the lost to escape this eternal doom with Satan, they must be saved from their sins. The only way a person can be saved from their sins is by trusting in the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary, his death, burial, and resurrection. The only way a person is convicted of the fact that they are a sinner in need of a Savior, is by the Holy Spirit convicting and convincing them that they are lost.

1. He convicts man of sin
2. He convicts man of Christ’s righteousness
3. He convicts man of future judgment
4. The Holy Spirit pleads with sinners

- The **Holy Spirit strives with sinners:**

Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always **strive with man**, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

- **Holy Spirit pleads with sinners:**

Ezekiel 20:35-36 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and **there will I plead with you** face to face. 36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

- **Jeremiah 2:35** Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will **plead with thee**, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.
- **Holy Spirit draws sinners:**  
John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me **draw him:** and I will raise him up at the last day.
- **John 12:32** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, **will draw all men unto me.**
- **Holy Spirit Invites sinners**  
Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

## C. Concerning the Church

### 1. He desires to inspire its worship service

- Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

It is only through the Spirit we can worship God. There is a lot of “worship” going on in Churches today but it is not of the Spirit – at least not of the Spirit of God, but it is the spirit of man or the spirit of the world, or the spirit of anti-Christ.

Jesus speaking to the woman at the well in Samaria said this: **John 4:23-24** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

### 2. He desires to direct its missionary work

- Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Philip is an early model of the New Testament missionary. He was reaching a man from Ethiopia with the Gospel and he did it by using the Old Testament Scripture in Isaiah.

- Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Barnabas and Saul as well as Silas and Saul were some of the greatest missionaries to ever live. They were sent by their sending Church, Antioch, however, before the Church sent anyone into the mission field, they prayed and sought direction from the LORD.

- Acts 16:6-10 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

At times it must have been very frustrating for Paul to wait upon the LORD. Notice that they desired to go to several places but the Holy Ghost would not allow them to go. Most men today would go anyway but not Paul. I believe Paul must have recited many times:

**Isaiah 40:31** But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

We too need to wait upon the LORD and get His direction through the Holy Spirit before we just jump out and do things on our own.

### 3. He desires to aid in its singing services

- Ephesians 5:18-19 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

All of our singing services at the Church must be Spirit led. If they aren't we are nothing but sounding brass and tinkling symbols. I've sat through many a service in my lifetime that did not feel Spirit led but man led and flesh driven.

#### **4. He desires to appoint its preachers**

- Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

A preacher that stands behind the pulpit and preaches has a great responsibility. For me to get up and preach a message that is not Spirit led is nothing but a disaster waiting to happen.

- 1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

#### **5. He desires to anoint its preachers**

- Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
- 1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

#### **6. He desires to warn its members**

- 1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

#### **7. He desires to determine its decisions**

- Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

#### **8. He desires to condemn or bless its efforts as needed**

- Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

#### **9. He desires its visitation and evangelistic endeavors**

- Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.