

# Expedient for the Church

John 16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should **not be offended.** 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But **these things have I told you,** that when the time shall come, **ye may remember that I told you of them.** And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6 But **because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.** 7

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: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 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. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

1. Misunderstanding what Jesus was doing caused great sorrow 5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6 But **because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.** 7

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- a. He told them that He was leaving
  - i. He is preparing them a place
  - ii. They will do greater works than He did
  - iii. The Holy Spirit will work in and through them

- b. He wants them to know that His leaving is for the best
- c. He has protected them and nurtured them until now **4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.**
  - i. He was with them in person to help them through whatever
  - ii. Now He is leaving them but wants them to know what is going to happen
  - iii. He is leaving them in the hands of the Holy Spirit so that all is better off than before
- d. His sending the Holy Spirit is for the best of the work and the workers
- e. Often we do not understand what God is doing but we can trust Him to do what is best always
- f. We have His promise. He has already proven His love and goodness to us.

2. The Holy Spirit will convict and reprove the world **8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they**

believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

- a. The first thing to know is that the Holy Spirit came to indwell believers, the church
  - i. He does His work in and through His church, the believers
  - ii. The book of Acts is the acts of the Apostles or the Acts of the Holy Spirit
  - iii. The Holy Spirit is not some spook floating around doing ministry. He works in and through His people in His church
  - iv. You can see prove of that when He first comes in power over the church in the book of Acts on the day of Pentecost
  - v. He ministered through preaching
- b. He will reprove the world of sin
  - i. To reprove means that he will bring to light, expose, convict, convince, pronounce the verdict
  - ii. The Holy Spirit serves as the prosecuting attorney
  - iii. He shows men that they are unsaved, lost, sinners, guilty before God

iv. The biggest sin is not immorality but unbelief

**John 3:18-21** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that **believeth not is condemned** already, because **he hath not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil. **20** For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. **21** But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

v. Notice He reproveth of sin not sins!

c. He will reprove them of righteousness

i. The Holy Spirit shows the world the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ

ii. The world can see Christ exhibited in the life of believers and understand righteousness

d. He will reprove them of judgment

i. This is not their judgment but the judgment of Satan and His lies

- ii. Satan is defeated and the Holy Spirit will convince people of that
- e. The Holy Spirit produces conviction that causes the lost sinner to see the foolishness of his unbelief, that He does not measure up to the righteousness of Christ, that He is condemned along with Satan and the world
- f. What does this conviction look like
  - i. A pricking of the heart [Acts 2:36-38](#) **Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 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?** **38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
  - ii. Cut to the heart [Acts 5:33](#) **When they heard *that*, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.**
- g. Your job is to allow the Holy Spirit to work in you, help you live out who you are and leave the convicting to Him.
  - i. It is His ministry to convict and save

- ii. It is His ministry to use the church to get the gospel to the world and show them their need of the Saviour
- iii. You can trust God to get the job done

3. The Holy Spirit will guide the church **12** I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **13** 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.

a. He will guide us into all truth **John 14:26** But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **16:13** 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.

- i. Over the next few years the Holy Spirit would give the apostles the Word of God
- ii. He gave them the epistles to tell us how to act in church

- iii. He gave us His Word which is the truth
- iv. We do not need new truth, we have the truth and nothing needs to be added to it
- v. The Bible is a God inspired book, it is inerrant, preserved, still living and speaking today
- b. He does not speak of Himself **15:26** **But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 16:14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.
  - i. This does not mean that He, the Holy Spirit, doesn't mention Himself because He does, He wrote all the Scriptures
  - ii. But He does not emphasize Himself above Jesus
  - iii. He does not have a different message
  - iv. He works in harmony with the Father and the Son
  - v. Any ministry that makes much of a man or even the Holy Spirit has gotten off track
- c. He will show us what is going to happen
  - i. He gave them the book of Revelation to tell them what was going to happen



- ii. They stood that day unable to receive all the truth but God had provided a way to tell them all that they needed to know
- iii. He gave us His Word and then teaches us His Word
- d. Our role is to trust God and the work of the Holy Spirit in our church
  - i. We will not build the church He will
  - ii. I will never convince people to serve God and do right, He will
  - iii. We can be confident in the work we are doing knowing that He will accomplish His will in and through us
- 4. The Holy Spirit will glorify the Lord Jesus **14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.**
  - a. The Holy Spirit communicates divine truth
  - b. The truths that He communicates do not come from Him but from Jesus and the Father, the Godhead always works in harmony
  - c. They are not changing directions, Gods, truths, or anything else as Jesus leaves and the Holy Spirit comes

- d. It is all the plan of God and will work out perfectly
- e. Be careful of any ministry that makes much of the Holy Spirit or a man
- f. Our goal is to magnify Jesus
  - i. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us we will see God do great things
  - ii. We talk about Jesus, tell of His greatness and allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through that
  - iii. As the Holy Spirit convicts us and works in us the name of Jesus will be lifted high, don't hinder the work of the Holy Spirit