

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS THE WORLD OF SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND JUDGEMENT.

TEXT: JOHN 16:7-11, I CORINTHIANS 2:10-11, EPHESIANS 4:17-19

INTRODUCTION

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Consequently, without being aware of our sinfulness, we will never believe we need a Saviour, which means we will never repent of our sins and give our lives to the Lord Jesus. Of course, there is a huge difference between "conviction" and "condemnation".

Q: What is the difference, please discuss.

The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin with the express purpose of reconciling them to God; the devil brings condemnation with the express purpose of shaming people into running away from God.

1. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin

“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”

“When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement.” **John 16:7-8**

Q: Why does the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin?

“Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.” – **Acts 11:13b-14**

Q: What does the above text tell us about the workings or operations of the Holy Spirit?

2. The Holy Spirit convicts in respect to righteousness.

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. – **Romans 14:17**

Q: How does the Holy Spirit really help us to lead a righteous life?

3. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of judgement.

“The prince of this world now stands condemned.” – **John 16:11a**

Q: Give practical examples of how the Holy Spirit convicts the world of Judgement?

Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgement to the Gentiles..... **Matthew 12:18, 36.**

Q: What should be our response to the understanding that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of Judgement?

Conclusion

The Spirit applies the truths of God to men's own mind in order to convince them by fair, clear and sufficient arguments that they are sinners. He does this through the conviction in our hearts that we are not worthy in our own righteousness to stand before a Holy God, that we need His righteousness, and that judgment is certain and will come to all men one day. Those who deny these truth rebel against the conviction of the Spirit. Let's be reminded that His righteousness is a free Gift.

Prayer: Lord help me to be sensitive and yielded to the conviction of the Holy Spirit in my life on a moment by moment basis, so as not to grieve Him.