

The Holy Spirit & Spirituality

Lesson #12 The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:8–11; Rom. 5:10; Heb. 4:15, 16; 1 Pet. 5:8, 9; 1 John 5:12, 13; Ps. 31:24.

Romans 15:13 (NASB) “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”.”.

The Holy Spirit is a parakletos, that is, a “Helper”, “defender”, “Comforter” or an “Advocate”. One who “comes along side”.

Conviction of Sin

John 16:8-10 *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;*

Acts 2:37 (NKJV) *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”*

Luke 3:10 *And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”*

Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV) *“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

- To **convict** also means to **reprove** or to demonstrate by argument, to prove, to persuade anyone to do a thing by presenting reasons.

***Luke 21:15** (NKJV) *for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.*

Acts 6:10 (NKJV) *And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.*

Acts 9:22 (NKJV) *But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.*

The Need of Righteousness

Romans 5:10 *For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NKJV) *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted*

as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. “Bondo of Righteousness”

Romans 8:3–4 (NKJV) *For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ that the **righteous** requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the **Spirit**.*

Romans 8:10 (NKJV) *And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the **Spirit** is life because of **righteousness**.*

***Romans 14:17** (NKJV) *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and peace and joy in the **Holy Spirit**.*

Galatians 5:5 (NKJV) *For we through the **Spirit** eagerly wait for the hope of **righteousness** by faith.*

Ephesians 5:8–10 (NKJV) *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light⁹ (for the fruit of the **Spirit** is in all goodness, **righteousness**, and truth),¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*

Conviction About Judgment

John 16:8-11 *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

John 12:48 *He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*

Acts 7:54–58 (NKJV) *When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.*

Acts 24:25 (NKJV) *Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”*

When Not To Judge

John 8:7–9 (NKJV) So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “*He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.*” And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ *Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last.* And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

Matthew 7:3-5 *And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*

Romans 2:1 *Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.*

When to Judge

***1 Corinthians 5:12–13** (NKJV) *For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”*

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 (NKJV) *Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*

A lot of the churches troubles can be summed up in “Judging when we shouldn’t and not judging when we should.”

The Assurance of Salvation

1 John 5:12 *Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

Romans 8:15-17 *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

2 Corinthians 5:5 *Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

***Philippians 1:6** (NKJV) *being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) *Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

John 5:24 (NKJV) *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

John 6:47 (NKJV) *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.*

The Holy Spirit and Hope

Romans 5:4, 5 *and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

1 Corinthians 13:13 *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

Psalms 31:24 *Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord.*

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