

GREG'S NOTES

A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU, PART 2

John 16

In our last message we focused primarily on the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. Now, we're looking at the work that He wants to do in the life of the person who is not yet a Christian.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **The Holy Spirit has come to convict us of our sin (John 16:8).** Before we can appreciate the solution, we have to see the real problem, which is our sin. So we need to be convicted by the Spirit because there's no conversion without conviction.
2. **The Holy Spirit has come to bring us to Jesus (John 16:9).** Sometimes we Christians will major on the minors and focus on particular sins in a nonbeliever's life instead of their need for Jesus. But those things will be sorted out in time if a person can be shown their need for Him. The Holy Spirit does that.
3. **The Holy Spirit has come to show us our need for righteousness (John 16:10).** There are a lot of "good" people in this world, but goodness will not get you into Heaven. We need the righteousness of Christ.
4. **The Holy Spirit is also keeping the lid on things (2 Thessalonians 2:7).** The Holy Spirit, through the church, is a restraining force in the world today. One day, when the church is raptured, that restraint will be removed and evil will run rampant.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

- The Holy Spirit is clearly the most misunderstood and misrepresented member of the Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit has a distinct personality. Though He is likened in Scripture to fire and a dove and other things, in reality He is always referred to as a He, and that is a capital H because He's part of the Trinity.
- We're told by Jesus to be salt and light in this culture—to stand up for what is true, to speak out against what is wrong, to let others know of our faith in Jesus Christ.

APPLICABLE ACTIONS

There can be tension the Holy Spirit will use by showing a contrast between your life and the life of a nonbeliever that can help to bring them to Jesus. Roll with it. Don't make the tension worse than it is by guilt-tripping people or being obnoxious or mean. Be as friendly and as loving as you can be, but just be a Christian. And pray that the Holy Spirit will work through your life to make people aware of their need for Christ.