

# “Gospel of John: The Role of the Holy Spirit – Part 2”

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## Scripture

### John 16:5-15

“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”

## Last Week

Jesus taught the disciples about the critical points they needed to remember as they launched into ministry

Jesus needs to set the expectation in their mind about their future ministry and potential treatment

He wants them to be prepared – being not of the world and yet still in it

Jesus began to teach about the Disciples’ relationship with the world

Jesus said, “If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.”

## This Week

Jesus instructs a little more about the Holy Spirit

### Back in December – The Role of the Holy Spirit Part 1

We looked at the Holy Spirit’s work from **John 14:16-23**:

“**I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because **He abides with you and will be in you.****”

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. **He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.**" Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our abode with him.**"

The Spirit's work in us:

- He assures your future glory
- He enables you to follow Jesus's commandments
- He lives within you
- He is your personal Teacher

Now Jesus moves the discussion forward

## My Departure Is Sure

### John 16:5-6

"But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and **none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart"

Jesus is reading the mood of the group

The disciples are consumed with sorrow

He told them previously He was leaving

They did ask about where He was going (**John 13:36** and **John 14:5**)

But they have been more focused on what will happen to them

Our focus on what is considered bad information tends to supersede what comes next in the discussion

Wife: "I've got terminal cancer..." -> Husband: "How am I going to survive now without you?"

Jesus is not filled with sorrow:

### Hebrews 12:1-2

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who **for the joy set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

He wants to eliminate their sorrow

We have lost loved ones and will lose loved ones in the future

God is a God of comfort:

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction** so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

Why should the disciples be comforted?

They need to know they will benefit from Jesus’s departure

## It’s Good For You

### John 16:7

“But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

“advantage” – *sunphero* -> “to be profitable or to gain/benefit from”

The disciples will gain something they do not have now

We looked at one of the advantages last week:

### John 15:26-27

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, and **you will testify also**, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”

The Spirit is the hidden Evangelist within you -> He evangelizes YOU!

The Spirit will encourage you about your faith in Jesus and will give you remembrance of what Jesus said

So much so, that you WILL speak about Him -> You evangelize others!

If you’re a believer and follower of Jesus, you will talk about Him -> He is central to your life

We’ve seen other benefits of the Spirit in John’s Gospel:

### John 7:38-39

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, **from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.**” But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

The Spirit gives the ability to live a disciplined life

**John 14:16-17** -> “He will be with you forever... He abides with you and will be in you.”

The Spirit sets up shop inside of us and continually renovates from the inside out

**Ephesians 1** -> The Spirit is the pledge or down payment on our future trip to Heaven – eternal security

“if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you”

Jesus uses that term “Helper” -> the advocate -> the lawyer within that walks with you each day to assist

If you didn't have the Spirit -> you would walk away from Jesus -> the world would draw you away

Weightlifter -> “Frankly, you're not that strong enough on your own”

Jesus tells the disciples that the Spirit will come only when He leaves

Could it be that the Spirit is better than Jesus for them?

I can imagine them thinking to themselves, “How can anything be better than Jesus?”

What else will the Spirit do?

## The Holy Spirit and the World

### John 16:8-11

“And He, when He comes, **will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment**; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”

The Spirit's job in the world is to convict the world

“Convict” - elegchó - meaning “to expose and convince”

What will He convince the world of?

- Sin Sin in general but the focus is on individual specific sins
- Righteousness What is required to be right with God
- Judgment What happens when you are not right with God

It is not up to you to convict the world of sin

It is not up to you to convince the world about Jesus

We cannot convert anyone to believe in Jesus

It is simply not our space to play in

When we speak about Jesus, the Holy Spirit is there to work on those we speak to

## So, what's our role in evangelism?

Simply open your mouth and speak about the truth...

## License plates

“concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged”

Jesus taught about sin and the Jews hated Him for it

Jesus taught about righteousness while He was on the earth and the Jews couldn't meet God's standard

But He will no longer be on the earth since He is going home to Heaven

The Spirit will take over His work on the earth

Judgment? -> the world's judgment is faulty -> God is dead, everything is in our control – we save ourselves

## 2 Peter 3:3-7

“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, **“Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”** For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. **But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”**

We need movies called “God's Not Dead” to remind people, “Hey, He is still alive and on the throne!”

Satan has already been judged -> his fate and destiny are sure -> the Holy Spirit instructs about that fact

Jesus then returns to what the Holy Spirit will personally do for the disciples:

## The Holy Spirit and You

### John 16:12-15

“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and **He will disclose to you what is to come**. “**He will glorify Me**, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. “All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that **He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.**”

“Bear” -> “to carry as a heavy weight”

Jesus will speak to them about their eventual death in the future – these conversations can wait

Why? They are going to see what happens to Jesus -> **without the Spirit indwelling them** – they ran

What did Peter do? -> Deny the Lord three times!

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and **He will disclose to you what is to come.**”

The Spirit will guide you into all truth -> These guys (and others they lead) will write the New Testament

The Spirit is the conduit by which God’s knowledge comes to us

He is the teacher within -> He is the interpreter within

Moments when you hear someone say something that just doesn’t seem right -> they are the Spirit’s direction

He will teach us what is to come

“He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you”

He will bring glory to Jesus - He will continually lift Jesus up - He will cause us to sing Jesus’s praises

Here’s how Paul explained it:

### 1 Corinthians 2:9-14

“As it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." **For to us God revealed them through the Spirit;** for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? **Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.**

12Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.**

14But **a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.**”

The Spirit reveals how blessed you are in Christ -> How loved you are by the Savior

People trying to live the Christian life without the Spirit are doomed to fail -> they will leave churches and we will wonder why – we’ll say they are backsliding, but some never had the Holy Spirit to begin with...

“Frankly, you’re just not strong enough!”

You can have the Holy Spirit in your life – you just have to ask Jesus to send Him to you

Prayer

Benediction