

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Ministry Of The Holy Spirit"
John 16:1-11
Part-55

John 16:7-8

John 16 Is A Chapter Of Instruction On The Holy Spirit.

John 16:1-11 – The Holy Spirit's Ministry In The World.

John 16:12-22 – The Holy Spirit Instructs the Christian.

John 16:23-33 – The Holy Spirit Brings The Victory.

John 13-17 – Private Instruction

The Thought Of Our Passage: The Holy Spirit's Ministry To The World Is To Reveal Sin, God's Righteousness And Warn Of Coming Judgment.

1. Verses 1-4 – Conflict Of The World

2. Verses 5-7 – Comforting His Disciples

3. Verses 8-11 – Conviction Of The Holy Spirit

1. Verses 1-4 – Conflict Of The World:

John 16:1 – "These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling." – Jesus gives the purpose for the sharing of hatred with His disciples.

"These things I have spoken to you" – Refers to the warning about the world's hostility– John 15:18-25 – Jesus then gave God's Counteraction to Hate: John 15:26-27.

"These things" – 5X in 6 verses – Jesus wanted these revelations to sink in.

"so that you may be kept from stumbling." – Greek – "skandalizo" – we get scandalize – This speaks of tripping. It was the idea of placing an obstacle in the path that would cause one to fall or get caught; tripping a stick to release a trap – Matthew 26:31; Matthew 26:55-56.

Through Jesus' teaching, the Jews stumbled – John 6:61.

John 16:2

"They will make you outcasts from the synagogue," – This attack would come from the Jews – Revelation 2:9.

“but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.” – Saul the Persecutor turned Preacher – Acts 9:1-2; 26:9-11.

John 16:3 – “Wrong about Jesus is being wrong about God!”

John 16:4

“you may remember that I told you of them.” – John 14:29.

2. Verses 5-7 – Comforting His Disciples:

John 16:5

“But now” – This takes us back to what Jesus had been saying about love and hate. That we are to love those we don’t like, and love those who don’t love us. Jesus now is going to change directions – John 16:4.

“I am going to Him who sent Me;” – John 13:33.

“and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’” – Peter had asked Him where He was going – John 13:36.

John 14:28; John 16:6

“sorrow” – literally means, “grief or pain,” physical or emotional.

“has filled” – “filled to the brim, no room for more.”

John 16:7 – “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away;” – literally, “You would be better off with Me gone than if I were here.”

(NLT) 2 Corinthians 4:17 – “For our present troubles are quite small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!”

“for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.” – The Holy Spirit was to come to the disciples. The Holy Spirit could not come while Jesus was still here.

The Holy Spirit would come with His comfort. He works through the people in whom He dwells – 2 Corinthians 1:1-10.

“the Helper” – This is the Holy Spirit. Notice that He is a person. – “I will send Him to you.” – The Holy Spirit is not a force. He is a person.

The Holy Spirit – is the third person of the Godhead. There is only one God but He is triune (Tri-unity) in nature, which we call the Trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are all equal in essence; as far as the nature of God – John 14:16-18.

John 15:26 – “He will bear witness of Me,”

John 15:27 – “and you will bear witness also,”

Every Christian has the Holy Spirit dwelling inside of them – John 14:17.

1 Corinthians 12:13

3. Verses 8-11 – Conviction Of The Holy Spirit:

John 16:8

“And He, when He comes,” – I thought the Holy Spirit was already there? He was, but on the day of Pentecost, He was going to come in a new fresh way. He would dwell within those who believe – John 14:17.

The Holy Spirit will work through the Church – Acts 1:8.

John 6:44

The Holy Spirit Regenerates – John 3; The Holy Spirit Restrains – 2 Thessalonians 2; The Holy Spirit Reproves – (Convicts) John 16.

Ministry of The Holy Spirit Is Conviction In The World. There are 3 areas that determine a person’s spiritual state: Sin, Righteous, and Judgment:

1. Convict The World Of Sin – “will convict the world concerning sin” – (reprove) It is a legal word that means “to bring to light, to expose, to convince, to pronounce the verdict of guilty”. NT, to show one his sin and summoning him to repent.”

Without Conviction There Is No True Conversion.

John 16:9 – “concerning sin,” – “missing the mark” (Not sins) – The Holy Spirit convicts the world of the sin, – “because they do not believe in Me;” – The sin of unbelief.

The ministry of the church is not to convince the world of its sins but of its basic, fundamental sin.

John 3:18; John 16:10

2. Convict The World Of Righteousness – “and concerning righteousness,” – This is God’s righteous standard by which man will be judged. That man is not right! Man has come short – Romans 10:3.

“righteousness,” – is a term for what the Old Testament calls “Holiness.”

Romans 5:1 – Justification is God declaring those who receive Christ to be righteous, based on Christ’s righteousness being imputed to the accounts of those who receive Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:1.

“because I go to the Father” – (Proof of Jesus’ Righteousness) The world would not receive the Son of God – John 1:10.

“and you no longer see Me;” – The Spirit also reveals Christ in the lives of believers.

John 16:11

3. Convict The World Of Judgment – “and concerning judgment,” – What judgment is He speaking of?

“because the ruler of this world has been judged.” – Christ is speaking here of the judgment at the cross, not a future judgment. He had spoken of judging Satan and the world – John 12:31-32; Colossians 2:15.

Application:

1. Jesus says, “These things” 5X in 6 Verses. Christians Are Notorious For Remembering What We Ought To Forget And Forgetting What We Ought To Remember.
2. The Holy Spirit Uses The Witness Of Christians And The Word To Convince The Unbeliever Of His Sin Of Unbelief.
3. The Holy Spirit Convicts Of Our Need For Righteousness (Holiness), The Hunger To Be Made Right With God.
4. Spirit Convicts Of Judgment, The Result Of The Cross. The Devil’s Fate Guarantees The Judgment Of Every Unrepentant Sinner.