

## The Holy Spirit #6

**INTRO:** We are continuing our look at what Scripture teaches us about the third person of the Trinity, The Holy Spirit. That same Spirit Who transformed us and took up residence in us when we made the decision and confession that Jesus is the Son of God Who died to pay the penalty for our sins and returned to earth to show us He was alive. Jesus promised that He would send another to help us. What a gift that is! Sadly, many have never really understood the fullness of the blessing that the Holy Spirit provides. We need to remind ourselves of this blessing and build our relationship with Him.

I) **John 14:16 AMPL John 14:16** *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—*

- A) In the Amplified version, we see the fuller range of the meaning of the original Greek word we translate as Comforter in English.
- B) Remember that one role and responsibility of the Holy Spirit is execution of the Will of God
  - 1) Directly by inner witness
  - 2) Through men and women
  - 3) By the preaching of the Word with anointing
  - 4) Through circumstances and events
- C) Great end result of receiving the Holy Spirit is to prepare us to do the great high calling of God.
  - 1) He qualifies us for high and effective service
  - 2) He empowers us to do the work of the ministry
  - 3) Helping others receive the Lord is the highest calling and is a major emphasis of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers
  - 4) Everything we do should have an element and an awareness of that desired end result
  - 5) We receive many benefits from the infilling of the Holy Spirit, but the great aim is our consecrated usefulness within the framework of the Kingdom of God. That framework's purpose is to help men receive the Lord as Savior. That is the reason that Jesus was willing to give His own life...that men might be saved!

### II) The Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit

- A) **John 16:8-11 NKJV** *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.*
  - 1) This is a definite assignment of the Holy Spirit
  - 2) **Romans 3:19-20 NKJV** *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*
    - (a) The law is the knowledge of sin!
    - (b) We would have no right or wrong without the Law—morality/honesty would be relative/contextual
  - 3) **Romans 3:23 NKJV** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
  - 4) **Romans 5:12-13 NKJV** *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **Explains how sin came into the world—thru Adam and Eve***
  - 5) **Romans 6:23 NKJV** *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
    - (a) This speaks of the “second death” -- the eternal death which is separation from God
    - (b) When we are in sin, we do not want to face God. We know we are guilty and do not want to face the punishment
    - (c) Cotton Picking Story by Doc Horton—As a boy growing up in rural Georgia he had to pick cotton to help his family survive. The pickers got paid by the pound. Doc had figured it would help him earn more if he put some rocks in his bag. When the scales were brought out he took off. Feeling guilty he didn't want to be around on the day of reckoning. He knew payday was coming. In the end, the manager asked Doc's dad to bring him by to pick up his earnings. Doc did not want to go face the boss, so his Dad picked up

his earnings. He got 6 cents for the cotton he picked after all the rocks were taken out of the bag. Doc's dad gave him a whipping and a lecture on being honest... PAYDAY DOES COME to sinners!

(d) The ministry of the World is through Jesus, Who was born of God's love for mankind. John 3:16

(e) The boss brought the 6 cents pay forward because of God's love...Doc's Dad gave him a spanking because of his love...there was a price of sin that had to be paid and this was Doc's lesson

(f) Jesus is God's gift and payment for our sins... He took the spanking of death for us

## B) Three Areas of Conviction of the World

### 1) Sin: Transgression of God's Word and Law

(a) Violating God's will word and commandments

(i) Man is born a sinner by blood relationship with Adam...we inherit that

(ii) We do things in sin because born as a sinner—that is our nature w/o Jesus

(iii) You are not a sinner because you sin!

(iv) We are sinners because we reject Jesus!

(v) Our sin is in our believing or faith area of life

(b) Unbelief both out of ignorance and deliberate

(i) Ignorant unbelief often hurts the church and believers

(ii) Deliberate unbelief is mostly outside the church—more blatant and obvious

(c) Rejection of Jesus

(i) *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 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?" (Acts 2:36-37) NKJV*

(ii) This is the great sin. Bigger than murder, theft, lust, etc. Because of the eternal penalty and the waste of the free gift that God provided through Jesus.

(iii) We are not called to condemn sinners—we are to be used by the Holy Spirit to draw men unto Christ.

(i) Jesus is the issue for those that do not yet believe.

(ii) Sin is the issue for believers!

(iv) The sin of unbelief is the most challenging to overcome. It is hard to change our mind when the world's system and logic resists the Truth.

(i) Some think they are intellectually superior because they DO NOT believe!

(ii) Many atheists change their mind under severe tests, war, etc. when they confront their own lack of faith

(iii) Some are proud to be unbelievers

(iv) Some are sorrowed by their unbelief and yet cannot seem to bring self to believe

(v) When the Holy Spirit touches your heart—you CAN believe! And all things change and are made new!

(vi) The Holy Spirit changes you when you yield to Him. This yielded condition needs an ongoing submission to God's will as directed by the Holy Spirit!

Next time we will look at the other two elements of the Holy Spirit's conviction:

2) Righteousness

3) Judgment