

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 16:07–15

Introduction

The clearest revelation of the Holy Spirit is given by our Lord Himself. He had already revealed who the Person of the Holy Spirit is (Jn. 14:15-26). Now, He reveals the work of the Holy Spirit.

- I. He helps believers (v. 7).
- II. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (vv. 8-11).
- III. He guides believers (vv. 12-13).
- IV. He glorifies Jesus Christ: He shows the things of Christ to believers (vv. 14-15).

I. *John 16:07 The Holy Spirit*

The Holy Spirit comforts and helps believers. Jesus said a surprising thing: “It is for your good that I am going away.” It was for the believer’s good (profit, advantage) that Jesus would leave the world. Note the additional weight and emphasis Jesus gave to the fact:

“I tell you the truth.” It may be difficult for a person to see and understand, for it seems that we would be much better off if Jesus were here physically and bodily. Some people even cry out for His presence, for some sight, some vision, some dream of Him. But Jesus said that it was best that He leave and not be physically present. Why? There is one supreme reason: if He had not left, the Holy Spirit would not have come. The believer is *better off* with the presence of the Holy Spirit than he is with the presence of Jesus.

Now note: How can such a statement be made? How can the believer be better off with the Holy Spirit than with the physical, bodily presence of Jesus?

1. Since Jesus departed, we now have *a glorified and exalted Lord*. We have a Lord who rules and reigns and controls all: who is able to fulfill all His promises and meet our desperate need for life — life that is both abundant and eternal.

Eph 1:19-20 And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

2. Since Jesus departed, we now have an *Intercessor* before the very throne of God. We have a Person who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses — all because He was tempted in every way just as we are.

Heb 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. Let us then

approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

3. Since Jesus departed, we now have the *presence of the Holy Spirit* with us at all times. Jesus in His human body could be only in one place at a time; but the Holy Spirit, who is Spirit, is able to be with all believers at the same time no matter where they are.

John 14:16 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever.”*

4. Since Jesus departed, we now have *a real gospel* to proclaim, the gospel of the risen and exalted Lord who is able to give eternal life to every person who calls upon Him.

Rom 10:8-10, 13 *But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

5. Since Jesus departed, we now have the *worldwide work of the Holy Spirit*, His work of...
 - convicting and convincing the world (Jn. 16:8-11)
 - helping and guiding believers (Jn. 16:12-13)
 - glorifying Christ (Jn. 16:14-15)

Note the Holy Spirit is called the Comforter. (Jn. 14:16.)

II. John 16:08–11 The Holy Spirit Convicts the World

The Holy Spirit convicts and convinces the world. The word *convict* (elegxei) means both *to reprove* and *to convince* a person.

=> Convict means to prick a person’s heart until he senses and knows he is guilty. He has done wrong or failed to do right.

=> Convince means to hammer and drive at a person’s heart until he knows the fact is true.

The Holy Spirit convicts and convinces the world of three things: sin, righteousness and judgment.

1. There is the conviction of sin.
 - a. The Holy Spirit *convicts* the world of its sin, that man is sinful. The Holy Spirit convicts a man that he...
 - misses the mark, that is, falls short of the glory of God.

Rom 3:23 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

- transgresses, that is, wanders off the right path.

Eph 2:1 *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.*

- violates and breaks the law of God.

Heb 2:2-3 *For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.*

- b. The Holy Spirit *convinces* the world that a man's unbelief is wrong. The Holy Spirit convinces the world that Jesus really did die for sin. The Holy Spirit takes a man who does not believe in Jesus and convinces him that Jesus is the Saviour — that his sins are really forgiven when he *believes* in Jesus.

John 8:24 *“I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.”*

1 John 2:1-2 *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

2. There is the conviction of righteousness.

- a. The Holy Spirit *convicts* the world of its lack of righteousness, that a man has no righteousness whatsoever that is acceptable to God. The Holy Spirit convicts a man that his righteousness...

- is self-righteousness only
- is human righteousness only
- is the righteousness of works that are only human and therefore have an end
- is the righteousness of human goodness and therefore passes away when he dies
- is inadequate, insufficient and unacceptable to God

Gal 3:11 *Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”* (see Gal.2:16)

Isa 64:6-7 *All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.* (see v. 9-12)

- b. The Holy Spirit *convinces* the world that Jesus' righteousness is acceptable to God. The Holy Spirit convinces a man...
 - that Jesus really was received up into heaven by the Father *because* He was righteous
 - that Jesus has secured righteousness for every man

- that man can approach God through the righteousness of Jesus
- that Jesus is the Ideal and Perfect Man, the very Son of Man Himself. He is the *Representative Man*, the *Perfect Man*, the *Pattern*, the *Embodiment* of everything a man ought to be. Jesus Christ is the *perfect picture* of a man. Everything God wants a man to be is seen perfectly in Jesus Christ (Jn. 1:14; Col 2:9-10; Heb 1:3).

2 Cor 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Rom 4:24-25 *But also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

3. There is the *conviction of judgment*.

a. The Holy Spirit *convicts* the world that judgment is coming, that a man is to face the personal judgment of God. The Holy Spirit convicts a man...

- that he is both responsible and accountable to God and man.
- that there is to be a real day of judgment sometime out in the future.
- that he is to stand face to face with God and be judged.
- that he is to be judged for sin and lack of righteousness, for what he has done and not done.

Rom 14:12 *So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

Heb 9:27 *Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.*

b. The Holy Spirit *convinces* the world that Jesus has borne the judgment of sin and death for man. The Holy Spirit convinces a man...

- that Jesus died bearing the penalty and judgment of sin for him.

1 Pet 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

1 Pet 3:18 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

- that Jesus, by His death, destroyed the power of Satan over sin and death.

John 12:31 *Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.*

Heb 2:14-15 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

- that man can be freed from sin and death, that he can be forgiven for his sin and given eternal life through the death of Jesus.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.

(See *Judgement of the World, Nature and Man: Corruption*, John 12:31; *Satan*, John 12:31; and *Judgement of Satan*, John 16:11).

JOHN 12:31

JUDGMENT OF THE WORLD, NATURE AND MAN: CORRUPTION

“Now is the judgement of the world; now the prince of the world will be driven out.” **John 12:31**

The world has to be judged...

- judged as being imperfect
- judged as being in some state other than what it should be
- judged as being short of God’s glory and of God’s will

If the world is ever to be perfected, it has to be judged as imperfect. God has to judge the world as less than what He wills. Once the world is judged as defective and imperfect...

- then it can be condemned and destroyed
- then it can be recreated in a perfect form and state of being

This is exactly what Scripture teaches. Scripture says three things about the world having to be judged and recreated in order to be perfected.

1. The earth itself and the heavenly bodies above have to be judged. Why? Because they are imperfect; they have the seed of corruption within. The earth and the world are *running down*, wasting away, failing and dying. Eventually, even if the world were allowed to run long enough, the earth could not sustain life. The Bible says the earth...
 - has to be judged because it is not perfect.
 - has to be made perfect by being recreated and put into a permanent state. (2 Pet. 2:3-4, 8-13.)
2. Nature itself, the animal and vegetation life of the earth, has to be judged. (Note: this fact is closely aligned to point one above. It is separated only in an attempt to simplify the discussion and to help in understanding the teaching of Scripture.) Nature is imperfect; it has the seed of corruption within. Nature is often beautiful in its sunsets, green pastures, and animal life. But nature is also destructive in its storms, earthquakes, fires and struggle for survival. The beautiful mockingbird

sitting in a tree can be singing its song, and in a moment's time turn into a savage by attacking the worm. Nature is not perfect, not what it should be. It is short of God's glory and short of what God wills it to be. God's will is for *a nature* in which the lion lies down with the lamb, a nature in which all things are at peace and without corruption. In its present condition, nature. ..

- despite its beauty, can be savage
- despite its producing good, can produce bad
- despite its being right, can be evil
- despite its nourishment, can starve
- despite its peace, can be stormy
- despite its enticements, can destroy

The Bible says that nature has to be judged because it is not perfect. It has to be made perfect, that is, recreated and put into a permanent and perfect state.

Rom. 8:19-22 *The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

3. Man (and his world system) has to be judged. Man is imperfect; he has the seed of corruption within. Man lies, steals, cheats, and kills. Man has many good moments — every man, no matter who he is — but he also has many bad moments. Moods, feelings, thoughts, weaknesses of both body and mind — so much causes man to come ever so short. In addition man ages; he wastes away and dies — and nothing can stop the process. Man is short of God's glory; he is not perfect; therefore, he must be judged. He has to be recreated and made into a perfect creature; he has to be given a perfect and permanent body.

1 Cor 15:42-44 *So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*

1 Cor 15:49-54 *And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the*

mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

It is important to note why the seed of corruption is in the world. The world was not corrupted by its own will or act. It was corrupted because of sin (Rom. 8:20). The sin of man brought corruption into the world. As soon as man sinned...

- the world was no longer perfect. It was contaminated, polluted, dirtied, corrupted.
- the seed of corruption, of wasting away, deteriorating, decaying and dying was planted in the world.
- the results of sin fell upon the world as well as upon man.

The world had been made for man, for man's dwelling place and enjoyment (Gen. 1:1-3:24). And God gave man a choice: if man chose perfection, his world would remain perfect just as God had created it; but if man chose sin and evil and death, his world would become imperfect, full of sin and evil and death. Therefore, when man sinned and became corrupted, he plunged the world into corruption. All creation became as man, just as man had chosen.

As stated, the world and its physical dimension of being were made for man; therefore, it was bound to suffer the very same fate as man. God had so ordained it. Therefore, when man is saved and delivered from sin and corruption, his world will also share the deliverance of man. The world will be saved and delivered from sin and corruption. There is to be a glorious day of redemption, a redemption both for man and his world. God will give all believers a redeemed and perfected world in which to live. As God declares, "I am making everything new" (Rev. 21:5)

2 Pet 3:3-4, 8-13 *First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ...But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. □*

JOHN 12:31 SATAN

*“Now is the judgement of the world; now the prince of the world will be driven out.” **John 12:31***

Jesus said the world is ruled by an alien prince. The world is not ruled by God; it is ruled by Satan. The Bible says three significant things.

1. Satan is the ruler and the prince, that is, the power of the world in all its evil and corruption (Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2.)
2. The sin and evil of the world prove the world is ruled by an alien prince. God is not the author of sin. God *does not* tempt men, not with evil (Jas. 1:13). God is not the Father of sin and evil, of destruction and devastation. God does not do such things. The father of such corruption is the devil.
3. Satan is now *driven out* by the cross of Christ. Note the words *driven out* (ekblethesetai exo, future passive of ekballo which means a sure fact *lying in the future*). The words mean to drive out of, to drive from or forth, to drive *clean out* (exo) of a place. Satan in all his power, rule, and reign is driven out by the death of Christ. His power, rule, and reign over lives is now broken.
 - a. Satan’s power *to charge men with sin* is now “driven out.” Men now have the power to escape the penalty of sin. Christ took the sins of men upon Himself and paid the penalty for their sin. He died for the sins of the world.

1 Pet 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

Rom 8:33 *Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.*

- b. Satan’s power *to cause death* is now “driven out.” Men no longer have to die. Christ died *for man*, became man’s substitute in death.

Heb 2:14-15 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

- c. Satan’s power *to cause men to be separated from God* is now “driven out.” Men no longer have to go to hell. Christ was separated from God *for man* (See Mt. 27:46-49). Man can now live forever with God.

1 Pet 3:18 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

Rom 8:11 *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

- d. Satan's power to enslave men with the habits of sin and shame is now "driven out." By His death, Christ made it possible for man to be freed from sin. The believer, cleansed by the blood of Christ, becomes a holy temple unto God, a temple fit for the presence and power of God's Spirit. Men can now conquer the enslaving habits of sin by the power of God's Spirit.

1 Cor 6:19-20 *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.*

1 John 4:4 *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

Thought 1. Jesus Christ has destroyed and triumphed over the power of Satan (See Cross, Jn. 12:32 how the cross delivers and gives man so much.)

John 14:30 *"I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me."*

Col 1:13-14 *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Col 2:15 *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

1 John 3:8 *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. □*

JOHN 16:11 JUDGEMENT OF SATAN

"And in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned." John 16:11

This passage concerns the judgment of Satan. The judgment of Satan was executed by Christ upon the cross. It was upon the cross that Jesus Christ judged and condemned the devil in all his authority and power. How? There were two ways.

1. Satan is judged and condemned by the obedience of Christ upon the cross. God is perfectly pleased with Christ, for Christ did exactly what God wanted: *He obeyed God perfectly.* Therefore, God is bound to be perfectly pleased.

The point is this: what God wanted most of all was for Christ to die *for man*. Christ Himself said, “I do exactly what my father commanded me” (Jn. 14:31). The ultimate commandment that would show perfect obedience was for Him...

- to die for man’s sin
- to receive the judgment of (physical and spiritual) death for man’s sin
- to suffer separation from God for man

It was upon the cross that Christ obeyed God in the supreme, ultimate, and absolute sense. It was because he died — because He obeyed God perfectly — that God...

- has highly exalted Him (see Phil. 2:9-11).
- has given Him a name that is above every name.
- has destined that every knee will bow before Him, of things *in heaven*, and things *on earth*, and things *under the earth*.
- has destined that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- has judged the world and appointed that it will be recreated and made into a new heavens and earth (2 Pet. 3:10-13).
- has thrown out Satan and enthroned Christ, giving Him the loyalty of man and the kingdoms of the whole world (Jn. 12:31-32).
- has assured the return of Christ and His rule and reign (Tit. 2:12-13).
- has promised that Christ will rule and reign over a new heavens and earth, over all the universe (2 Pet. 3:4-5, 8-13)

2. Satan is judged and condemned by the belief of men in the cross, in the death of Christ.

The cross judged and condemned Satan in all his authority and power. The judgment can be summed up in three areas.

- a. The cross judges and breaks the power of Satan over the world (Jn. 12:31). Satan is the ruler, the prince, the power of the world. This is taught by the Bible (Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2). The one example of his dominion familiar to most is the temptation of Christ. Satan offered the kingdoms of the world to Christ if Christ would worship him (Lk. 4:6). He possessed the kingdoms to offer. But Christ refused to yield to the temptation. Instead He chose to obey God, to secure the authority over the kingdoms of the world by way of the cross. In this particular passage, Christ proclaimed the coming triumph of the cross. The cross broke forever the power of the devil over the kingdoms of the world, and it assures the return of Christ to rule and reign throughout the universe forever.

Col 1:13 *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.*

Col 2:15 *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

1 Cor 15:24-25 *Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

Phil 2:8-11 *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (see Rev. 21:1f)*

- b. The cross judges and breaks the authority and power of Satan over death (Jn. 12:31). Satan holds the power of death. It is his selfish and sinful influence that has brought corruption, decay, and death to the earth. But Christ has broken the devil's grip over death forever. The cross delivers man from the fear and bondage of death and assures Christ the authority over life and death.

Heb 2:14-15 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

1 Cor 15:25-26, 55-57 *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- c. The cross judges and breaks the authority and power of Satan to corrupt men through worldliness and sin (Jn. 12:32). Satan uses the world – its pleasures and desire for power and wealth and fame – to attract and enslave men, and enslavement inevitably leads to destruction. But the cross brings power to a man, spiritual power...
- to break his habits and bondages
 - to keep him from damaging and destroying his body and spirit

The cross and its power to deliver and to give life have become the focal attraction of time and eternity. The cross liberates and frees man forever.

John 14:30 *“I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me.”*

1 Cor 10:13 *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.*

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 John 3:8 *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

1 John 4:4 *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. □*

III. **John 16:12–13** *Guidance of the Holy Spirit*

The Holy Spirit guides believers through three things.

1. The Holy Spirit guides by speaking the truth. Christ said that He had many things to say to the apostles, but they were not able to “bear” (handle, grasp) them, not yet. He would share them later through the Holy Spirit. Christ tells the Spirit what to say and how to guide believers. Christ, of course, is the One who knows the weaknesses and the needs of men. He knows by personal experience (Heb. 4:15-16). Therefore, He is the One who is appointed by God to instruct the Spirit in His *guiding* ministry. This should cause our hearts to leap with great joy and confidence, for the Lord knows exactly what we face — knows by experience.

Rom. 8:14 *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God”*

Psa 48:14 *For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.*

Psa 73:24 *You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.*

Isa 30:21 *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”*

Isa 42:16 *I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.*

Isa 48:17 *This is what the Lord says — your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.”*

2. The Holy Spirit guides by leading into all the truth. The Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of Truth.” He speaks *only* the truth and guides “into all truth”. The truth, of course, is Jesus Christ Himself. The Spirit leads the believer to Christ, the Truth, and teaches him “all the truth” about Christ. (See *Jesus the Truth*, Jn. 14:6.)

John 15:26 *“When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.”*

1 John 4:6 *We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.*

There is victory through the Holy Spirit (Jn. 15:26-27). He is the believer's Counsellor, his Comforter through persecution (Jn. 14:16). He is the believer's Spirit of Truth through persecution. The truth will prevail through all persecution. (See Jn. 14:17.)

Mat 10:19 *“But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say.”*

Luke 12:11-12 *“When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”*

Luke 21:15 *“For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.”*

3. The Holy Spirit guides by showing (announcing, declaring) things to come. After Jesus arose, the Holy Spirit was the One who led the apostles to write the New Testament and to foresee the things revealed in its pages. Since that day, the Holy Spirit is the One who takes the things revealed in the Word and shows (declares, announces) them to the heart of the believer.

1 Cor 2:9-10 *However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” – but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.*

1 Cor 2:12 *We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.*

Thought 1. Note two critical facts.

- 1) The believer must be dependent upon the Holy Spirit's leadership in learning the truth.
- 2) The believer's growth is progressive, coming only from the Holy Spirit's opening up the Word to him.

1 Cor 2:13 *This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.*

1 John 2:27 *As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit – just as it has taught you, remain in him.*

JOHN 14:06 JESUS THE TRUTH

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:06***

There is a difference between telling someone about the truth and living the truth before them. The one who lives the truth literally becomes the truth.

1. Jesus Christ is the *Embodiment* of truth (Jn. 14:6). He is the picture of truth. God not only talks to man about Himself, God shows man what He is like in the person of Jesus Christ. Man can look at Jesus Christ and see a perfect picture of the truth of God.

John 10:30 *"I and the Father are one."*

John 10:37-38 *"Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."*

John 14:10 *"Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work."*

John 17:11 *I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name — the name you gave me — so that they may be one as we are one.*

2. Jesus Christ is the *Communicator* of truth. He Himself — His Person and His Life — makes things perfectly clear. He reveals the ultimate source and meaning and end of all things. He reveals the truth of man himself and of the world surrounding man. He shows man the right way to the truth, and He enables man to choose the right way to the truth.

John 3:11 *"I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony."*

John 3:23 *Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.*

John 3:34 *For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.*

John 5:24 *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."*

John 6:63 *"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."*

John 6:68 *Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*

John 8:14 *Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going.”*

John 14:24 *“He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”*

John 17:8 *“For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.”*

John 17:14 *“I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.”*

John 18:37 *“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”*

Rev 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.*

3. Jesus Christ is the *Liberator* of truth (Jn. 8:32; 15:3). He sets men free from the great gulf (estrangement) which exists between man and God, between man and his world, and between man and man. He sets man free from the frustrations which he constantly experiences. He frees man from the fears and weaknesses and defects that plague him. Jesus Christ is the only lasting Liberator on earth. (See *Truth*, Jn. 8:32).

John 8:32 *“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

John 15:3 *“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.”* □

IV. John 16:14–15 The Holy Spirit Glorifies Christ

The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ and *only* Christ. Note that the Spirit “makes Christ known” and shows (declares) it to believers. This means that He reveals and declares...

- only what Christ is
- only what Christ did
- only what Christ said

The Holy Spirit was sent *in Jesus’ name* to proclaim Jesus alone. He, the Spirit of Truth, leads believers to Christ, who alone is the Truth. He did not come to proclaim a movement and message of His own but to proclaim the movement and message of Christ.

John 14:26 *“But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

Note the phenomenal claim of Jesus. All that the Father has is His. He is the Son of God, the Son of the Father. (See Jn. 1:34.) Note another fact: Christ is declaring that there is *perfect unity* in the Godhead. All things of the Father...

- are the things of the Son, of Jesus Christ Himself
- are the things shown and declared by the Holy Spirit

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John 17:22 *“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.”* ■