

HOLY SPIRIT.

John 16:7 ; Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Everything God did in His creation was accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit. **God the Father conceived it. Jesus spoke it. And the Holy Spirit was the power that performed it.** When God the Father was ready to bring Jesus into the earth, He took the spoken Word (Jesus), the Holy Spirit brooded over Mary (a virgin), and she conceived Jesus' physical body.

This perfectly illustrates the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are one. In fact, they are so much one that they can't operate independent of each other. They are a team. Jesus didn't do any miracles or start His public ministry until after He had been anointed with the Holy Spirit. **If Jesus couldn't, or wouldn't, operate independently of the Holy Spirit, neither should we.** No one can have an effective life or ministry without the power of God's Holy Spirit working in him or her. This fact can't be argued by anyone who truly believes the Bible is God's Word. The Scriptures are replete with proof that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts" (**Zech. 4:6**).

Many people want to have every thing God has for them. But most of them do not have. This raises many questions in the unbelievers mind. This life of a believer without any power, manifestation often becomes a bad and sad testimony to Jesus. The most important reasons why people do not have what God has for them are....

1. IGNORANCE;

Isaiah 5:13 ; Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Hosea 4:6 ; My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

2 Cor. 4:4 ; *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

God's People are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**. God wants us to know Him, more than we want to know Him. But due to the lifestyle they select, either they don't have time for this knowledge, or they willfully reject this knowledge. Normal ignorance can be solved by teaching and learning the Word of God. But "**Willful ignorance**" is difficult to be treated, and often ends up in a bad situation.

2. MISINFORMATION;

Anything you hear, see, accept will either inform or misinform something to you. Guard yourselves against misinformation (**Pro; 4:23**). I am responsible to what I teach. You are responsible to what you learn. If you learn you can move properly with the Holy spirit.

3. DENOMINATIONAL DOCTRINES;

Mark 7:8 ; For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Mark 7:13 ; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Anything which is contrary to the Word of God is Wrong. (**Rom;3:4**).

How to get out of these above traps and have everything God has for you.... **“STUDY THE BIBLE”.**

2 Tim. 3:16-17 ; *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Every thing you can learn about God is in the Bible.

The king James version bible is 90% of **William Tyndale's** Translation. One day a Clergy man told him, “ We are better to be without God's law than the Pope's”. Tyndale replied, “ If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the scripture than thou dost “. He smuggled 15,000 of his translations into England. He was arrested and strangled and burned on the stake on October 6, 1536

You are a spiritual Giant...Don't allow the denominational threads to bind and keep you idle.

THREE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1. NEED TO BE BORN OF THE SPIRIT;

John 3:1-6 ; *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: [2] The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. [3] Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. [4] Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? [5] Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

This is the **basic foundational truth**. First step into the Kingdom of God. Without this step you don't go anywhere. This is the start. It is not enough to be religious, water baptized, just being a member of a Church. Every denomination can prove that what they do is based on a or some scripture. You may do many good religious things and still may not know Jesus. Nicodemus was religious. Pharisee. Bible scholar of that day. Some people may say there is no born again, salvation,...etc in our church. That may not be in your church, but it is in the Bible. It is a commandment of Jesus. People may say there are other ways, meanings etc.. But from the answer nicodemus gave, we can understand that Jesus spoke about a **BIRTH PROCESS**. Birth process, has a time, date, place etc.. It is an incident which must have been definitely taken place in one person's life. It is open, not a secret. We get into this world through a Birth process.(a certain date, time, place...) We get into the Kingdom of God through a birth process. Born again (a certain date, time, place...). All are born as sinners....destined to die and go to hell. When, one person believes and accepts the redemptive work of Jesus, he becomes Born again. He becomes worthy to go to heaven. One person don't go to hell for his sins, he goes to hell because he didn't accept the redemption of Jesus. That is why Children go to heaven if they die. A child if he dies before he can understand what is accepting Jesus or Rejecting Jesus... He goes to heaven.

So a person has to be **Born again** to go to heaven. **Make sure you are born of the Spirit.**

2. NEED TO BE BAPTIZED OF THE SPIRIT.

Matthew 3:11; I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

The new birth **qualifies** you to live the life of God on earth.

Baptism in Holy Spirit **enables** you to live the life of God on earth.

Note; (To know in detail about the Baptism of Holy spirit, kindly refer our Bible study, “ THE BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT)

3. NEED TO OPERATE IN POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

Luke 4:14-19 ; And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. [15] And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. [16] And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. [17] And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, [18] The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, [19] To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Power; ability .capability,...enabling...

The Holy Spirit will enable us to do whatever God wants us to do.

Jesus was...

Born of the Spirit;

Luke 1:35; and the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Baptized of the Spirit;

Math; 3:13-17.

Luke 3:22 ;And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Operated in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:14-19

THE THREE DISPENSATIONS OF THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Matthew 3:13-17 ; [16] And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: [17] And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Genesis 8:8-12 ; Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; [9] But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. [10] And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; [11] And the dove came in to him in the

evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. [12] And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

Dove is used as a symbol, type and shadow of Holy spirit.

v. 9. dove sent out; no rest. Returned

v.11. dove sent out; returned with leaf – Judgment over.

v.12. dove sent out; did not return.

1. OLD TESTAMENT DISPENSTION; Genesis to Malachi.

The old testament people could not be born again. They had the sin nature. So the Holy spirit couldn't stay on them for ever.

The Holy spirit came upon certain people, at certain times for particular services and then departed. *Ex; 1 Samuel; 10;6, 10. 11;6. 16;14.*

Judges; 13;25, 14;6, 19. 15;14. 16;19.

1 Peter 1:11 ;Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Psalm 51:11 ; Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Under the Old covenant dispensation the Spirit found no place to stay.

2. GOSPEL DISPENSATION; (Mathew to John).

Resurrection;

Romans 8:11 ; But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Olive branch in dove's mouth shows us that God's judgment of sin is over for all that are in Christ. **The Judgment of sin fell on Jesus.**

John 5:24 ; Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

3. CHURCH AGE OR NEW TESTAMENT DISPENSATION; (Pentecost to present)

The Holy Spirit was active in the Old Testament but the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the New Testament believer has some major differences. One of these differences is that once the believer receives the Holy Spirit, **He remains forever**. During the Old Testament days, the Holy Spirit came and went in and among men. David expressed fear over God taking His Holy Spirit from him (Ps 51:11). This is in sharp contrast with promises of the New Testament (this verse; **Ro 8:35-39; Eph 1:13-14; Heb 13:5).**

Holy Spirit now comes and stays forever. He indwells all believers. **Romans; 8;11.** The Holy Spirit is in us and will not leave us.

John 14:16 ; And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Romans 8:14 ; For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:16 ; The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Ephes. 1:13-14 ; In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of

promise, [14] Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Hebrews 13:5 ; *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Rom; 8;35-39. Matthew 28:20 , John 14: 17, 23 . 1 Peter 4:14

IMPORTANT JESUS'S TEACHINGS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT;

1. Spirit produces Inward changes.

John; 3;1-6.

2 Cor. 5:17 ; *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

2. Spirit produces an Upward Worship.

John; 4;7-24.

John 4:23-24 ; *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. [24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

1 Cor. 14:15 ; *What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*

3. Spirit produces an Outward Flow.

(Ezek; 47;1-9).

John 7:37-39 ;*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. [38] He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [39] (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Acts 1:8 ; *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

THREE THINGS THAT WILL HELP US BEGIN TO DO THE WORKS OF JESUS AND THE GREATER WORKS.

John; 14;10-17.

John 14:12 ; *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

1; Because Jesus has gone to the Father; John; 14;12.

He came to earth as a man. Lived a sinless life. He took upon Himself our sins, our sicknesses, our curse. Tasted death for us. Went to Hell for us. Threw back demons of hell. Triumphed over death, hell, and the grave, Took keys from Satan, Led captivity captive. Came forth from tomb victoriously, **Ascended to the father.**

Heb; 9;11-14, 23-28; 10;1-22; 1;3. Ephes; 1;20-23.

2. He is giving us the right to use His name.

John 14:13-14 ; *And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

Mark; 16;17,18. Math; 28.

Asking in the name of Jesus is more than just words. This is speaking of asking and expecting to receive solely on account of what Jesus did for us. It is not coming to the Father on the basis of

any worth or merit of our own but putting total faith in what Jesus did for us. Those who simply say the words, "in Jesus' name," but then proclaim their own worth or are condemned because of their unworthiness are not truly coming to the Father in the name of Jesus.

v.14. There are certain qualifications to this promise. **Mt 21:22** says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." And **Jas 1:6-7** says, "*But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.*" Therefore, faith is a prerequisite to receiving, whether stated or not. We also have to ask for things according to God's will, which is His word. Faith only appropriates what God has already provided by grace. So, if it isn't already provided through Christ, we can't get it through prayer and faith.

3. The Holy spirit is given to dwell in us.

John 14:16-17 ; *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

Holy Spirit in Jesus enabled Him.

John 14:10 ; *Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*

Holy Spirit in us, enables us.

Acts 1:8 ; *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

To do the works of Jesus;

1. Receive His redemptive work.
2. Receive the right to use His name.
3. Receive the Holy spirit.

6 QUALITIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT;

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John 14:26-27 ; *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. [27] Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

1. He is the Comforter; **John; 14;16.**
2. He will abide with us for ever; **John; 14;16.**
3. He is the spirit of truth; **John; 14;17.**
4. The World cannot receive the Holy spirit. **John; 14;17.**
5. He will teach us all things. **John; 14;26.**
6. He will bring all things to our remembrance; **john; 14;26**

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL DO.

John 16:12-14 ; I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. [13] Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. [14] He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

1. He will guide us into all truth.

Truth of redemption. Truth of New birth. Truth concerning our authority.

2. He will not speak on His own authority but whatever He hears from Heaven, He will speak.


3. He will show us things to come.

4. he will glorify Jesus.

5. He will receive from Jesus and show it to us.

POWER AND WITNESS;

Acts 1:8 ; But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Define; Power ; **dunamis**,  *doo'-nam-is*; from Greek 1410 (dunamai); *force* (literal or figurative); specially miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself) :- ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, might (wonderful) work.

1. Power to liberate or free our spirits to communicate directly with God.

Acts; 2;1-4. 1 cor; 14;2. 14;14, 15.

2. Power to have boldness in face of persecution . *Acts; 3,4.*

3. Power to Face death. *Acts; 7;54-60.*

4. Power to face the Devil and demonic forces. *Acts; 13;2-8, 9-12.*

As you do these things by the Holy Spirit, **you will be a witness for the lord Jesus.**

THREE THINGS THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES IN THE WORLD.

John 16:7-11 ; Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

[8] And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

[9] Of sin, because they believe not on me;

[10] Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

[11] Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:7 However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

8 And when He comes, He will convict {and} convince the world {and} bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged {and} condemned {and} sentence already is passed upon him. (Amp.bible)

Reprove; elegcho, Greek 1651, Strong's

elegcho, of uncertain affinity; to *confute*, *admonish* :- convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

World; kosmos, Greek 2889, Strong's

probably from the base of Greek 2865 (komizo); orderly *arrangement*, i.e. *decoration*; by implication the *world* (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitant, literal or figurative [moral]) :- adorning, world.

REPROOF, REPROVE

elencho ; "to convict, rebuke, reprove," is translated "to reprove" in <Luke 3:19; John 3:20>, RV marg., "convicted"; the real meaning here is "exposed" (KJV marg., "discovered"); <Eph. 5:11,13>, where "to expose" is again the significance; in <John 16:8>, KJV, "will reprove"

WORLD ; 1. kosmos ; the "present condition of human affairs," in alienation from and opposition to God, e. g., <John 7:7; 8:23; 14:30; 1 Cor. 2:12; Gal. 4:3; 6:14; Col. 2:8; Jas. 1:27;; (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)

According to this verse, The Holy spirit reproves, or convicts the World.

The Holy Spirit convicts the believer through scriptures, and it is not condemnation.

Most people have been led to believe that self-doubt, self-condemnation, feelings of unworthiness, and conviction for individual sins are the work of the Holy Spirit. But it's just not true!

Religion convinced the body of Christ that the Holy Spirit is the source of negative feelings. Believers are convinced it's the Holy Spirit showing them they are unworthy and have to "clean up their acts" if they ever want to receive from the Lord. **The truth is, it's your heart or, more specifically, your conscience that is condemning you, not God.** That is not the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is never the source of any of your guilt or condemnation. He is not the One that makes you feel bad when you sin. Your conscience is the part of you that condemns you. And if you are feeling unworthy it's almost impossible to receive from God.

1 John 3:19-21 ; And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. [20] For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. [21] Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

This verse makes it very clear: **Your heart can condemn you even though God is not.** This is a radical truth. Most people have assumed that it is always the Holy Spirit who is condemning us.

verse 21; *"Beloved if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."*

If you can reach the point where your conscience is not condemning you, judging you, and causing you to feel unworthy to receive, then you will have confidence toward God, which has great recompense of reward (Heb. 10:35). Most Christians never reach that place. Most know that God can answer their prayer; they just don't have the confidence that He will, because they feel unworthy. They aren't willing to stand in faith, because **feelings of guilt and unworthiness, which they believe are coming from the Holy Spirit, shipwreck their faith.**

“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck” (1 Tim. 1:19).

Our conscience is not something we can or should ignore; it can be trained for our benefit, but it is not the Holy Spirit. The best way to deal with the conscience is to, as much as possible, not give it any occasion against us. It can't condemn you if you aren't giving it a reason. However, no one lives a perfect life and ultimately you've got to purge your conscience from dead works. *Hebrews 9:14* ; *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

Hebrews 10:22, *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.”*

Hebrews 4:16; *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

The ministry of Holy Spirit is comfort ;

John 14:16 *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”*

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the “Comforter,” not the afflieter. It also says that He will send “another” Comforter. “Another” means one of the same caliber, the same kind. Jesus was and still is a comforter; He didn't condemn people during His earthly ministry.

John 3:17-19 *“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deed were evil.”*

John 14:26; *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name...”*

John; 15:26 *“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father...”*

John 16:7; *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”*

There can be no doubt that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is not one of condemnation; it's one of comfort. There is a huge difference between conviction and condemnation.

Which sin the Holy Sprit would convict of. *John 16:9* ; *“Of sin, because they believe not on me.”.*

It is the singular sin of not believing on Jesus.

The Holy Spirit doesn't convict us of lying, stealing, adultery, murder, etc; **He convicts us that we aren't trusting in Jesus. That's the root of every sin.**

Technically, **people don't go to hell for their individual sins**; Jesus has already received forgiveness for all of them (1 John 2:2). **People go to the hell for the single sin of not making Jesus their personal Savior, the complete and only payment for their sin.**

The Holy Spirit doesn't convict us of "things" we do that are wrong but of the fact that we aren't believing on Jesus. The person who doesn't tithe or give will not be convicted about their lack of giving but about the fact that they aren't trusting Jesus with their finances. All our acts of sin come from the one act of not believing on and resting in our relationship with Jesus.

Adam and Eve's sin wasn't eating of the fruit, but rather not believing in the goodness of God. They bought the lie that God had withheld something good from them (*Ge 3:5*). They doubted God and believed the devil. David said, "Against thee, thee only have I sinned" (*Ps 51:4*). The

Lord said to David in **2Sa 12:10** that when David committed adultery and murder he despised God. The real root of David's sin was against God, not Uriah and Bathsheba. Joseph kept his virginity because he told Potiphar's wife that he could not sin against God and do this great wickedness in His sight (**Ge 39:9**).

Even after receiving salvation, it's not our actions (sins) that are the problem but the heart attitude of not trusting Jesus. That is the root of all sin. The reason people steal, read or see bad materials, drink alcohol is because they are turning to something other than Jesus to dull the hurt inside. When we lie, it's because we don't trust Jesus and feel we have to manipulate others. That's what all sin comes down to: **not trusting Jesus**. That's what the Holy Spirit convicts about.

John 16:10 ; *Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;*

First, the Holy Spirit will now have to reveal to mankind what is righteous in the sight of God because Jesus is no longer visible to illustrate true righteousness to us.

Secondly, this could mean that just as Jesus assured people that the goodness and mercy of God made them righteous by faith - not works, so now the Holy Spirit has taken over this ministry of bearing witness to our righteous relationship with the Father (**1Jo 5:13**).

John 16:11 ; *Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

This is not saying that the Holy Spirit tells us we will be judged if we don't repent. It is speaking of the Holy Spirit showing us that Satan has been judged. The devil is the one who is judged, not us. We are the ones with the authority, not the devil. The Holy Spirit will remind us of that to encourage us. Praise the Lord!

It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to reprove of sin, righteousness, and judgment. It is not our ministry. We are simply witnesses (**Joh 15:27; Ac 1:8**). A witness is not the judge or the jury. He simply testifies of what he has seen or what has happened to him.

Some people in their zeal have gone beyond the witness stage and tried to bring people under conviction themselves. This is assuming a job that belongs to the Holy Spirit alone. This not only frustrates the witness but it drives many people away from God. Therefore, we should stick to our job of being a witness and let the Holy Spirit do His.

Many people have not truly understood this positive ministry of the Holy Spirit. They have made Him the source of our feelings of guilt, condemnation, and unworthiness. Because of that, we haven't really let Him do His job, and we are missing the benefits and power of a relationship with Him.

The Holy Spirit should be your best friend. He was sent here to encourage you and constantly assure you of God's love. He is the most important and most powerful person in your life. He is your comforter, guide, teacher, and mentor. **He is Lord**, and He is your best friend.

Amen. Be blessed..

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