



The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:5-11 Part 48

⁵ “Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’
⁶ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.

⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned..

The Holy Bible: New International Version. (1984)

“The Holy Spirit has many different roles. But the first thing to understand is that the Holy Spirit is given to people who believe in Jesus to bind them together with God and help them become more like Him. The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the life of a believer.”

Chelsea Kight (CRU)

1. The Spirit Convicts the World of Unbelief

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” . . . Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:36-39,41

2. The Spirit Convicts the World of Righteousness

Jesus righteousness is vindicated by his life, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the father. He was sent by the Father and he returned to the Father. God’s righteousness is displayed completely in Jesus. Not the Law, not our spirituality, not our good works. Jesus.

1. The Spirit Convicts the World of Judgement

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God..

Romans 8:14

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1

“The truth is that the Spirit of the living God is guaranteed to ask you to go somewhere or do something you wouldn’t normally want or choose to do. The Spirit will lead you to the way of the cross, as He led Jesus to the cross, and that is definitely not a safe or pretty or comfortable place to be. The Holy Spirit of God will mold you into the person you were made to be. This often incredibly painful process strips you of selfishness, pride, and fear.”

Francis Chan – The Forgotten God

Community Group Questions:

1. Is the Holy Spirit actively involved in your life today? How so?
2. How would your prayers change if you believed the Holy Spirit wanted to use you, not just your prayers to reach the lost world?
3. Where might you be resisting the Holy Spirit’s leading?
4. Where can you give thanks for the Holy Spirit’s growth in your life?

