

## FUNCTIONS of the Holy Spirit

John 16:4-15

**John 16:4** *“But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”*

**The passage before us...** deals with **Two primary areas** last week and now will develop them both this morning.

**The Spirit of God has a ministry to the unsaved.** John 16:8-12

**The Spirit of God has a ministry to the believer.** John 16:13-15

### 1. THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS A MINISTRY TO THE UNSAVED.

John 16:8-12

**John 16:7**, *“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to **your advantage** that I go away,*

**John 16:8**, *“And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:***

**John 16:8**, *“And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin** (harmartia [266]) - the inability or unwillingness to do what God has commanded.*

**John 16:9**, *“concerning **sin**, because **they do not believe in me;***

**Example: 1 Corinthians 7:12 –14**, a domestic passage of a mixed marriage.

**1 Corinthians 7:12**, *“To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.*

<sup>14</sup> *“For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.”*

**John 16:10**, “concerning **righteousness** (dikaiosune [1343]) refers to one’s legal standing before God as “not guilty”. “because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;

**John 16:11**, “concerning **judgment** (krisis [2920]) refers to one’s life and character being sifted in order to determine one’s moral worth. “because **the ruler of this world is judged.**”

**The work of the Holy Spirit is to deal with your heart and to bring about that change in your heart that only He can do.**

**Verse 12**, Jesus states, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”

## **2. THE SPIRIT OF GOD’S MINISTRY TO THE BELIEVER.**

John 16:13-15

**John 16:13**, “When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth,**

**Q. How do you** know this is truth from God the Holy Spirit teaching me?

**Two areas** Jesus points out...

*“for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”*

1. **Does not** speak of **H**\_\_\_\_\_.

**16:14** “**He will glorify me**, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

2. When the Spirit of God teaches, He **G**\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

**16:15**, “All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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**TAKE AWAY – What** does it mean to believer this morning?

1. In convicting the unsaved, the spirit desires to use you as a **C**\_\_\_\_\_.

2. In hearing the Word, He desires to see life **C**\_\_\_\_\_.