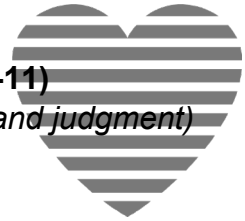
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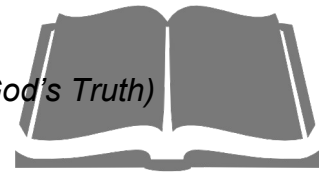
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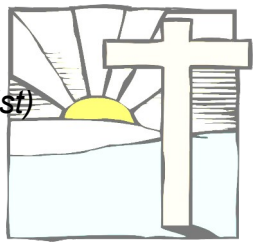
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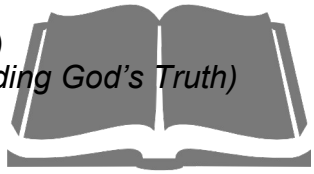


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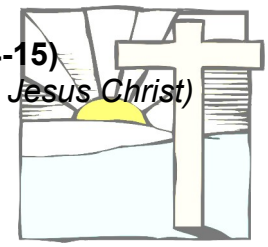
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In John 14:16-26 we observed eight features of the Blessed Holy Spirit:

1. ***The Holy Spirit is* A <u>PERSON</u> (not an impersonal force)**
   ["he" (v.16)…"him" (v.17)…"teach you" (v.26)]
2. ***The Holy Spirit is* of the <u>SAME NATURE</u> AS JESUS CHRIST** (v.16a)
   ("another" = another of the same kind)
3. ***The Holy Spirit* <u>WALKS WITH US SIDE BY SIDE</u> AS OUR SOUL ENCOURAGER**
   (v.16b) *("comforter")*
4. **The Holy Spirit <u>ABIDES</u> WITH US <u>ALWAYS & FOREVER</u>** (v.16c)
   ("abide with you forever")
5. ***The Holy Spirit* IS THE <u>TRUTH</u>, TELLS THE TRUTH, & GIVES THE TRUTH** (v.17a)
   ("the Spirit of truth")
6. ***The Holy Spirit* <u>EXCLUSIVELY INDWELLS</u> ONLY BELIEVERS** (v.17b)
   ("the world cannot receive…ye know him…and (He) shall be in you")
7. ***The Holy Spirit* is in essence – <u>JESUS CHRIST</u> IN SPIRIT FORM** (v.18-20)
   ("I will come to you"…"I in you")
8. ***The Holy Spirit* is our <u>TEACHER</u> OF THE WORD OF GOD,**
   WHO BRINGS GOD'S WORD INTO <u>REMEMBRANCE</u> (v.25-26)

v. 7

"Nevertheless I tell you" – In contrast to the sorrowing news of impending persecution and tribulations (v. 1-6), the good news is that the believer will not be left to fend for himself; he will have the aid of **"the Comforter."**

"It is expedient" – As hard as it was for the disciples to hear this, Christ says, "It is advantageous or beneficial for Me to depart to Heaven because then the Holy Spirit will be sent."

Wasn't the Holy Spirit already here? In what sense had He not yet come?

He had been dwelling "with" the disciples, but would (from Pentecost on) be "in" the disciples (Jn. 14:17) --- Just as Christ Himself was "with" His disciples but would, via His Spirit, be "in" them after His ascension to Heaven.

The Lord's Spirit would, as of the Day of Pentecost, have a more close-knit, intimate, personal, and powerful ministry to the hearts and lives of all who believe on Christ (SEE: Acts 2).

"One has only to compare the disciples at the end of Jesus' ministry with these same men after the coming of the Spirit to see how greatly they had advanced in understanding and in the effectiveness of their service" (Wycliffe , p. 1109).

"The Comforter" – (from two words: *para* and *kaleo* – lit. to call or summon alongside). The Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ's Spirit (Jn. 14:18 – as He said, "I will come to you" [in the person of the Spirit]).

The word “Comforter” has a couple of shades of meaning:

--An advocate (a defense attorney summoned alongside to support the believer’s case)
--A helper (an aid)
--An encourager (to lift up the weary soul)

It was necessary for Christ to first die (making payment for sin), and then to be glorified by His ascension and sovereign seat over the universe before His Spirit could take up residency and sovereignty in the hearts and lives of the Lord’s children.

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“Reprove” – to convict by giving proof or evidence (8:46) of one’s guilt before God.

The Spirit’s convicting the world for its sin is all the more essential in light of the world’s persecution of God’s people mentioned in vv. 1-6.

Conviction is the feeling of uneasiness you get as you (in your heart and conscience) are pricked about a sin in your life.

When God convicts us of sin, we become suddenly aware of reminded of some “lack of conformity to God’s moral law either in our actions or attitude. We are found to have “come short” of God’s exalted standard of righteousness.

The Spirit shows us that sin is “not a mere slip or animal instinct. . . Some scientists and psychologists (Freudians and behaviorists) seem bent on destroying man’s sense of sin. Hence, crime waves even in youth.” (Robertson, p. 267)

The “world” would experience no conversion unless the Spirit performed His ministry of convicting (noted elsewhere as “striving with men” – Gen. 6).

There is never a revival without the Holy Spirit’s conviction regarding sin. Before we ever experience personal revival, we first must experience a soul-cleansing from God. This cleansing comes after repentance, which comes after conviction grips our soul.

The Holy Spirit restrains the world’s full manifestation of sin as He convicts the hearts of people regarding moral boundaries and standards. However, one day this restraint will be lifted or removed (2 Thes. 2).

The Holy Spirit (in a sense) is like a caring yet nagging mother or father, who relentlessly gets on his/her child's case about something. We don't like it, but it's beneficial.

Conviction produces a feeling of upsetness or uneasiness, spiritual discomfort. It's an abiding annoyance.

Don't get rebellious when you feel convicted about some sinful way that has been exposed in your life. Don't get angry when you hear preaching that makes you uncomfortable because certain "buttons have been pressed" that you don't like. Good preaching will not tickle your ear but will stir your soul.

When the Spirit is speaking to you, it will seem like the preacher specifically prepared his sermon with you in mind, that he is speaking only to you.

Don't get angry when a friend loves you enough to confront you (by loving counsel) about a sin in your life. Believers are supposed to admonish each other in a spirit of love and humility.

Galatians 6:1-2
Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. [2] Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Don't get mad – That sermon or that counsel is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through that person! Yield to what the Spirit is trying to do in your life!

The Holy Spirit convicts (convinces) the world regarding three areas:

"Sin" - When we miss the mark of God's standard and come short of His glory

"Righteousness" - Conformity to a standard; there is no real standard we should worry about except God's standards. God's law is the ultimate measuring stick of right and wrong.

"Judgment" - Speaks of the coming trial for sin and the inevitable payment and punishment that is due for the crimes committed against God (Rev. 20:11-15 – speaks of this future judgment).

v. 9
Jesus gives 3 reasons why the Holy Spirit convicts the world:

1) He convicts of sin due to man's unbelief. It is unbelief that keeps a man in sin; but Christ forgives all sin when a person trusts Him and Him alone for salvation.

v. 10

2) He convicts of <u>righteousness</u> because the perfect standard of righteousness Jesus Christ has been removed from the world's vision. Therefore in Jesus' physical absence, the Holy Spirit would continue doing what Jesus did when He walked on earth.

v. 11

3) He convicts of <u>judgment</u> because Satan (**"the prince" –** the demonic ruler of this *cosmos*) has already been judged (he has been and still is under the judgment of God). The point is this: if Satan has been condemned, then certainly anyone who follows his philosophies and ways will also fall under that same judgment.

"When those who crucified Jesus saw that God did not interfere, they imaged that the judgment of God was being pronounced on Him. Actually, another was being judged there, even Satan, the prince of this world. Satan rules by means of sin and death. Christ's triumph over sin at the cross and over death at the Resurrection heralded the fact that Satan had been judged. The execution of final judgment is only a matter of time." (Wycliffe, p. 1109-10).

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More revelation was yet to be poured out to the world via the apostles. Yet they (being in sorrow and without the indwelling of the Spirit) had not the capacity to carry the load of such additional truth. However, the Spirit would pick up and continue where Christ left off (v. 13).

"Things to come" would include Christ's death and resurrection (and truth related to those key events) as well as His second coming (and truth related to that great future event).

v. 13

He is not only the Spirit of "comfort" (v. 7) and the Spirit of "conviction" (v. 8-11), but He is the Spirit of **"<u>truth.</u>"**

In contrast to lying spirits and demonic spirits of deception, the Holy Spirit only guides in one direction and that is the truth.

--He can never tell a lie.
--He can never lead astray.
--He can never contradict God's Word.

When we are submitted to Christ, the Holy Spirit will lead us only in one direction: Truth. He is the truth, because He is the Spirit of Christ, who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:6).

"Guide" – from *hodegos* (*hodos* – road or way; and *hegeomai* – to lead) – hence the word means "to lead down the right road" or "to show the right way."

"Into <u>all</u> truth" – the Holy Spirit can illuminate our minds to every verse of Scripture if we yield to Him and humbly seek His enlightenment.

"Not speak of Himself" – The Spirit's words will not merely originate from Himself (they will not come from Him alone), but form God the Father and Son. The Spirit will teach you in perfect harmony with what Christ taught (v. 15).

"Whatsoever He shall hear" - Whatever God the Father or God the Son say is communicated to us through the Holy Spirit.

"One common source guarantees unity in the teaching" (Wycliffe, p. 111)).

The members of the Trinity never contradict each other.

SEE: John 14:25-26
These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. [26] 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.

What Jesus taught His disciples would be forever lost or forgotten were it not for the Spirit, who would come and teach the meaning of Christ's words and works, and would remind the disciples of every detail that God wanted recorded in the sacred text of Scripture.

"Teach you all things" – The Holy Spirit is our resident truth teacher.

1 John 2:20
But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:27
But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

The Holy Spirit teaches His disciples how to distinguish truth from error.

The Holy Spirit knows "the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:10).

"All things to your remembrance" – This would be necessary for the New Testament Gospels to be written. The Spirit would remind the Gospel writers of the details about

what Jesus said and did so that they would write an inerrant and infallible account of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ. All His teachings would be recorded.

Although this "reminding" in context deals with the Spirit reminding the 11 disciples about the words of Christ, the principle of the Spirit reminding the New Testament believer of God's Word still is a fact of reality. It is God's Spirit who brings to mind the exact Scripture we need when we need it.

Mt 10:20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.
Mr 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

"He will shew you things to come" – Predictive prophecy is in view. One of the disciples, John, would receive the eschatalogical book of Revelation by means of "the Spirit" (Rev. 1:10).

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v. 14

"He shall glorify Me" – The Holy Spirit's preeminent ministry is to exalt, honor, and magnify the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

(This is why blasphemy against the Spirit is so dangerous; to reject what the Spirit says about Christ is to reject Christ, and to reject Him is to be lost for eternity – Mt. 12:31-33).

What is the Sin of "Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost"?

This "blasphemy against the Holy Spirit" is warned about in all three of the synoptic Gospels (mt. 12:31; Mk. 3:29; Lk. 12:10). In all three cases, Jesus--who cast out demons by the power of the Spirit of God (Mt. 12:28)--is accused by the Scribes and Pharisees of doing it by the power of Satan ("Beelzebub") (Mt. 12:24; Mk. 3:22; Lk. 11:15).

To understand what this blasphemy is, one must understand the context of Christ's statement.

Note the Following Facts:

Fact # 1 - The Holy Spirit's ministry is to uplift Christ - Jn. 16:13-14 (to vindicate Him, to glorify Him).

Fact # 2 - In order to uplift Christ, the Holy Spirit performed miracles (Ex: casting out demons) by Jesus Christ (Mt. 12:18, 28).

Fact # 3 - The unbelieving Jews credited Christ's power to Satan (not the Spirit of God - Mt. 12:24).

Conclusion: Therefore, the unbelieving Jews were blasphemy against the Spirit and thereby discrediting the person and work of Jesus Christ, viewing Him as "corrupt." (v. 33).

To reject the Spirit's testimony about Christ's person and work is unforgivable.

**Definition of the unpardonable sin - The unpardonable sin is: "The willful, continued denial of the Holy Spirit's testimony concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ."

Can the "blasphemy against the Spirit" be committed today?

This sin cannot be committed in the same sense as it was in the days of Jesus, because Jesus is not with us today in the flesh performing miracles by the power of the Spirit.

Today, however, to reject the conviction of the Holy Spirit as He convicts you about Christ's person (deity) and work (sacrificial death) is to reject salvation and thereby be doomed to endless destruction (Jn. 8:24, 3:36; Rev. 22:17).

If the Spirit's ministry is to glorify Jesus Christ, then a church's ministry ought to be to glorify Jesus Christ.

--The Spirit does not glorify Himself (as in the Charismatic movement)

--The Spirit does not glorify some dead saint (as the Virgin Mary) or some alleged prophet (as Muhammad)

--The Spirit does not glorify some guru, famous man, or movement.

He glorifies Jesus Christ alone! That is His ultimate mission.

Therefore, you can test the righteousness of a church or ministry by asking one question: Who is glorified around here? If the answer is not Jessu Christ, then it is not a Spirit-filled ministry, and you'd better get out!

The Spirit glorifies the Son because everything He says He receives from the Son (v. 14b) and the Son has everything that the Father has since he shares in the same nature as the Father (being equal with God) (v. 15).

The theme of the Bible is Jesus Christ, who is God very God, and the Holy Spirti preaches this theme predominately.

The Holy Spirit teaches us that Christ had the rights of God, and did the works of God.

1.	Forgives sins	(Mk. 2:10; Lk. 7:48)
2.	Raises the dead	(Lk. 7:12-15; Jn. 5:25, 29; 6:39-44; 11:24, 25).
3.	Controls nature	(Mt. 8:26).
4.	Judges motives	(Mt. 7:22-27).

5. Receives worship (Ps. 2:8, 12; Mt. 8:2, 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Jn. 9:35, 38; 20:28, 29; Lk. 24:51, 52; by angels - Heb. 1:6; by all men - Phil. 2:10.

[Note: Peter (Acts 10:25, 26), Paul (Acts 14:11-18) and angels (Rev. 19:10 refused to be worshipped.]

6. Taught with independent authority (Mt. 7:29).

Jesus did not say, "Thus saith the Lord" as the prophets did, but boldly states, "I say unto you" (cp. Mt. 5).

7. Sends the Holy Spirit (Jn. 15:26).

8. Creates (Gen. 1:26; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15, 16; Heb.1:2).

Note: "Firstborn" (Col. 1:15) is a Jewish concept which refers to <u>preeminence</u> or <u>authority</u>, not origin (cp. Col. 1:18 - EX: Jacob & Esau). Jesus had the rights of the firstborn. Cp. Jn. 3:16 - "only begotten" - lit. "one of a kind"; "unique"; not referring to origin. Cp. Heb. 11:17 - Isaac was not Abraham's only son. Cp. Acts 13:33 - reference to the resurrection.

9. Sustains (He preserves creation) (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3).

10. He is the only Judge (cp. Jn. 5:22 with Rev. 20:11).

11. He is to receive equal honor with the Father (Jn. 5:23).

12. The only Savior (cp. Is. 43:11 with Jude 25; I Pet. 3:18).

13. He grants eternal life (Jn. 10:28).

14. He answers prayer (Jn. 14:14).

[If Jesus was not God He could not <u>forgive</u> sins, be <u>worshipped</u>, be <u>savior</u> etc.]