

***How To
Give Away
Your Faith***

HANDOUT #4

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239. We have seen the context of this promise happens on a day when Jesus is speaking to His disciples _____ before His crucifixion.
240. Jesus is preparing “**the eleven**” who are present — for the _____ when He will no longer — be physically present — with them.
241. They expected that, as the Messiah, He was about to establish His kingdom immediately, but Jesus was teaching them that He _____ had to secure the basis — by which people — could enter it.
242. Jesus sent the disciples to preach about “**the kingdom**” (Matt. 10:2), but their understanding of its full meaning was incomplete, as they had _____ yet comprehended “**the gospel**,” which is evident from their reactions:

21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. 22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s” (Matt. 16:21–23).

31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 “For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, 33 and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.” 34 But the disciples understood none of these things, and the meaning of this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said (Luke 18:31–34).

243. The gospel of “**the kingdom**” proclaimed that the King had come and “**the kingdom is at hand**” (Matt. 4:17) yet at this point the disciples “**did not comprehend**” His prediction of His _____ (Luke 9:45).
244. By contrast John the Baptist preached a complete message about the Messiah’s kingdom reign (Mt. 3:2; Mk. 1:4) as he also taught of _____ entrance only through “**the Lamb of God**” (John 1:29).

245. Similarly, in His conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus taught that entrance into “**the kingdom of God**” would be possible _____ through His death and resurrection (John 3:1–20).
246. The disciples preached about the coming “**kingdom**,” but since they did not yet understand the cross, they could not have been proclaiming the gospel of grace in the full, technical, Pauline _____ (1 Cor. 15:1–5).
247. Jesus and John the Baptist—could proclaim the full message—but the disciples only fully understood it after His resurrection, as their _____ of what was required to enter “**the kingdom**” was still very limited.
248. Jesus was preparing them for the work ahead, for He must first endure the judgment of the cross to satisfy God’s justice — which would _____ followed by His resurrection and ascension into heaven.
249. Even though Old Testament saints anticipated the Messiah’s suffering, their understanding was often partial or distorted, and many expected a political deliverer rather than a Savior who would die for _____.
250. Likewise, the disciples initially struggled to grasp the full gospel of Jesus’ death and resurrection as their worldview was shaped by the culture of first-century Israel emphasizing only the Messiah’s _____.
251. Jesus knew their understanding was limited, so He patiently prepared them, teaching that entry into the kingdom required His death to satisfy God’s justice and His resurrection to secure _____ for all who believe.
252. Only after His resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit did they fully comprehend the gospel and the _____ nature of Jesus’ kingdom (Luke 24:45; John 16:12–14).

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253. He plainly tells them on this occasion — “**for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you,**” emphasizing that the Spirit’s new “_____” them would require His ascension (John 14:16-17):

16 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

254. The Spirit could only come after Jesus' work was finished, including His ascension at the right hand of God—placing Him in a position of authority over all things, both in heaven & on _____ (Eph. 1:20).

255. While His work for our justification was finished on earth, His work for our sanctification continues in heaven—as He intercedes for us at the right hand of God being our Priest & our Advocate against _____.

25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25).

34 Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us (Romans 8:34).

**1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous (1 John 2:1).**

256. In these verses Jesus intercessory role is seen as He is explicitly _____
“an Advocate” (paraklētōs), pleading on our behalf before God as He
present His own righteousness in defense of our sins that are forgiven.

**10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power,
and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses
them before our God day and night (Revelation 12:10).**

257. His ascension into heaven was necessary to serve as our “High Priest”
(Heb. 4:15) & as our “Advocate” against Satan’s attacks, and from
that position, He personally sends the Spirit to every _____ believer.

**13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your
salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit
of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the
redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory (Eph. 1:13–15).**

258. His ascension into heaven also paves the way for the Spirit’s indwelling
ministry as Jesus promised that the Spirit will come to guide, _____
and to empower believers — especially in the work of evangelism.

**49 “And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you
are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).**

259. Jesus' physical departure opened the way for His universal presence, for while He walked on earth He could be in only one place at a time, but now He can dwell within _____ believers everywhere.
260. As we can see from these passages, though Christ's departure may _____ seemed like a loss, it was actually a gain for them & all future believers.
261. Jesus' earthly ministry was limited to His physical presence — but since Pentecost, with the Holy Spirit permanently dwelling in every believer, He accompanies us wherever _____ carry the gospel (Matthew 28:20b).
262. So our charge is to depend on the Spirit share the message of the gospel through us to the lost as we depend on His person & work through _____.

4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now . . . 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:4-5, 8).

263. It is important to grasp the progression of thought presented _____.

8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

264. While the Spirit may "**convict the world**" independently of His servants, what we witness in Scripture—is that He most _____ brings conviction through us as we share the God's word with people (Acts 2:37; 24:25).
265. As we go in the power of the Holy Spirit, we have seen that it is very important that we place our emphasis on the "**sin**" of _____, because that is where the Holy Spirit places His emphasis.
266. All the lost who will appear at the **Great White Throne Judgment**, will first be judged — not simply — for the sinful _____ they have committed in life—but because of their "**sin**" of rejecting Jesus.
267. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of _____ foundational "**sin**" and it is the sin of unbelief because it is unbelief that shuts the door to grace.
268. While the Spirit reveals the "**sin**" of unbelief, He simultaneously exposes to the world its _____ sense of "**righteousness**."

269. He alone reveals to us that we cannot save ourselves & that we must not rely on ourselves, but on the One who died and gave Himself for ____.
270. *This is why*, as we share the gospel, we also present Jesus' **righteousness**, helping others see that the **righteousness** they truly need is not anything they can produce themselves, but a _____ that must be received.

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

271. In John 16:10, the Lord Jesus explains that the Spirit convicts the world of "**righteousness**" because He has _____ to the Father, reminding us that our message must include the truth of His life beyond the grave.
272. Several passages—explicitly or implicitly—teach that both Jesus' resurrection and His ascension—vindicated His "**righteousness**" and confirmed Him as accepted by the Father as God the _____.
273. By raising & exalting Him, God overturned the world's verdict, proving that Jesus is righteous & that the accusations of His enemies were _____.
274. In Acts 2, Peter linked Jesus being '**exalted at the right hand of God** _____ highlight His perfect '**righteousness**' and divine acceptance (2:32–33).
275. The ascension completed the vindication that began at the resurrection, demonstrating that the Father fully accepted Jesus' "**righteousness**" as the perfect standard which we _____ have to go to heaven.
276. It is also important to know that the Spirit also convicts of "**judgment**" _____ the reason is "**because the ruler of this world has been judged.**"
277. Of course, "**the ruler of this world**" (John 12:31; 14:30) _____ **Satan**.
278. Satan is referred to by the Apostle _____ as "**the god of this world**" (2 Cor, 4:4), as "**the prince of the power of the air**" (Eph. 2:2), such that "**the whole world lies in the power of the evil one**" (1 Jn. 5:19).
279. This aspect of the Spirit's conviction is important—because there is only **One** who can judge the people of this world whose father is the **devil** & that is **One** stronger than the **devil**, namely _____.
280. What appeared to be Satan's greatest victory in the death of Jesus, became his own deathblow, for when Jesus entered the grave and rose again, He demonstrated His complete conquest _____ **Satan**.

281. This is _____ the writer of Hebrews declares that Jesus Christ, “**through death**” — rendered powerless — “**him who had the power of death, that is, the devil**” (Hebrews 2:14).
282. And this is why verse 11 did not say that — “**the ruler of this world _____ be judged,**” but rather that “**the ruler of this world has been judged.**”
283. Jesus, anticipating the cross tells me that **Satan** is already judged, _____ because the devil, “**the ruler of this world has been judged**” the Spirit reminds unbelievers — of their accountability — to Jesus Christ.
284. Satan cannot win—he cannot prevail—because he is a defeated _____ as Paul later affirms in Colossians when he writes that Christ “**disarmed the rulers and authorities . . . having triumphed over them**” (2:15).
285. And because he is a defeated foe — the **Bible** tells us in the Revelation that in the _____ the **Lord Jesus** — will cast him into “**the lake of fire.**”

10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10).

286. When we share the gospel we speak to people about being saved, because God is just and He will punish sin with His just _____.
287. The Bible habitually reminds _____ that, “**The LORD is avenging and and wrathful . . . And the LORD will by no means leave the guilty unpunished**” (Nahum 1:2-3 cf. Isaiah 13:11; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
288. Since we are all by nature “**guilty**” (Ps. 51:5) and “**by nature children of wrath**” (Eph. 2:3), we are to share with people how unbelief _____ them from the needed “**righteousness**” placing them under wrath.
289. Yet, God by His grace has powerfully acted on our behalf to move us from the dominion of sin & darkness into the kingdom of His _____.

13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son (Colossians 1:13).

290. When we are saved, God rescues us from Satan’s authority, and He gives us a new _____ in His Son’s kingdom.
291. In the Great Commission (Matt 28:18–20), what God called Paul to do, He has likewise commissioned every believer to _____ (Acts 26:18).

18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

292. And so, one of the reasons Jesus tells us that the Spirit will convict the people of this world **"concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged"** is because Satan has _____ totally defeated.
293. Jesus is reminding all people—that if He can destroy and judge the greatest sinner in the universe—then He can judge _____.
294. Satan is the guarantee of every sinner's judgment—for if Jesus Christ struck him with a decisive, fatal blow, then do not think that anyone _____ than Satan — can escape God's righteous judgment.
295. The Spirit wants us to know that Satan has already **"been judged,"** and if we remain unsaved, then we have identified with that _____ evil one—and in that state—we too have already **"been judged."**

17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).

296. The Spirit works in and around us when we share the good news _____ that He strikes the reality of judgment in the hearts of unbelievers.
297. Sadly, _____ everyone responds to His conviction and convincing, and many are so self-centered that they think that they are the judge of everything—but the **Bible** says that **God** is the **Judge**.
298. God the Father is the ultimate Judge (Romans 14:12), but _____ the God-head, the Father has **"given all judgement to the Son."**

22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, 23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. . . 27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man (John 5:22–23, 27).

299. **Christ** will be the executor of that judgment and the sentence will be passed by the Holy Spirit on all those who refused to be convinced in their heart of their _____ for Jesus Christ.

300. When a lost sinner is truly under conviction he will see the folly ____ evil of his unbelief and he will admit that he does not measure up to the “**righteousness**” of **Christ** placing him under God’s “**judgment**.”
301. The lost sinner under conviction will realize that he is under judgment because he belongs to the devil’s world (Eph. 2:1–3), and that the only **Person** who can _____ him from this horrible fate is Jesus.
302. As we share Christ, remember that for all who have never received His righteousness, the only thing standing between their sin and God’s judgment is time—and that _____ will one day run out.
303. The Spirit is the One who creates concern in the Christian’s _____ for the lost & He is the one who convicts unbelievers of their sin in a way they can grasp their need & understand the Bible’s answer.
304. Remember, the Holy Spirit does not want to emphasize His person, but rather His ministry is to _____ the person of Christ (16:13-14).

13 “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 “He will glorify Me . . .

305. Everyone in this world has a desperate need that only Christ can satisfy & the Holy Spirit is prepared to reveal that to lost people such that we should go expecting God to _____ us (John 15:16).

16 “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

306. By the way, the order is not accidental as **Jesus** spoke of “**sin**” in vs. 9, “**righteousness**” in vs. 10 — and finally of — “**judgment**” in vs. ____.

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307. Now normally in a court of law for those who are guilty there ____ only “**sin**” followed by “**judgment**” — but here in John 16:8-11, sandwiched between “**sin**” & “**judgment**” is “**righteousness**.”
308. **Jesus** interposed His precious blood that we can __ declared **righteous**.