

BIBLE TEACHING SERIES
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH – Jesus
CHAPTER FOUR
THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

1. More Significant works of the Holy Spirit

Jn. 14:25 - will remind us of what Jesus said

Jn. 16:14 - will glorify me Jesus. (worship, giving, treat as dignitary. (evidenced by an absence of division in the church 1 Cor.1:10-17.)

2. The Holy Spirit proves (reproves) John 16:7-10

persuades unbelievers by reasoned arguments re: “the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.

3. Conviction of Sin because of unbelief in Jesus Jn. 16:8

Sin is any violation of a law of God. – 1 Jn. 3:4-6.

Today, although we hear about a health crisis associated with promiscuous sex and drug abuse, or the problem of illegitimate births, or the social injustice of poverty and homelessness, we do not often hear the word sin. Try dropping sin into a conversation on these topics, and you will see what I mean. – Philip Yancey

Notice – Jesus said the Holy Spirit convicts of sin because, “People do not believe in me”. Preaching this brought conviction to the Jews in Acts 2:22-23, Acts 2:37, Acts 3:13-15, Acts 4:10, Acts 4:26-28. This was prophesied in the Old Testament - Zechariah 12:10-11

4. Conviction of righteousness because I am going to the Father... Jn:16:10.

- refers to the innocence and righteousness of Jesus. The resurrection and ascension of Jesus proved His innocence.

- they would see Him no longer, not designed to create grief. Instead, was necessary in order for the Holy Spirit to come to this world.

- Holy Spirit convinces people that apart from Jesus, there is no righteousness sufficient to save us from sin. Romans 3:21-

5 Convince the world, “About judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned” (John 16:11).

The prince of this world is the devil. The death and resurrection of Jesus was a judgment against the devil. The victory of Jesus over the devil proves that Jesus has power over all sin and evil. - The Holy Spirit, our Advocate, brings to us the power of the blood of Jesus that ensures we can rise to a place of victory over sin.

6. Conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment, and the death of two men

Hugh Hefner: founder of Playboy magazine, died Sept. 27, 2017, the age 91.

Many articles: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/standingonmyhead/2017/09/hugh-hefner-hell.html#wxe4GhxCEbYISKLu.99> :

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2017/september/hugh-hefner-mourning-and-legacies.html>

David Mainse: founder Crossroads Christian Communications, TV, 100 Huntley Street, died Sept. 25, 2017, at the age of 81. : <http://www.100huntley.com/watch?videoID=331500>
<http://www.100huntley.com/watch?videoID=331491>

It is up to each of us to choose who we will serve, how we will live and eventually, how we will die.

Discussion and Questions

- 1. Is it important today that the Holy Spirit brings the words of Jesus to our remembrance?
- 2. In what ways does the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus?
- 3. Is the Holy Spirit as the convincer pertinent in the church today? What role does the church have in making His role effective in the world?
- 4. What is the primary sin the Holy Spirit convicts the world of? What does this say about how the church should witness in the world?
- 5. Convincing the world that Jesus is innocent and righteous is a primary role of the Holy Spirit. Consider reasons why this is essential.
- 6. The Holy Spirit convinces the world that the devil is under judgement. Consider the implications of this. Think of other scriptures that teach this.
