

REAWAKENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 16:7-15 | ERIC SIMPSON | JANUARY 16, 2022

John 16:7-11

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

good = Jesus physically with his people

great = Jesus exits physically so He can be present spiritually (via Holy Spirit)

- **Who HE is? (the Holy Spirit)**

- **A person**

He has knowledge (1 Corinthians 2:11)

He has a will (1 Corinthians 12:11)

He has a mind (Romans 8:27)

He has affections (Romans 15:30)

You can insult Him (Hebrews 10:29)

You can grieve Him (Ephesians 4:30)

- **Fully God**

Matthew 28:19

...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Father = fully God Son = fully God Holy Spirit = fully God

Trinity (tri = 3, unity = 1) = God is three distinct persons and yet one God

- **Lives in every follower of Jesus**

What distinguishes Christians from every other person on the planet?

indwelling presence of Christ (Holy Spirit)

How is Jesus "with" his people in 190 nations? The Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:27

...the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- **What HE does?**

John 16:8

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment...

prove = elegchó (el-eng-kho) = to convince with solid, compelling evidence, to convict
about sin = we're guilty
about righteousness = we're helpless
about judgment = we've got an eternal destiny that hangs in the balance

- **Compels us to respond to Jesus**

The Spirit won't let you remain neutral about Jesus.

John 16:9

...because people do not believe in me

To believe in something is to act as if it were so.

When you believe in something that isn't true, what you run into, is reality.

- **Helps us understand spiritual reality**

John 16:12-13

12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Light from darkness, good from evil, truth from lies, wisdom from foolishness—
that's one of the roles of the Holy Spirit.

When you open God's Word to read it alone or in a group.

Holy Spirit, open my mind to help me understand the Scriptures.

- **Turns our attention repeatedly to Jesus**

John 16:14-15

14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

The Holy Spirit turns the eyes of our heart to gaze upon the glory of Jesus.

glory = doxa (Greek) = a resplendent beauty, a magnificence that has a weight to it
-- glory of Jesus displaces things, shifts things, reorders things

To be full of the Holy Spirit is to be consumed with Christ.

Stanley Jones (1884-1973)

Missionary to India for over 50 years, travelled and preached to thousands of people, met with presidents and prime ministers, toward the end of his life he suffered a debilitating stroke which left him without the ability to talk, at the age of 83, as the end was drawing near, he wrote these words...
"There are scars on my faith, but underneath those scars there are no doubts. Christ has me with the consent of all my being and with the cooperation of all my life. The song I sing is a lit song. Not the temporary exuberance of youth that often fades when middle and old age sets in with their disillusionment and cynicism...No, I'm 83, and I'm more excited today about being a Christian than I was at 18 when I first put my feet upon the way."

- E Stanley Jones