

## John 16:12-13a

### *Can We Have Complete Confidence in the New Testament Scriptures?*

INTRO: “It is a sad twist of irony that those who claim to be the most focused on the H.S. (i.e. modern day Charismatics and Pentecostals) are in actuality the ones doing the most to ABUSE, GRIEVE, INSULT, MISREPRESENT, QUENCH and DISHONOR Him. How do they do it? By attributing words He did not say, deeds He did not perform, phenomena He did not do, and experiences which have nothing to do with the Spirit of truth...To promulgate a corrupted notion of the H.S. is nothing less than blasphemy because the Holy Spirit is God!” *John MacArthur*

### Outline of John 16:8-15

I) The Spirit’s Threefold Ministry in Relation to *the Big, Bad World*. (*John 16:8-11*)

II) **The Spirit’s Threefold Ministry in Relation to *the Apostles* (and by extension to us, the Church)**

(*John 16:12-15*)

1) **The Spirit’s Role is Guide the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture (the Apostles) into Complete Truth.** (*John 16:12-13*)

Why is this such a profoundly practical and theologically significant verse (John 16:13)?

### Practical Implications of John 16:12-15

1) We can have full confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ and truthfulness of the New Testament Scriptures.

2) “To Look for some word other than this word, now inscripturated for the church, is to seek some spirit other than the Holy Spirit.”

**For Further Reflection/Application:** *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

Talk about some of the ways the Holy Spirit is *abused* today. Talk about some of the ways the Holy Spirit is *blasphemed* today? Talk about some of the reasons why the Holy Spirit is sometimes *ignored* today (by Christians)?

Why is the Holy Spirit's 3-fold ministry to Jesus' Apostles such a big deal? Consider John 16:12-13 and our first sermon heading. Who were the human authors of the New Testament Scriptures? How does the Spirit's ministry to them ensure the inerrancy of the N.T. Scriptures? How can we trust that documents written by finite men do not contain errors? Personal prejudices? Etc.? Read John 16:12-15; 2 Timothy 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:16-21. Note how these three passages support the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture, (from Genesis to Revelation).

Why does Satan despise and fear the Holy Bible? What are some ways Satan attempts to eliminate/mitigate the spiritual impact of the Word of God? What are some ways the Father of lies seeks to cast doubts on the inerrancy, authority, and/of sufficiency of Scripture? What happens when people begin to question whether the Bible is the infallible and authoritative Word of God (versus it being the fallible word of men)? What does the Word of God plainly say about marriage and family? Human sexuality? Gender? Life and death? Heaven and Hell? Sin, Salvation and Judgment? Do unbelievers generally like what God's word says about \_\_\_\_\_?

Review the two practical implications of today's sermon text (see page 2). Talk about these two application points with your family or with your church family during Home Care Group.

Orthodox Jews do not believe Jesus is the Messiah or the Son of God. They say they embrace the Old Testament Scriptures but reject the New Testament Scriptures. How might John 16:7-15 help you lovingly interact with an unbelieving Jew?

How is the Holy Spirit's Deity proven (seen and/or assumed) in John 14-16?

How were you particularly comforted/encouraged/challenged/convicted as you listened to God's Word today? What do you want to study further as a result of this morning's sermon?

Main takeaway from John 16:4-7. *"I tell you the truth guys, it is actually advantageous for you for Me to go, that He should come, in all of His fulness."*

In what respect is the Holy Spirit's the disciple's greatest ally? Note John 16:8-10 and the three main sermon points from last Sunday; (the sermon outline is listed below)

What are some reasons you might not realize the Spirit's power in your life and ministry?

Related Songs: Hymns- *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken. How Firm a Foundation. A Mighty Fortress is our God. Sovereign Grace Music- How Long, O Lord. Come For Us. How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13). When We See Your Face. Getty- He Will Hold Me Fast. O Church Arise. The Lord is My Salvation. Matt Boswell- God the Spirit.*

**The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to the Big, Bad World.** (2/5/23 sermon)

1) The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of its Sin.

(John 16:8-9; 15:22; Acts 2:37-41)

2) The Holy Spirit Convicts the World Concerning True & Counterfeit Righteousness.

(John 16:8, 10; Rom 3:25-26; 10:3f;)

3) The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of Judgment.

(John 16:8, 11; 12:31; Genesis 3:15; Col. 2:13-15; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 20:10-15)

**2 Major Takeaways from John 15:26-16:4a sermon**

1) Christ Abundantly Aids His People, Especially Faithful Disciples who are Persecuted for Righteousness Sake. (John 15:26-27; 14:16-18; Acts 1:3-11)

2) Christ Forewarns His Disciples to Forearm Them For the Coming Conflict with the Hostile World. (John 15:28-16:4a; 15:18-25; Matthew 5:11-12; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14)

**5 Ways the Spirit "Helps" New Covenant Saints** (1/29/23 sermon application)

1) The Helper Empowers and Emboldens Disciples of Christ.

(Acts 1:8; 4:31, etc.)

2) The Helper Guides and Leads Jesus' People. (Don't misapply this point!)

(Ephesians 5:18-21; Acts 8:29; 10:19-20; 16:16-20)

3) The Helper Supplies God's People with a Diversity of Spiritual Gifts for the Unity and the Maturation of the Body of Christ.

(1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Cor. 12-14; Eph. 4:11-16)

4) The Helper Liberates Us from the Bondage and Law of Sin and Death.

(Romans 7-8; 2 Corinthians 3; Galatians 5)

5) The Helper and our Great High Priest Intercede on behalf of God's people.

(Romans 8:26-34; Hebrews 7:23-26; Hebrews 8:1-2)

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