

John 16:13b-15

The Indispensable Ministries of the Self-Effacing Spirit

How can Jesus' death and ascension be *advantageous* to the disciples?

Outline of John 16:8-15

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to *the Lost World*. (John 16:8-11)

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to *the Apostles* (and by extension to us, the Church)
(John 16:12-15)

The Spirit's Role is to 1) **Guide the Human Authors of Scripture (the Apostles) into Complete Truth.**

(John 16:12-13a; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

As such, we can have complete confidence in the N.T. Scriptures (the Apostolic witness)!

The Spirit's role is to

2) **Disclose Everything Jesus' People Need to Know about the _____.**

(John 16:13b; Matthew 24-25; Revelation 6-22)

The Spirit's role is to

3) **Help the Disciples Join His Cause in Glorifying** _____.

(John 16:14-15; 1 Cor. 2)

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

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

How can Jesus' death and ascension be *advantageous* to the disciples? Summarize what you have learned thus far concerning the Holy Spirit's New Covenant Ministry. Talk to someone about *the Indispensable Ministry of the Self-Effacing Spirit*. Review the 3 sermon headings from today and last Sunday's sermon.

How is the Holy Spirit "grieved, quenched, or blasphemed" today?

Why is the Holy Spirit called "the Spirit of Truth?" "The HOLY Spirit?" "The Paraclete?"

"Instead of holy laughter, we need holy living. Pep is no substitute for purity. So-called words of knowledge don't hold a candle to the words of the Bible. Rather than being slain in the Spirit, we need to be filled with the Spirit. Rather than dancing in the Spirit, we are commanded to walk in the Spirit. Instead of speaking in other tongues, we should speak more boldly the wonderful works of God in our native tongue. Biblical prophecies do not need to be augmented by so-called apostles today. God's revelation is pure and perfect; authoritative and sufficient. Let's devote ourselves to knowing, loving, and obeying it, and thereby to know, love, and obey our Savior more and more each day." Charles Ryrie

Read John 7:39; 16:7-15. In every age God acts on the basis of eternal promises. The coming of the Messiah signaled the New Covenant ministry of the Holy Spirit was on the horizon (note also Ezekiel 36:27)

The baptism of the Spirit today is received by every believer at conversion and is not repeated (note 1 Cor. 12:13). Filling however is a repeated experience and its characteristics are Christlike character, a worshipful heart, and godly, mature living (see Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:11-21).

Divinely called and gifted human teachers today study God's Word (2 Tim. 2:15) and explain what the inerrant Word of God says (2 Tim. 4:1-5). These preachers do not teach by "direct revelation" or "words of knowledge." The Bible is inspired, infallible, and complete. We do not need additional revelation now that we have a complete "Canon." The last living Apostle (John) wrote the final installments of the Scripture (the Gospel of John; 1-3 John, and Revelation).

"The Spirit is hypostatically distinct yet fully Divine." Sinclair Ferguson (per 2 Cor. 13:14; Rom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 12:11; Matt. 28:18-20). The Spirit leads adopted sons of God (Rom. 8:14) in accordance with the Truth. The Spirit assures us that genuine believers children of God (Rom. 8:16-17).

Beware of anyone who claims to be "slain in the Spirit" but who isn't walking in the light of Scripture. God never works against Himself. He never contradicts Himself. The "fruit" of the Spirit is obvious!

"While the H.S. mediates Christ's presence, He does not completely override His absence (John 14:3; 23; 16:7f). Peter Orr. Yet to have the Spirit, is in some sense, to have Christ.

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

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

Practical Implications of John 16:12-13a. 1) We can have full confidence in the authority 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."

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- Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God/Gabriel's Oboe; 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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