

John 14–16, pt.7, 8.30.09

The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit, pt.3

## Intro

1. Review – From John 14–16: He is equal to the Father and Son; He is our Advocate; His name “HS” is more than a title; He will lead us into truth; He testifies about Jesus (substantiates the truth through personal testimony); He convicts of sin (both ultimate and ongoing conviction);
2. The word “convict” means to bring to light, expose, reveal, apprehend.
3. The foundation for victorious living: Our salvation in Christ (16.9); our position in Christ (16.10); and our authority in Christ (16.11). Or, our salvation, standing and strength in Christ. We move from the revelation of being lost to saved; from being saved to whole; from being whole to power.

- I. Righteousness, (16.10 – NIV, in regard to righteousness, b/c I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer.)
  - a. Jesus is righteous – Js is in the presence of God. The righteousness of Christ is best demonstrated by the fact that God accepted Christ back into His presence. That's what "because I go to my Father and you see me no longer" speaks of. On the cross God laid sin upon Christ. However, through His obedience Christ was raised in righteousness. And His righteousness was proven because the Father accepted Him back.
    - i. His righteousness proves He is the way to God. He is the door to the Father and eternal life. He isn't a way, but the way. The HS convinces us that only Jesus can save. He reveals that our righteousness (right standing before God) is completely dependant upon Jesus righteousness before Him.
    - ii. A person can't be argued into relationship with God. You can provide him with convincing proofs and persuasive words, but only the HS will convict him of sin and prove to him that Jesus is the way to forgiveness. It isn't up to you to do the convincing, but rather the HS.
    - iii. **Video of Kirk Cameron witnessing to a person.** The HS convicts the person of sin and convinces him of the righteousness of Jesus.
  - b. We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

- i. NLT – Righteousness is available b/c I go to the Father.
- ii. B/c we have faith in Jesus, His righteousness has been imputed to us. The righteous standing of Jesus has been eternally given to all his brothers and sisters. We now stand before the Father completely forgiven, entirely accepted and intensely loved. We are as accepted and loved as Jesus.
- iii. Outside of salvation, I do not believe there is any more important teaching for us to be convicted of than this one. Convicted in the exposed, revealed, brought to light and apprehended sense. We need personal and ongoing revelation of this truth throughout our walk in this life. This needs to be hammered upon us. When we are established in this truth, there is very little that can stultify or dissuade us from our relationship with God.
  - 1. Jesus is about to leave and his followers need to be grounded in this truth. They will be hammered by satan and they need to know they are completely, and utterly accepted by God.
  - 2. Script – 2 Cor.5.21, 1 Cor.1.30, Rom.1.17, 3.21f, 4.1–5
  - 3. The way we become righteous is by putting our faith in Jesus. You can't earn it. This means your level of righteousness isn't, nor ever will be based upon your performance. low, the better I am the more righteous I am. This isn't nor ever will be the case.
  - 4. Illust – a beggar, living on the streets with no money to his name; he cries out for help; a rich man hears his plea and responds by giving the man millions; the beggar is now a millionaire through accepting the kindness of another; the millions have been imputed to him; and along with this, the millionaire coaches the poor beggar for the rest of his life how to think and act like a responsible millionaire rather than a beggar...he doesn't leave him to figure this out on his own.
    - a. Appl – The HS brings us a revelation that we are the righteousness of God in Christ. Then, he gives us the ability to live a righteous life through the removal of the old nature, the imparting of a new nature and the filling us with Himself and leading us into truth.
  - 5. If we don't have this revelation/conviction:

- a. We're like a boat adrift on the ocean – when life is good we're good; when life is chaotic we're bad.
  - b. We allow circumstances, people, emotions and false mindsets to determine our position with God. We may espouse that we know this truth but we really don't!
  - c. Our relationship with God will be on again, off again. Our relationship with God will be performance based. The more work you do and the less sin you commit the closer you are to God and the less you do and the more sin you commit the further you are to God. It's a performance based rather than position based relationship with God. I am the righteousness of God in Jesus, whether I feel it, believe it, know it or act like it!
    - i. This isn't about thinking you have to perform to be saved, but rather perform to be embraced by God.
  - d. Powerless Christianity is due in part to not believing who you are in Christ. If you don't LIVE out of your permanent position before Christ you will lack confidence before God. You will always be asking, "Have I done enough?" and live in constant introspection. It's a defeated position.
6. If we do have this revelation/conviction:
- a. You no longer see yourself as a sinner. You will move from your past identity as a sinner to your current standing as a saint.
    - i. We are not sinners who act like saints; we are saints who occasionally sin!
  - b. You will have confidence before God. You know that you know that you are loved, accepted, forgiven from now through eternity.
  - c. You understand that every moment and every day is new!
  - d. You learn to rest and be rather than perform.
    - i. Image of a girl jumping rope for her father to spend time with him. She feared that if she

had nothing to offer him then he wouldn't have time for her.

7. This is the work of the HS – Rom.14.17. I believe when you come to understand our position we can live in state of peace and joy.

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## II. Judgment (16.11)

a. Satan is judged. He has already been judged.

i. John 12.31, Col.2.15, Heb.2.14f, 1 J.3.8

ii. The prince of this world was judged on the cross. While Js' death looked like Satan's victory, it proved to be his death blow when Js came from the grave. Satan is a defeated foe who has already been convicted. He has been convicted, but he is yet to be sentenced. This happens in Rev.20.1–3. He still causes problems and is behind every manifestation of sin and evil.

1. Like a convicted thief, he is still in the world until the ordained date when the Judge of the universe sentences him. It's as good as done.

iii. We have been given authority over him. He doesn't rule us, but he does resist us. The HS convicts/reveals/opens to us the reality that we have dominion over the Evil One and his minions. We don't have anything to fear. We can plunder his camp and destroy his works.

1. The original mandate to have dominion and expand the Kingdom has been reinstated. There is resistance, but we have authority.

a. Shaq vs. the world. Shaq taking on a cop. Who has more power? Authority?

b. There is coming a judgment for all

i. Since the chief sinner in the world has already been judged so will all sinners.

ii. John 3.16–18, 36; 5.28f; Mt.25.46; Rom.2.8; Rev.20.11–15

iii. Historically, most people believe in a day of reckoning...they will be held accountable for their lives. This witness is the activity of the HS. As the days grow more wicked, people will lack that sense of accountability.

- iv. If a person hasn't trusted in Jesus, they will be sentenced to the same place as the chief sinner,
  - 1. Remember - 16.9. The HS is the Convictor. He will reveal all truth about everyone. Nothing will be hidden.
- v. Will Christians be judged? Our works (1 Cor.3) will be, but not our sins. My sins were nailed to the cross and I bear them no more...praise the Lord it is well with my soul. God isn't going to retrieve all my sins from his deleted files and say, "You just thought they were forgiven."

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