

## **John 16:5-15**

### ***“Roles of the Holy Spirit”***

#### **I. V.5-7 – Jesus’ departure**

A. V.5-6 – the disciples assumed the Messiah’s presence was a given; they took His presence for granted to a degree; none of them asked Jesus where He was going because they were consumed by their own grief: “*these things*” = the world’s hatred & Jesus’ departure.

1) *Quite often we miss out on the presence of our Lord; taking His presence for granted b/c we’re consumed with our own selfish emotions.*

2) *We’re more concerned with our present circumstances & their personal impact than we are on what God is trying to do & say in our own heart & His greater purpose.*

B. V.7 – Jesus’ message brought them sorrow, but He spoke it anyway (Matt. 15:12-14; Mark 10:21-22) = He loved them & wanted them to be prepared – v.1; 13:41-14:6.

1) *While on earth, Jesus was “localized” in His earthly body, but when He went to His Father the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, was sent to work through the entire church.*

2) The main intent of the message wasn’t sadness, but joy: if Jesus didn’t go to His Father (included His death, burial, resurrection & ascension), there would be no Gospel; ***and*** the disciples (and us) wouldn’t experience the presence of the Holy Spirit!

a) No comfort – John 14:16-18, 27

b) No intercessor – Rom. 8:26

c) Affirmation – 2 Cor. 5:5; 1 John 3:24; 4:13

i) *Just like children who are coddled by being left under the protection of their parents too long & never mature &*

*learn to implement what they've been taught, so too the same principles apply spiritually.*

## II. V. 8-15 – Role of the Holy Spirit

### A. V. 8 – Conviction (Convict = to rebuke with truth)

1) V.9 – conviction of sin = the sin of unbelief.

a) *We are all sinful* (Rom. 3:10, 23; 6:23), *but the sin that ultimately condemns to eternal separation from God is the sin of unbelief: rejecting His Son sent as the atoning sacrifice for all our sins* – John 3:18; 5:24; 6:40, 47; 8:23-24; 12:47-48; 20:30-31.

b) *The biggest question b/w God & man isn't the sin question, but the Son question: what have you done with the Son?* – Matt. 16:15

2) V.10 – conviction of righteousness = according to God's standards, not man's; both how to live as well as salvation – 1 Pet. 1:16.

a) *We all need God's righteousness, not man's* – Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:1-4, 9-13; Phil. 3:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Is. 53:11.

3) V.11 – conviction of judgment = you're either a child of God or of Satan – John 12:31; Rom. 6:8-9; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8.

a) *The Holy Spirit still convicts people of things that are sinful, God's standards of righteousness & of judging our works* – Gal. 5:16-26.

b) *That conviction is often misinterpreted as emotion or simply ignored= spiritual immaturity: the inability to discern spiritual conviction* – Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19; 2 Cor. 7:10; Matt. 3:8.

### B. V.12 – Teaching

1) “...but you cannot **bear** (to lift or carry something heavy) *them now.*”

- a) There was more Jesus wanted to say & more the disciples needed to hear & learn, but they weren't strong/mature enough to handle it – Matt. 17:17; John 14:7-9.
- b) *How many “heavier” things does God have to say to us that we need to hear & learn, but we're not strong enough & mature enough to handle them???* **WHY???**
  - i) 1 Cor. 3:1-4 – (1) **envy** = jealousy; (2) **strife** = wrangling = arguing; contention – Prov. 13:10; 17:14; 22:10; 26:20; 28:25; 29:22; 30:33; 2 Tim. 2:23 & (3) **divisions** = a standing apart – Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 1:10; 11:17-19.
  - ii) Heb. 5:12-6:2 – basic, foundational elements.

### C. V.13 – Guidance

- 1) The Holy Spirit will *guide* you into all truth:
  - a) He leads; not carry or force = they/we have to choose to follow.
  - b) He would lead them/us where we need to go: all truth = *God's truth.***
- 2) ***God's truth concerning:***
  - a) Sin – Rom. 3:10, 23
  - b) Righteousness – John 14:6; Acts 4:12
  - c) Judgment – John 12:31; 2 Cor. 5:10-11; Rev. 20:15
    - i) *The main cause of spiritual immaturity; of envy, strife & division, is an ignorance of God's word.*
    - ii) *Far too many have replaced God's truth with man's ideology.*
    - iii) *If we invested as much time being grounded in God's word as we do being grounded in our own interests, the majority of our issues would be eliminated because we're*

*all unified in what it is God says regarding any particular subject.*