

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Text: John 16:7-14

Last week I preached a message about the person of the Holy Spirit, today I want to preach about the purpose of the Holy Spirit. In these verses Jesus is explaining what the Holy Spirit is sent to do. Again I say to you today that this is His time. He is the presence of God in the world today since Jesus Christ ascended back to the Father. His work is to make Jesus Christ known in the world and carry on His ministry. When Jesus was on earth, He glorified the Father...now the Holy Spirit glorifies Him. He is essential in God's work of redemption in mankind. Let me highlight a few of His works:

- **He is light to people in darkness – Psalm 14:2-3** The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Sin blinds the mind and darkens the heart so that sinners won't seek after God so the Holy Spirit turns light on their darkness. He lets us know that something is missing...something isn't right. He awakens our consciences to the fact that we're sinners and reveals the void left in us by God's absence.*
- **He convicts people of their sin** – The word convict means to be proven guilty. **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; *Every person outside of the grace of God is by default a sinner only they don't know it.* We all have broken God's law and are worthy of death and damnation. Everyone walks around with the wrath of God abiding on them though they aren't aware of it. The Holy Spirit allows people to see their condition, their guilt, and their coming judgment in order that they will turn to Jesus Christ for salvation.
- **He draws people to Jesus Christ** – Jesus said in **John 6:44** *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. The word draw means to pull, persuade or drag.* The Holy Spirit pulls on the sinner to bring him to Jesus. After a person has been awakened and convicted, the Holy Spirit begins to apply pressure internally while calling them to respond to the gospel invitation.
- **He gives life to the dead - Ephesians 2:1-5** *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

- **He produces fruit in the saints - Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. *These are attributes and attitudes produced by the Holy Spirit in believers. Jesus Christ is the root and we are the branches... the Holy Spirit is like the sap that flows from the root to the branches to produce fruit.*
- **He is the line of communication between Christ and his saints - Romans 8:26-27** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God.*
- **He gives power to the body of Christ to do His will -** The Holy Spirit was the power of Jesus Christ's ministry. Just before Jesus went back to heaven, he told the apostles to wait on the baptism of the Holy Spirit that would come upon them in a few days. He told them not to do anything until they received it...all of this teaches us that we cannot do anything apart from the Spirit of God. Peter preached on Pentecost and three thousand were saved. He preached again a couple of chapters later and five thousand were saved...was it because he was a dynamic speaker or had a charismatic delivery? Was it because he had been to the best schools and degrees or because he knew how to be relevant to his culture? NO it was because he was full of the Holy Spirit!