



# THE HOLY SPIRIT

YOUR LIFE COACH

## THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ONLY MINISTRY FOR UNBELIEVERS:

John 16:7-11 NKJV - Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

John 14:6 - Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father, except through Me."

## THE TWO CHOICES FOR BELIEVERS, BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT:

YOU CAN FOLLOW GOD (THE HOLY SPIRIT) OR FOLLOW YOUR FLESH (SIN NATURE). IF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR LIFE COACH, THEN THE FLESH (SIN NATURE) IS YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ COACH.

Galatians 6:7-9 - Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

## **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS :**

### **Be convinced of The Sin of unbelief:**

What is the ONE sin that the Holy Spirit is focused on in the unbeliever? Unbelief in Christ!

What sins do we usually focus on in the unbeliever? If the stop those sins, will they be saved? NO! We often focus on what unbelievers are doing wrong and we don't focus on the most important thing of all - they need to believe in Christ! Does the gay person have to stop being gay to get saved? Does the alcoholic have to stop being an alcoholic to be saved? NO! Does God approve of those things? NO! However, God saves the unbeliever the moment he believes in Christ! Then after their eternal destiny is changed from hell to heaven, then God says now let's change your daily life. Let's pull the way the Holy Spirit is pulling! He is pulling against unbelief.

Why is the sin of unbelief the one sin that cannot be forgiven? Because if you don't believe in Jesus who died for your sins and rose again you cannot have forgiveness of sin. The moment you believe in Christ, the Holy Spirit identifies (baptizes) you with Christ and you have a new identity in Christ as we talked about last week.

What keeps people from believing in Christ? What barriers did you have that kept (or keep) you from believing in Christ?

### **Be convinced of Righteousness:**

What physical evidence do we have of Christ's righteousness? His resurrection and ascension. Death is a result of sin and since Jesus had no sin, He could rise up after He paid of our sin. He not only rose from the grave, but He ascended (Acts 1:9-11) into heaven to be with the Father.

How do you get the righteousness of Christ on your record? When you believe in Christ the Holy Spirit identifies baptizes you with Christ and you are now in Christ AND have put on Christ (Gal 3:26-28) so you now have Christ's righteousness on your record. You are as righteous to God the Father as Christ is.

Do I have to live right to earn righteousness, or do I have to live out the righteousness that I already have? You are righteous! You need to learn to live it out! By faith in your new identity that you already have in Christ you learn to walk in newness of life - you learn to walk righteously.

If the Holy Spirit is your Helper, will he help you live righteously? YES! The Holy Spirit will produce righteousness in your daily life so that you live out righteously from the righteousness you have in Christ. How does the Holy Spirit do this? As you depend on God, the Holy Spirit produces righteous conduct in you. We will talk about that more in the next couple of weeks.

Does the Holy Spirit live in us? YES! IF the Holy Spirit lives in us, can He work in us to make us holy (righteous) in our conduct? Yes? How? Are we robots? No. We must walk by faith in God. We must depend on God and when we do the Holy Spirit is able to help us. What if we want to live the Christian life on our own with the Holy Spirit? Can we do it? NO. We have the Holy Spirit to produce the life of Christ in us so that we can live out the life of Christ in our individual life. More about this next week. Also remember we talked about two ways the Holy Spirit helps us to stay on track with God and live out righteousness: What were they? Don't grieve the Spirit! (stop when He says no) Don't quench the Spirit! (Go when He says go)

### **Be convinced of eternal judgment:**

What about judgement? Is it wrong to judge? If so how, or how not? Can we judge people's actions as right or wrong? As righteous or unrighteous? It is not wrong to judge. We judge all the time! The reviews you see on social media are a form of judgement. It is right and proper to judge. We do not want to judge and condemn the person. The person is made in God's image. People can be saved! People can be redeemed! However, there is a point where judgement comes. Hebrews 9:27- As it is appointed for men once to die, and then the judgement. This verse shows that once you die, you will be judged. Is it fair to ask someone, "If you were to die tonight, do you know where you would spend eternity?"

We also do not want to judge as a hypocrite. What is a hypocrite? A hypocrite is someone who judges someone else and does the same thing he judges others for. This is wrong. We often judge people according to our preferences and not according to God's truth. This is wrong too. We must judge according to God's word.

Why does God allow evil? Why doesn't He get rid of it once and for all right now? If He judged evil, He would get rid of it forever and all who do not believe in Christ would be judged. He allows evil for now for a season so that more people can have a chance to be saved before the final separation of good and evil. One day in the future, He will permanently judge evil and all evil people (unbelievers) will be put into the Lake of Fire forever. Rev 20:11-15