

Theme: The Spirit has been sent to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, so that it may be drawn to Christ.

## I. Intro – Bad News and Good News

- A. Common theme in jokes, movies
- B. This is real life – and happening to disciples
- C. Jesus gives them bad news, worse news
- D. Then He gives them great news about Spirit

## II. Bad News, Worse News, And Great News

### A. The Bad News – Conflict With the World

- 1. Key theme in John 14-16
- 2. John 15:18-19; John 16:2-3

### B. The Worse News – Jesus is leaving!

- 1. John 16:4-5
- 2. Grief – John 16:6

### C. The Good News – The Spirit is Coming (16:7)

## III. The Spirit's Work in the World

### A. The Spirit – the Paraclete (John 16:7)

- 1. Legal term for one called to one's aid in court
- 2. Legal– testify, convict, righteousness, judgment, condemned
- 3. Spirit here to help us in our work in world
- 4. Convicts of sin, righteousness, judgment (v8)

### B. The Spirit's Conviction of Sin (v8)

- 1. Convicts of sin because of unbelief– v8,9
- 2. World denies its sin & need for redemption
  - a. Some deny reality of sin
  - b. Some claim sin is no big deal – foibles
  - c. It denies we are evil at the core
- 3. Doesn't believe in Christ – because of sin
  - a. Jn 3:19-20 – verdict, love darkness, evil deeds
  - b. In fact, accuse God of unrighteousness
- 4. Spirit convicts us of sin – shows us the reality

### C. Spirit's Conviction of Righteousness

- 1. Convicts of righteousness because w/ Father (v8,10)
- 2. World claims it is righteous
  - a. Some say they are truly righteous
  - b. Most say better than Hitler, etc.
  - c. Some even say God is unrighteous
- 3. Spirit presses home true standard – Christ

### D. Spirit's Conviction of Judgment

- 1. Convicts of judgment because Satan condemned (v8,11)
- 2. World thinks it will escape judgment
  - a. God would never judge – He is love

- b. I have some questions for God!!
- c. World already judged Jesus (1 Pet 2:4,7)
- 3. Satan – ruler of world - already judged (v11)
- E. Summary of sin, righteousness & judgment

#### **IV. Conclusion & Summary**

- A. Have we felt the Spirit's convicting voice?
  - 1. Do we see reality of sin, righteousness & judgment?
  - 2. Do we feel this reality deep in our soul?
  - 3. If not – He is pressing home on you today!
  - 4. If so, give Him thanks for His work!
- B. Do we see this is the Spirit's work – not ours?
  - 1. Only he can truly convict people
  - 2. Our attempts usually seen as holier than thou
  - 3. We speak and live truth –but He convicts
  - 4. Our task is to point to Christ – Spirit will convict
- C. Are we crying out for the Spirit to do this work?
  - 1. The world is naturally antagonistic to Gospel
  - 2. We must cry out for Spirit to come & convict
  - 3. Pray for region, friends, family, etc.
  - 4. He is powerful to do His work – have faith!

#### **The Spirit and the World**

John 16:5-11

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Genesis 12:2

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

John 15:18-19

<sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. <sup>3</sup> They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.

John 16:2-3

<sup>4</sup> I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

John 16:4-5

List of legal terms in passage

- Testify (15:26-27)
- Convict (16:8)
- Righteousness (16:8, 10)
- Judgment (16:8, 11)
- Condemned (16:11)

<sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

John 3:19-20

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone-- **rejected by men** but chosen by God and precious to him-- ..... <sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But **to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,"**

1 Peter 2:4, 7

	Sin	Righteousness	Judgment
The World's Idea of Sin, Righteousness and Judgment (The False Idea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No such thing as sin</li> <li>•Sin is no big deal – only surface foibles</li> <li>• We love God more than our 'sin'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•We are truly righteous</li> <li>•We are good compared to other people, especially really bad people like Hitler</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•God is love – He will never judge</li> <li>•On judgment day I have some questions for God – I will judge Him!</li> </ul>
The World's Actual State of Sin, Righteousness and Judgment (The Reality)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Sin is real and will be judged</li> <li>• Sin is at the core of who we are</li> <li>• We reject Jesus to keep our sin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•We lack real righteousness</li> <li>•Christ is the true standard of righteousness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•God is also holy – and He will judge!</li> <li>•Satan – the ruler of this world – has already been judged</li> </ul>
The Cure for the World's Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Admit the depth of our sin</li> <li>•Repent and turn to Christ, begging mercy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Admit our righteousness is as filthy rags to God</li> <li>•Forsake our righteousness and ask Christ for His</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Admit we are worthy of being condemned</li> <li>•Plead with God for mercy in Christ</li> </ul>