

John 16:7-11

⁷ "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; ¹¹ and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Perhaps for many believers, we never recognize the gift that was given when Jesus went home to be with His Father. Had Jesus never returned, the Body of Christ would not have received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not second best compared to Christ; for He also is part of the Trinity. When the disciples walked with the Lord; our Lord had certain limitations because He was living here on earth as a man. But the Holy Spirit knows no such limitation. As part of the God Head, He is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent. He not only knows everything, and is all powerful, but He is everywhere at the same time. Our God gave us an incredible gift when He left the Holy Spirit after Jesus ascension.

I find it very interesting that Jesus uses the verb convicting, to describe three of the major tasks of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's job is to prove or find guilty the world in the areas of sin, righteousness or their lack of, and judgment should they not make Jesus their personal Savior and Lord! I am always bewildered how man is so apt to live his or her life with absolutely no regard to God, or to their eternity. Yet the convicting power of the Holy Spirit can illuminate in that life the need for a redeemer. We can each one speak until we are blue in the face to someone about the Lord; but unless the Holy Spirit convicts that person of their sin, they will continue without any change. Each one of us who have ever cried out to the Lord, have done so through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

If you have a spouse, child, family member, co-worker or friend who is lost; then I exhort you to cry out to the Holy Spirit to touch that person. His job is to convict them of their sin, so ask Him to do it. Because we recognize our Heavenly Father as God, we have no problem praying to Him. Because Jesus walked this earth and died for our sins, we recognize the authority and power that comes when we pray in His name. But church we need also to be educated on the power of the Holy Spirit. **James 5:16** says, **The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.** Part of praying effectively, is learning not only how to pray, but to whom to pray. The Holy Spirit is just as much a part of the trinity as the Father and His Son. The more I study God's Word, the more blown away I am that our God didn't leave a single piece out. We are more blessed than we often realize! Our God is so amazing and awesome!! Church take the time to read in the Bible who the Holy Spirit is, and His role for our lives. Understand that He is here to help us during our stay on planet earth. I exhort you; start asking the Holy Spirit to minister to you personally, to touch your church, your pastor and your family. Invite Him into your own life to empower your relationship and life with our Lord.