

WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH
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HIM WAS WITH HIM IN THE
BEGINNING THROUGH HIM ALL
THINGS WERE MADE. WHO
HIM OF HIM. WHO THAT
HAS BEEN MADE. WHO WAS
LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS
OF MEN. THE LIGHT SHINE
THE DARKNESS, BUT THE
NESS HAS NOT UNDERSTOOD IT.

the gospel of

JOHN

John 16:12-15

Introduction

Last week we saw that the Holy Spirit convicts and convinces the world of sin, righteousness, and a judgment to come. We will now turn to see how the Spirit guides the believer and glorifies Christ.

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The Holy Spirit guides believers through three things.

1. The Holy Spirit guides by speaking the truth.

Christ said that He had many things to say to the apostles, but they were not able to "bear" (handle, grasp) them, not yet. He would share them later through the Holy Spirit.

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Christ tells the Spirit what to say and how to guide believers. Christ is the One who knows the infirmities and the needs of men. He knows by personal experience (Hebrews 4:15-16). Therefore, He is the One who is appointed by God to instruct the Spirit in His guiding ministry. This should give our hearts joy and confidence, for the Lord knows exactly what we face.

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2. The Holy Spirit guides by “guiding” (leading) into all the truth. The Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of Truth.” He speaks only the truth and guides into “all the truth.” The truth, of course, is Jesus Christ Himself. The Spirit leads the believer to Christ, the Truth, and teaches him “all the truth” about Christ.

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3. The Holy Spirit guides by telling (announcing, declaring) things to come. After Jesus arose, the Holy Spirit was the One who led the apostles to write the New Testament and to foresee the things revealed in its pages. Since that day, the Holy Spirit is the One who takes the things revealed in the Word and shows them to the heart of the believer.

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The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ. Note that the Spirit “takes” of Christ and declares it to believers. This means that He receives and declares...

- only what Christ is.
- only what Christ did.
- only what Christ said.

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The Holy Spirit was sent in Jesus' name to proclaim Jesus alone. He, the Spirit of Truth, leads believers to Christ, who is the Truth. He did not come to proclaim a movement and message of His own, but to proclaim the movement and message of Christ.

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Note the claim of Jesus. All that the Father has is His. He is the Son of God, the Son of the Father. Jesus is declaring that there is perfect unity in the Godhead. All things of the Father...

- are the things of the Son, of Jesus Christ Himself.
- are the things shown and declared by the Holy Spirit.

So What ...

As believers we have the Holy Spirit. He works through our conscience and heart.

He helps us understand scripture as we read it. The world has difficulty understanding the Bible. That is because they do not have the Spirit.

When you do your devotions, quiet your heart and pray that the Spirit would guide you into truth and help you apply it to your life.

The same Spirit that moved men to write Scripture lives within us to help us understand it!