



The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 9

Title: The Holy Hound of Heaven.

Text: Jn. 16:7-11 KJV:

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit concerning sinners. As aforementioned by the Apostle John.

Verse 8: Reprove: Greek word Elegcho and it means to:

1. To convince:

Jn. 8:46 KJV:

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

2. To convict:

Jn. 8:9 KJV:

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

3. To tell someone his fault.

Mt.18:15 KJV:

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.



Conclusion: The holy hound of heaven, as he has been called, will track down the sinner, and upon “catching” him, he will:

1. Convince him.
2. Convict him.
3. Tell him his faults.



He convicts man.

Convicts a man of sin: this is not about sex, smoking, or swearing, but about rejecting Christ’s sacrifice on Calvary.

Jn. 3:18 KJV:

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Convicts man of Christ's righteousness.

GOD IS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Rom. 1:17 KJV:

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

GOD DEMANDS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Rom. 1:18 KJV:

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

GOD PROVIDES RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Rom. 1:19 KJV:

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Convicts man of future judgment. In this area, the Holy Spirit would point out to the sinner that:

All unsaved people belong to Satan.

Jn. 8:44 KJV:

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Satan's doom is already in the making.

Rom. 16:20 KJV:

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

All sinners who die apart from Jesus will share in the fate of the devil.

Mt. 25:41 KJV:

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Remember from our previous studies about the analogy of the Lambs and the Goats.

There are seven classic and clear examples of this convicting ministry of the blessed Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts.

1. The crowd at Pentecost.

Acts 2:22-23 KJV:

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Acts 2:37 KJV:

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

2. The Ethiopian eunuch.

Acts 8:29-38 KJV:

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.



3. Saul of Tarsus.

Acts 9:1-6 KJV:

1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, **Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**

4. A centurion named Cornelius.

Acts 10:44 KJV:

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word

5. The Philippian jailor.

Acts 16:25-34 KJV:

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

6. A governor named Felix.

Acts 24:24-25 KJV:

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

7. A king named Agrippa.

Acts 26:1 KJV:

1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

Acts 26:23-28 KJV:

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Conclusion:

In conclusion it may be stated that the chief ministry performed by the Holy Spirit to the sinner is that of old-fashioned, pulse pounding, blood racing conviction.

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in relation to the Church.

The Holy Spirit, and the universal church. He formed it.

Eph. 2:19-22 KJV:

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit and the Local Church.

He desires to inspire its worship service.

Phil. 3:3 KJV:

3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

He desires to direct its missionary work.

Acts 8:29 KJV:

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Acts 13:2-4 KJV:

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 16:6 KJV:

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

Acts 16:7-10 KJV:

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

He desires to aid in its singing services.

Eph. 5:18-19 KJV:

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

He desires to appoint preachers.

Acts 20:28 KJV:

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood

He desires to warn its members.

1 Tim. 4:1 KJV:

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

He desires to determine its decisions.

Acts 15:28 KJV:

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

He desires to condemn or bless its efforts as needed.

Rev. 2:7 KJV:

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev. 2:11 KJV:

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Rev. 2:17 KJV:

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Rev. 2:29 KJV:

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Rev. 3:6 KJV:

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Rev. 3:13 KJV:

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Rev. 3:22 KJV:

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

He desires to lead its visitation and evangelistic programs.

Rev. 22:17 KJV:

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

In this, the Scripture's final invitation, we see the Holy Spirit speaking through the church urging the unsaved to come to Christ.

How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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