

THE HOLY SPIRIT: WHAT HE DOES

*“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 16:7-11*

The Lord Jesus gives us here in a nutshell **the absolutely crucial things the Holy Spirit does when convicting a sinner and drawing him to repentance**, and I believe we would do well to emulate Him whenever we share the gospel with an unsaved person i.e.

First of all, make it clear that they (like just like you) *have sinned, primarily in that they have offended a holy God who created and sustains this universe!*

Secondly, that *their great need is for perfect righteousness!* Most people are normally aware that they do not possess, but many do not understand that it is impossible for them to work for it or earn it by their own efforts.

Finally, because they’ve offended this great God, they need to realize that if He doesn’t extend mercy and grace to them, *they are going to go off into awful, everlasting punishment!* – Cf. *Heb. 9:27*

On a completely different note...

For believers the name Jesus gave in describing the Holy Spirit i.e. *“The Helper/Comforter”* is a huge blessing and encouragement!

He is literally the *“one called alongside to help.”* – cf. *Jn. 14:16 & I Jn. 2:1* (see also passages such as *Heb. 2:17-18 & 4:15-16*)