

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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John: Jesus is the Christ

Lesson #18: The Promised One

INTRODUCTION

Is the process of someone beginning a personal relationship with Christ more dependent on the work of the Holy Spirit or the individual? Explain.

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Note: Jesus is probably still in the upper room in Jerusalem, pouring out his heart to the disciples. He realizes that time is running out to tell them the essentials of what they'll need to understand when He's gone.

Read John 16:1-16

1. What was the Jewish perception of the Holy Spirit prior to this time? Judges 16:28
2. Why does a person need the Holy Spirit to be in God's presence after death? 1 Cor 15:50
3. What titles and pronouns does Jesus give the Holy Spirit in these verses?
4. Why does Jesus refer to the Holy Spirit with a masculine pronoun? Matt 3:11
5. Why was it beneficial that Jesus leave? Vs 7
6. When was Jesus' prophecy in verse 7 fulfilled? Acts 2:1-4
7. How would unbelievers be convicted with respect to sin? Acts 2:36,37
 - a. With respect to righteousness? Acts 3:14,15
 - b. With respect to judgment? John 12: 31,32
8. "At the cross, Satan's power over sin was judged; at the resurrection, his power over death was broken." (Merrill C. Tenney) vs11 What does this mean to us as believers today?
9. What are the ministries of the Spirit identified in verses 12-15?

Note: Any Christian who surrenders to Christ can be taught by the Spirit. In Ps. 119:97-104 we see how God can teach the humble Christian. It is not age, experience, or education that counts so much as a willingness to learn and live the Word.¹
10. The word "Trinity" does not appear in the New Testament. What do we see in verse 15?

APPLICATION

- Since one of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is glorify Jesus (vs 14), how can you use this as a test of the authenticity of any alleged work of God?
- How can the Holy Spirit help you present the gospel to (name) ?

The essence of the Christian life is what God does in and through us, not what we do for God. Christ's life is reproduced in the believer by the power of the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit is to be directed and empowered by Him. – Satisfied? Booklet, p. 10, CRU

I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. – Ephesians 3:16-17

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1992). *Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament* (pp. 256-257). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.