

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BLESS THE WORLD WITH GOSPEL  
RELIGION (John 16:12—15)

Jesus has “*many things to say*” to the apostles, but He had not enough time and the disciples were not yet ready to receive the Spirit’s New Testament Revelation.

But Jesus promises them that the Holy Spirit will give to them the Gospel message in its fullness.

“*The Spirit of Truth*” is the Spirit of Revelation: The One who gives us the Scripture.

*Inspiration:* He breathes out God’s Word.

*Superintendence:* Supervising the transmission of God’s Word.

*Illumination:* Explaining and interpreting God’s Word.

*Empowerment:* Giving the Word the living power of God.

“...*guide you into all (the) truth...and He will declare to you the things that are to come...*”

A reference not just to New Testament predictive prophecy.

And more than the entire New Testament.

But also the *Christian faith and Church*.

**The Holy Spirit will remain with the church to enlighten it and instruct it through His Word, and to develop, mature and commission it as His witness in the world.**

CONCLUSION: Jesus Christ is still working in the world through the Spirit, the Word and the Church.

The Church in the World preaching the Word in the power of the Spirit of Truth.

**The Acts of the Apostles are really the Acts of the Spirit in the world.**



## Sermon Notes

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John 16:4b—15

Every person ever converted was brought to saving faith, through the Word, into the Church, by the means of the Spirit of Truth.

INTRODUCTION: In John 15 and 16, Jesus is preparing His disciples to live without Him in this world...

Without His *physical presence* in this world, that is.

Jesus is with us by means of the *indwelling Holy Spirit*.

It seems that from the beginning of the Christian movement and the Church era, the average person does not view Christianity as evil, while the governments, intelligentsia and Academics often (not always) did.

## I. THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS THE AGE OF THE SPIRIT (16:4b—7)

Once Jesus died, rose and returned to the Father, His spiritual “covering” over the disciples and the Church would be removed.

*“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”*

Not that He would go to the Father. He already told them that.

But rather, Jesus had not told them until now that *persecution* would come after He went back to heaven.

This makes the Apostles sad.

So Jesus encourages them: *It is good for them for Him to leave!*

**What Jesus is saying here is surprisingly profound:** *Christ is about to introduce the Third and Final stage of redemptive history.*

Stage One: *The History of Israel from Genesis 3 to Malachi 4 and God’s preparation of the Jews to receive the Messiah of the World.* (4,000 plus years)

Stage Two: *The Incarnation of God in Christ and the earthly ministry of Jesus the Savior of mankind.* (approximately 30+ years)

Stage Three: *The Mission of the Spirit, the Word and the Church in the World until the end of time.* (from Pentecost to Parousia: 2,000+ years and counting)

This should **encourage** the Apostles (and us) for three reasons:

**First:** Jesus would not leave them on their own but would send the Spirit with them wherever they may go.

**Second:** The Spirit’s coming would no longer limit Redemption to the time and place of Jesus.

**Third:** The coming of the Spirit guarantees for us that we are in the final phase of redemption.

## II. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BROADCAST THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD (John 16:8-11)

Jesus states that the Holy Spirit’s witness will **carry on** the witness of Christ and ...

**Spearhead** the witness of the Church.

The Holy Spirit will **extend** the message and ministry of Jesus in three ways the disciples could not have foreseen.

**First:** The Spirit will convict the world of sin.

Just as Jesus did in His ministry.

Their root sin? *They did not believe in Jesus Christ.*

**Second:** The Spirit will convict the world of righteousness.

If unbelief is the essence of sin, then faith in Christ is the essence of righteousness.

**Third:** The Spirit will convict the world of judgment.

How unrighteously the world treated Christ; how much they deserved judgment for their own sins against God’s law; how they will go the way of Satan if they do not repent and believe in Christ.

The resurrection and ascension to glory is the proof that Satan’s kingdom has been judged, is condemned and will ultimately collapse in ruin.

The Holy Spirit is, and remains to this day, the **Lord of the Conscience**. He continues to speak in a convincing, convicting, and condemning manner to all mankind through:

**Genesis Revelation:** Creation, Conscience, Culture

**Special Revelation:** Christ, Canon, Church

**You cannot silence the witness of the Spirit.**