

## The Holy Spirit's work in salvation

John 16:5-11

- I. It was good Jesus ascended so the Holy Spirit would come to begin His ministry (John 1:5-7).
  - A. Jesus admonished the disciples for just focusing on their loss that he was leaving them (16:5-6).
  - B. Jesus told them it was better that He would leave and send the Holy Spirit (16:7).
  
- II. The Spirit prepares unbelieving hearts for the gospel by addressing their sin (John 16:8-11).
  - A. The Holy Spirit convicts unbelievers of sin (16:8-9).
    - Sin deserves God's eternal judgment unless one believes/trusts in Christ (John 3:18; 8:24).
  
  - B. The Holy Spirit exposes false trust in self-righteousness and the need for Christ's righteousness (16:10).
    - Self-righteousness must be forsaken (Matthew 5:20; Romans 10:3-4).
    - Only Christ's righteousness, which comes through faith in Christ, is acceptable to God (Philippians 3:6-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
  
  - C. The Holy Spirit convinces unbelievers judgment is coming because Satan is judged already through the cross (10-11; John 12:31-33).
    - When an unbeliever responds to the Spirit and believes in Christ, the Spirit SAVES them (Titus 3:4-6).