

The Mission of the Holy Spirit

TEXT: John 16:7-8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. A GREAT QUESTION – THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
 - 1. A distinction between his Mission & what He does to accomplish that mission.
 - 2. The things He did get attention and fascinate.
 - 3. The Mission is often lost in what He does to accomplish that Mission.
- B. THE TEXT GIVES THE MISSION
 - 1. Convict the world of Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment.
 - 2. Other things, like miracles, were subservient to the Mission, to accomplish it.

I. WHAT IS MEANT – “CONVICT THE WORLD”?

- A. **CONVICT** (reprove KJV). **Elegcho**, “convict or convince someone of something, point something out to someone, bring to light, expose, set forth.” (A&G).
- B. “MAKE THE FACTS KNOWN AND CONVINCING THE WORLD” – **Connie Adams**.
- C. THE MISSION! CONVICT! ALL else to accomplish this.

II. THE MISSION OFTEN CONFUSED WITH WHAT HE DID TO ACCOMPLISH.

ie. empowering people to work miracles.

- A. MIRACLES GET ATTENTION, MAKE A BIG SHOW, EXCITES THE IMAGINATION.
- B. PEOPLE MISTAKENLY PLACE A GREATER EMPHASIS ON THAT.
- C. PENTECOST ILLUSTRATES (**Acts 2:1-39**).
 - 1. **vs. 1-13**. Tongues got attention, big show, excited imagination, raised questions.
 - 2. **vs. 14-21**. Gave Peter an opportunity to speak. Explains – **Joel 2:28**.
 - 3. God’s purpose in sending the Holy Spirit (**vs. 16-21**).
 - 4. And in sending Jesus, to be raised (**vs. 22-24**).
 - 5. Promised by God **thru the Spirit (vs. 25-33)**, This is the Promise of the Spirit.
 - a. Not the Spirit himself, or the miracles being performed.
 - b. What do we typically think of when we speak of the promise of the Spirit?
 - c. **Jesus received this promise**. Already spoke in tongues. What did he get?
 - d. Our minds dwell on the circus!
 - e. What they saw & heard was proof that Jesus received the promise, not the promise itself.
 - 6. Two things about the Spirit in **vs. 33**.
 - a. His declaration of the resurrection,
 - b. The proof of the apostle’s testimony (**vs. 32**).
 - 7. Emphasis goes away from the Show to the Message.
 - 8. Peter’s conclusion (**vs. 36**). Their minds now on the message and not the show.
THE SHOW WAS OVER!!
 - 9. **vs. 37**. Their reaction ignores the show and addresses what the show proved!

II. THE ROLE OF MIRACLES.

- A. CAN’T DISCOUNT GOD’S COMPASSION – BUT NOT EVERYONE GETS MIRACLES.
- B. **Heb. 2:1-4**. JESUS’ WORD CONFIRMED BY THE APOSTLES.
- C. GOD BORE WITNESS TO THEIR WORD BY THE MIRACLES.
- D. THE PURPOSE OF THE MIRACLES – CONFIRM THE MESSAGE.
IF WE COME LOOKING FOR THE SHOW, WE MISS THE REAL TREASURE.
- E. THE MISSION OF THE SPIRIT WAS NOT TO EMPOWER. SO WHY DID HE DO IT?
TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION (**John 16:8**).

III. WHERE DOES HE CONVICT?

- A. OF SIN? (**Acts 2:36; Rom. 3:23**).
- B. OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?
 - 1. **Matt. 3:15**. Not just the right thing to do
 - 2. **Rom. 1:16-17**. A righteousness of God. God’s plan for making us right.
 - 3. **Rom. 3:21-26**.
 - a. Witnessed by the law (types) and the prophets (promises).
 - b. Thru faith in Jesus – forgiveness.
 - c. Where love and justice meet.
- C. OF JUDGMENT? (**Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 5:10**).
- D. WE KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE BIBLE.
 - 1. They are there because it is inspired of God thru the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Convicted by the Spirit thru His work, the word found in the Bible.

(**Eph. 6:17**; **1 Cor. 4:15**; **2 Thess. 2:13-15**).

3. In what form does grace appear (**Titus 2:11-12**; **2 Tim. 3:16-17**).

CONCLUSION:

A. HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE SAVED?

1. The Spirit bears witness **with** our spirit. How does he do that?
2. He inspired writers to tell us what we must do – in the Bible.
3. Where is our spirit's testimony? We know what we have done.

B. WHAT DOES HE SAY?

1. Believe (**Mark 16:16**).
2. Repent (**Acts 2:38**).
3. Confess (**Rom. 10:10**).
4. Be Baptized (**Acts 2:38**).

C. ALL REVEALED THRU THE SPIRIT – HIS TESTIMONY.

D. HAVE I DONE THESE THINGS? IF OUR TESTIMONY DOESN'T AGREE,
YOU ARE NOT SAVED!