

Volume 4, Day 27: The Holy Spirit's Role in the Earth

Many pastors and teachers have been taught in their schools of theology about the role of the Holy Spirit on earth. Largely they teach us that the role of the Holy Spirit on earth is to convict humans of sin, righteousness and judgment! Christians the world around seem to speak this fluently. They also seem to believe it to be happening in their lives and claim that when they sin as a believer in Jesus that the Holy Spirit convicts them when they commit a sin. Unfortunately the Scriptures about the Holy Spirit do not bear this out! Having gone through deep theological training for over a decade, even I was misled in this regard. Let's look again at John 16.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, **He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. ...when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, **He will guide you into all truth**:** for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and **He will show you things to come. He shall glorify me**: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." John 16:7-15 KJV:

In order to exchange my wrong beliefs which were taught to me by well-meaning and deeply trained (albeit misinformed) preachers, teachers and highly respected theologians, I had to trust the Holy Spirit Himself to guide me into God's truth. And the more I abandoned wrong beliefs and trusted the Holy Spirit alone about His Own Word (the Bible), the more peace came upon me in my most difficult circumstances and the presence of very difficult people.