



We Need the Holy Spirit

John 7:37-39; 3:1-18;
16:5-11

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Holy Spirit.
John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

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³⁹ Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



II. The Work of
the Holy Spirit
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John 3:1-18

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him.”

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³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- What Jesus told Nicodemus he must do is *impossible for anyone* to do!

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⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”



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⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.



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⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.



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⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'



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⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- i. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus (Eph. 2:8, 9).
- ii. Only the Holy Spirit can convince us that the gospel is true.

C. Jesus' teaching is easy to understand the problem is our unwillingness to believe vv. 9-13.

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

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¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

- The Gospel Message is Simple...

A. Jesus Died
to Pay for Our
Sins vv. 14-6.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever **believes** in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

B. Believe in
Jesus and You
Will be Saved
from God's
Wrath
vv. 17-18.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

III. The Holy
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John 16:5-11.

⁵ But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

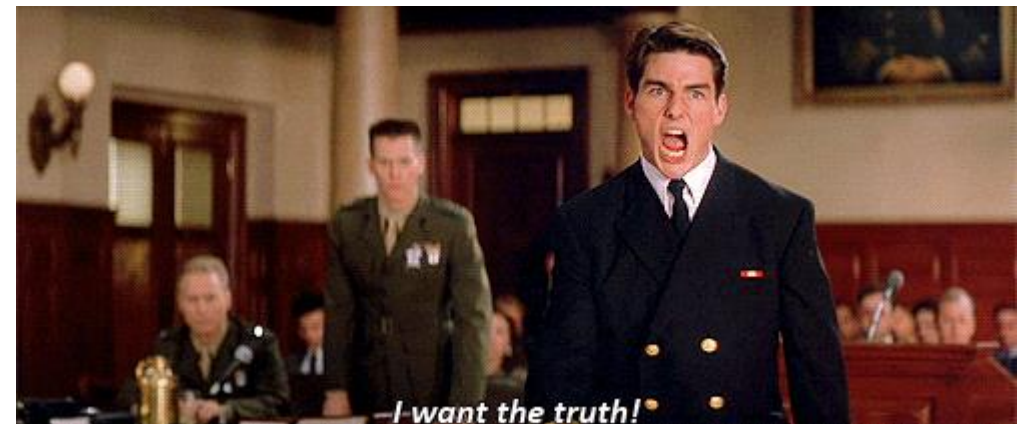
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⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.



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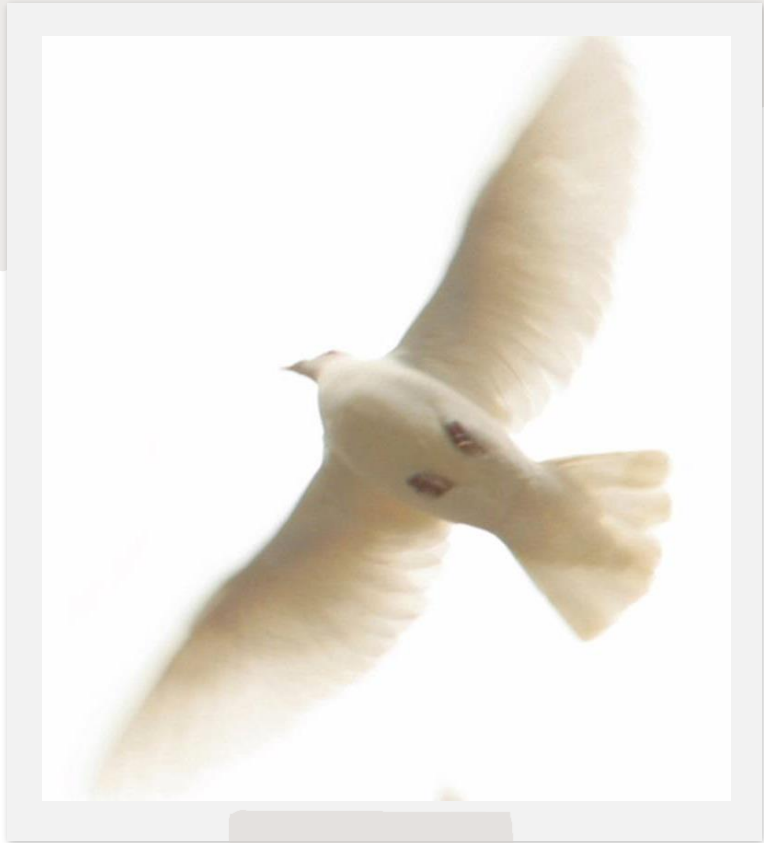
⁸ And when He comes, He will
convict the world concerning sin
and righteousness and judgment:



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⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- The Holy Spirit Exposes Our Sin Guilt and Certain Judgment.



IV. We need the Holy Spirit because without His work none of us would be saved, because none of us would repent and believe in Jesus (Jn 3:8; 6:40-48).