

Mt. Lebanon Church | Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Godly Convictions

John 16: 7 – 11

What does it mean in our life when we are experiencing godly convictions. It means that the indwelling Holy Spirit is leading us into a deeper relationship with God, by guiding us with the righteousness of Christ, revealing unto us the sinfulness that is in our life, and prompting repentance and spiritual growth, by teaching us the unshakable beliefs that are rooted and grounded in the truth of God's word. Therefore, as believers, it is our personal convictions that will reveal unto us who we are, which is crucial in keeping us from being swayed by worldly opinions, and will help us to endure temptations. Through the divine word of God, and by the leadership and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our personal convictions are brought to life, and these convictions allow us to stand strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, which proves our faith in him. Without the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, we become very indecisive, and we are easily led astray by false doctrines and by our selfish desires and worldly gain. So, Christ himself taught his disciples:

John 16: 7 – 11,....it is expedient for you that I go away, for if I do not go away, the comforter will not come....when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin....

Gods great gift to mankind came as a result of the sacrifice of his only begotten Son, but he knew that mankind would never understand this great gift without a comforting spirit to lead us. So, for those who by faith believing accept his free gift, he instills within us his Holy Spirit. So, why do we not always see, and experience comfort in our life in Christ. It is because that even as believers, we are still trying to maintain our level of comfort with peace of mind through worldly, emotional wisdom and knowledge, which will blind us from the spiritual understanding of knowing that truth and comfort can only come to us through the inner workings of godly conviction.

So, we are going to look at the three types of convictions that Christ himself spoke of.

Before we do, let us keep one thing in mind, and that is the Holy Spirit was sent for everyone's benefit. To the sinner it is a conviction unto salvation, but for the believer, Christ personalized it by saying, I will send him to you, which was to show the importance of the personal relationship that it would bring to the believer between the Father and the Son.

John 16: 9 – 11,....of sin, because they believe not on me....of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more....of Judgement, because the prince of this world is judged....

John 16: 9,....Of sin because they do not believe on me....

The Holy Spirit works to convict those who refuse to believe in Christ Jesus, for it reveals our unbelief, and it brings us to realize our need for a savior. This conviction is meant to cleanse, and to heal, by showing unto us our lack of faith, and our willful disregard for Gods plan of redemption. It shows unto us that unbelief will lead to eternal separation from God, therefore, if we will allow, it can move us from a state of rebellion to a place of recognizing our need for the righteousness of Christ.

Titus 3: 4 -7,....after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour, toward man appeared....according to his mercy he saved us....and renewing of the Holy Ghost....which he shed on us abundantly....we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life....

Salvation is a free gift of Gods mercy, and is not earned by man's efforts, or his own self-righteous works. It is a spiritual transformation, a renewing of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual rebirth that creates a new life within us. Therefore, God choose to withhold from us a deserved punishment and instead offers unto us salvation. Therefore, our salvation is a complete work of God, initiating a new life within us by his spirit, which means that now there is an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit within the life of the believer, for it is a daily sanctification process that is transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

2 Corinthians 3: 18,...but we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord....

The Holy Spirit works within the life of the believer to regenerate, to empower, to be a helper and a comforter, to lead us and to guide us into the truth of the promises of Gods word. It convicts us of sin, it provides us with an assurance of our salvation, and it provides unto us the gifts that we need to build one another up within the body of Christ. Therefore, it is essential for us to live out our life in Christ, showing unto others, and pointing them in the way salvation, which brings glory to God.

John 16: 10,...of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye see me no more....

Through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, we see that our self-achieved righteousness is insufficient. So, as believers, we have received the perfect righteousness of Christ, for he traded unto his divine righteousness for our debt of sin. Now, through the work of the spirit within us, the worlds false standard of righteousness is exposed, and we now allow the light of our salvation to shine forth, by pointing others to the only true righteousness that is found in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit works through the believer to show unto the world that Christ is the only truth of all righteousness that is accepted by God, from whom comes our salvation.

Ephesians 1: 12 – 14,....that ye should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ, in whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the peace of his glory....

As believers we are permanently secured by the Holy Spirit as Gods own redeemed possession. The spirit, which is the divine seal of God, guarantees our eternal inheritance, providing unto us the assurance of our salvation, until the day of redemption. It is a process that begins with the word of truth, and the gospel of our salvation, when, we responded in like manner with faith, and we were sealed by the spirit, setting us apart from the world, no longer separated from God. Through this we learn, that as we, through faith, continue in the grace, which God gave unto us through Christ, we no longer need to be burdened by sin.

John 16: 11,....of judgement, because ethe prince of this world is judged....

This promise is given to show that through the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ, Satan has already been judged, condemned, and defeated, and it is the convicting power of the Holy Spirit that allows us as believers to live in the victory of our salvation in Christ, no longer under the fear of eternal condemnation. It is the Holy Spirit that brings unto mankind the awareness that Satan has been defeated, therefore, as believers, we do not have to live under the weight of worldly fear and guilt any longer, but we now live within the free gift given, which brings glory unto God. It is a declaration of our faith, for we have now shifted our focus from the lustful desires of the world to the finished work of Christ. So, as believers, we need, the persuasion of the Holy Spirit in our life, to allow us to see, and to understand the works of our salvation, before we can appreciate, and follow after the goodness of God.

Hebrews 2: 14,....forasmuch then as children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself....took part in the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil.....

The influence of the convicting power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer brings us to realize that we are guilty, that God is just, and that we all deserve his judgement. But it is for this reason that the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit always points us to Christ, through the truth of Gods word, where our obedience becomes our refuge from judgement, for it is our obedience that guides our life, and brings us into our freedom, and into our purpose, and into our intimacy with God. Remember, conviction is not there to bring shame, but to transform, bringing us into a deeper relationship with God. Embracing our godly conviction means allowing God to control all things in our life, which will result in a life that is purposeful, and a life that bring s glory unto God.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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