

## Are you a Spiritual person? Series (3)

### First Work of the Holy Spirit, John 16:1-11

Last week we learned that the Spirit dwells with and in every true believer.

**How do we recognize the voice of the Spirit?** We think of the Spirit as a “feeling.” How do we distinguish the Spirit from other voices/feelings?

Recognize his **handwriting**. Know what the Holy Spirit looks like and does.

On Pentecost, Peter preached: *This Jesus, whom you crucified, is Savior and Lord. Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:36-38*

**The first work of the Holy Spirit is conviction.** If you are a believer, He revealed your sinful condition and drew you to the cross; you repented & were saved. Baptism symbolizes that.

The evidence of salvation, the evidence of repentance, and the evidence of faith is a changed and changing life. - **Paul Washer.**

Repentance has a beginning but is ongoing. It’s a regular, continual, daily work of the Spirit.

<sup>8</sup> *When he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer, <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:8-11*

#### **Conviction:**

- 1. Concerning Sin** (conviction that leads to salvation in Christ)
- 2. Concerning Righteousness** (conviction to keep walking in righteousness)
- 3. Concerning Judgment** (conviction that the Ruler of the World is defeated)

**Who is the Ruler of this World?** Recognize darkness. Ignorance of the spirit realm; we can’t see Satan; we pursue the things of this world.

#### **Conviction is the work of the Spirit. Repentance is our response.**

The **Spirit convicts us:** Through the Word; through prayer; through the counsel of godly believers; and through circumstances of our life. Our response: repentance.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! See if there be any sinful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalms 139:23-24*

Example: *Pastor, it felt like you were speaking directly to me.* Did you repent?

Nothing else I can say in this series of teachings can have any impact unless you yield to the first work of the Holy Spirit. Every day.

I want to invite you to the altar of repentance. What is the sin that is before you? Have you become complacent to the convicting work of the Spirit?