

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 depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” John 16:7-11 NKJV

Before Jesus went to the cross, He prepared His disciples for the work they were to continue to do. He told them that they would not be alone but that He would send the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to them. He would testify of Him and they must also testify or bear witness of Him, because they had known Him, been with Him and seen His works.

Think of a court of law; witnesses are brought in to give evidence of the truth. Their testimony of what they have seen provides strong evidence in the case. Jesus, likewise is asking us to tell others, to bear witness, of what He has done on the cross and in our lives. Our lives are a living witness, or should be, of the reality and power of Christ in us. We are not perfect, but our lives should reflect something of the grace of God that saved us.

A comforting reality is that when we are telling others about Jesus, we are not working alone. In this passage, Jesus reveals what the Holy Spirit is doing in the lives of unbelievers. He is convicting them of their sin of not believing in Jesus and convincing them of their need for a Saviour. He is also convicting them of their own unrighteousness and insufficiency to access God – we need His grace and the gift of righteousness that comes through faith in Him! Lastly, He testifies that the devil was judged at the cross. Without Christ, we are under his power and will fall under the same judgment, but we no longer need to live under his power. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people to convince them of the truth and draw them to Jesus, the Saviour.

May this give you boldness to be a witness to others of the good news that Jesus came to save us from our sin and from the power of the devil and has given us new life in Him, righteousness and a relationship with the Living God!

- 1) Are you shy to share the good news of Jesus with others?
- 2) Have you received the fullness of the Holy Spirit in your life? (See Luke 11:9-13)
- 3) Who can you tell today about what Jesus has done in your life?

Based on today's reading, what is one thing God is saying to you?