

## JOHN 16:7-11 PART II

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(outline from previous weeks message)

### I. THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THE WORLD

- A. TO CONFIRM (the safe arrival home of the Son)
- B. TO COUNSEL (the body of Christ)

### II. II.THE CONVICTING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

#### A. (CONVICTION) OF SIN

- 1. Confirmation of the existence of God
- 2. Counselor for the cause of Christ
  - a. Represents the guilty
  - b. Offers a pardon to the convicted

#### B. (CONVICTION ) OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1. CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY GOD
- 2. CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS BEEN APPLIED TO US

As we have seen previously, through the wonders of the universe, **God has revealed Himself as the Creator of man.**

**Romans 1:20** For The Invisible Things Of Him From The Creation Of The World Are Clearly Seen, Being Understood By The Things That Are Made, Even His Eternal Power And Godhead; So That They Are Without Excuse:

**BUT MAN, BECAUSE OF HIS FOOLISH PRIDE, HAS CHOSEN TO DENY GOD.**

**Rom 1:21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

**Rom. 1:22** PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, **THEY BECAME FOOLS,**

LAST WEEK WE POINTED OUT:

THE **NATURAL MAN WALKS BY SIGHT** - NOT BY FAITH. BUT **GOD HAS GIVEN THE NATURAL MAN A "VISUAL AID"** - THE UNIVERSE! THE STARS BY NIGHT AND THE BLUE SKY BY DAY ALL SPEAK OF THE WISDOM OF THE CREATOR.

**EVEN THE DEMONS BELIEVE IN GOD - AND THEY TREMBLE. THE ONLY THING IN GOD'S CREATION THAT CAN DENY THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IS FOUND IN – Ps. 14:1**

**PS.14:1 "THE FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD".**

**SECONDLY** we looked at the fact that **ALL MEN ARE SINNERS**, by nature of their birth. Very few would be bold enough to say unequivocally that they had never sinned.

Interviewing **PRIMITIVE PEOPLES** around the world, those with no knowledge of the True and Living God, it is clear that they **recognize their sinful condition**. **The Holy Spirit has been sent into the world to "REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN."** That is, to convict the human heart of its inherent sinfulness. He is not come just to point out individual "**SINS**" that the unbeliever does, but rather to convict of "**SIN**" and its ultimate penalty.

"THE WAGES OF **SIN** IS DEATH" **Rm. 6:23**

**The Holy Spirit Reveals Our Sinful Nature to us and also enlightens us as to the consequence of SIN, ergo, DEATH.**

DEATH = SEPARATION. IN THIS CASE, **SEPARATION FROM GOD**. SIN SEPARATES US FROM FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR CREATOR.

THAT'S THE BAD NEWS. THE **GOOD NEWS** IS –

**JESUS PAID THE DEBT THAT WE OWED GOD!**

WE WERE SINNERS, SEPARATED FROM GOD - BUT **JESUS "RECONCILED US TO GOD"**

**Romans 5:10** for if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Colossians 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, **yet now hath he reconciled**

**II Corinthians 5:18** And all things are of **GOD, WHO HATH RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF BY JESUS CHRIST,** and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

**GOD HAS MADE A WAY WHEREBY SINFUL MEN MAY COME INTO A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR CREATOR.** THAT WAY IS THROUGH THE PAYMENT OF THE PENALTY OF SIN BY THE SON OF GOD HIMSELF ON BEHALF OF ALL MANKIND.

**THE CONVICTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT LIKE THE PRICK OF THE HUMAN CONSCIENCE.** IT CUTS DEEPER, TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE, AND CONVICTS THE INDIVIDUAL OF THEIR FAILURE TO BELIEVE ON **THE "ONE"** WHO HAS RESOLVED THE "SIN" ISSUE ONCE AND FOR ALL!

FOR THOSE WHO REJECT THIS OFFER, THE **HOLY SPIRIT** reveals the **ULTIMATE DAMNABLE SIN, - THE REJECTION OF RECONCILIATION OFFERED BY THE REDEEMER.**

**John 16:9** OF SIN, **BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE NOT ON ME;**

The Holy Spirit convicts men of their need for the Savior. He informs them of the sacrifice that has been made on their behalf. He reveals to them the certain damnation that awaits those who reject the Savior. **and, he reveals to them the "righteousness" of the son.**

**John 16:10** OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, BECAUSE I GO TO MY FATHER, AND YE SEE ME NO MORE;

FIRST, the **Holy Spirit** convicts the sinner of the sin of rejecting the Lord, and **then**, when the sinner has confessed that sin, the **HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS TO HIM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY CHRIST**, and, which is now available to all those who call on the name of the Lord.

**The RIGHTEOUSNESS which is mentioned in this passage is not the RIGHTEOUSNESS which the SINNER FAILED TO OBTAIN, but rather it is the RIGHTEOUSNESS which is PROVIDED BY CHRIST on the behalf of the repentant sinner.**

As the **Holy Spirit** convicts men of the sin of rejecting the Savior, the burden of unrighteousness grows heavy on the sinner. But then - the Holy Spirit reveals that the sinner may be made righteous by receiving the righteousness of God provided by Christ!

**BUT, JUST HOW IS IT THAT WE CAN BE SURE THAT THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST WAS IN FACT ACCEPTABLE TO GOD?**

FOR THIS PROOF, WE NEED TO TURN BACK TO THE **SHADOW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT** WHICH PORTRAYED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

In the economy of the nation of Israel, there were many rituals and feasts which were intricately woven into the warp and woof of the very fiber of national existence. **Each ritual, in some way, pointed forward to some aspect of the yet future work of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

M.R. DEHAAN DESCRIBES *ONE SUCH OCCASION* IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER -

"Central among these feast days was the yearly feast called the **DAY OF ATONEMENT**. On this particular day the high priest went alone into the tabernacle. All the other common priests were to leave the tabernacle and stand with the common people on the outside. Then the **high priest laid aside his glorious high priestly garments** with the many colors and the breastplate and the beautiful bell-bordered high priestly robe, and he garbed himself in the plain linen turban and robe. This change was made in the tabernacle **away from the eyes of the people**. There was to be no one with the high priest when he went in to make atonement for the people. Having **laid aside his beautiful garments and donned the plain garments**, he took blood from the alter of burnt-offering and carried it into the **Most Holy Place** where **the ark of the covenant and the mercy seat stood**. There, **without uttering a word**, he **sprinkled the blood on the vessels and the mercy seat**, covering the law, which reposed under the **mercy-seat**. Then when **God** came down in the **shekinah cloud**, instead of seeing a broken law which demanded that they which had broken it should die - **He saw instead, the blood.**

**He** had said years before, "**when I see the blood, I will pass over you**" (Ex. 12:13) and again "**it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul.**" (Lev. 17:11)

"so the priest applied the blood, and the moment it had been done according to the exact ritual, **God was satisfied and received the people on the basis of the blood**. All this time the people were on the outside of the courtyard. **They had seen the priest take the blood from the brazen altar**, for the altar was visible from the door to the courtyard. Then the priest had gone into the first veil and they had noticed that the tinkling of the bells on the border of the high-priestly garment had ceased. **All was quiet as he donned his plain linen attire**. They stood in breathless silence as they heard him pull aside the inner veil and step into the **holy of holies to apply the blood**. **An awful suspense gripped the people**. They knew that **everything depended now on the priest**. If he failed in the application of the blood; **if**

because of an error or slip on his part, *(if)* **God should fail to accept the blood of the offering**, all would be in vain and their sins would still be upon them, and the sentence of death would be theirs. For if the priest failed, he would be struck dead and not return, **even as two of the sons of Aaron had experienced**. Anxiously they waited for the first news of the success of the atonement. . . .

As soon as the blood of the sacrifice had been sprinkled in the secret Holy place and the offering accepted, the priest came out into the Holy place (still out of sight of the people), **and taking off his Robe, he took up the garment of his glory with the bells on it**. The moment the people outside heard the first tinkle of those bells As he changed his dress, they knew that the work had been done. A great shout went up that shook the very mountains, **for that sound was the evidence that the priest had successfully applied the blood, God's righteousness had been satisfied,, and they were safe**. Then the priest emerged to bless the people. (DEHAAN #104 - "THE HOLY SPIRIT" P. 14-15.)

### **JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST. WHO -**

"made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:

**8** And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. 2:7-8**

**AT THE INCARNATION HE CHANGED HIS GLORIOUS GARMENTS FOR THE FORM OF A MAN, HE CAME AND HE SHED HIS OWN BLOOD ON THE ALTAR OF THE CROSS, THE SACRIFICE WAS MADE. THE WORK WAS FINISHED.**

**THE PEOPLE SAW** THE SACRIFICE MADE, THEY SAW THE RISEN SAVIOR ASCEND TO THE FATHER, INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES AND THEN, WITH BAITED BREATH, THEY **WAITED FOR A SIGN THAT THE SACRIFICE WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FATHER, A SIGN THAT THE HIGH PRIEST WAS ALIVE, AND THAT THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE HAD IN FACT BEEN ATONED FOR.**

**BUT OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST HAS NOT YET RETURNED! HE IS NOW ENTERED INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES, THE PRESENCE OF GOD, WITH HIS SACRIFICE. THE DISCIPLES STOOD GAZING ON THE DAY OF ASCENSION AWAITING HIS RETURN.**

HOWEVER, **BEFORE JESUS DEPARTED** HE HAD TOLD THEM OF THE EVENTS WHICH WERE SOON TO FOLLOW. **HE SAID IN EFFECT:**

**"I WILL SEND WORD BACK AGAIN THAT EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT. I WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO YOU THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT I HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY AND HAVE SATISFACTORILY APPLIED THE BLOOD, AND YOU ARE SAFE."** (DEHAAN, *IBID.* P. 16.)

**THIS MESSENGER WAS THE HOLY GHOST!**

**John 16: 7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is **expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.**

THE **HOLY SPIRIT LETS US KNOW THAT THE SACRIFICE WAS ACCEPTABLE. THAT OUR SIN IS TAKEN AWAY! FOR AS PAUL SAYS IN ROMANS 8:16**

**Romans 8:16** The **Spirit** itself beareth witness with **our spirit**, that we are the children of God:

**WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN OUR HIGH PRIEST RETURN - but yet we have heard the bells of His garments - His appearance is imminent - the sacrifice has been accepted!**

PETER SUMMARIZED THESE EVENTS IN THIS WAY:

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his **witnesses** of these things; and **so is also the Holy Ghost**, whom God hath given to them that obey him. **ACTS 5:31-32.**

**WE HAVE TWO EVIDENCES OF THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST –**

- 1. THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE APOSTLES –**
- 2. AND THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN - AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - AND OF JUDGEMENT! NOT JUDGEMENT TO COME - BUT JUDGEMENT PAST!**

**John 16:11** Of judgment, because the **prince of this world is judged.**

Acts 24:22 And when **FELIX** heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, HE DEFERRED THEM, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

Acts 24:24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of **RIGHTEOUSNESS, TEMPERANCE, AND JUDGMENT TO COME, FELIX TREMBLED, and answered, GO THY WAY FOR THIS TIME; WHEN I HAVE A CONVENIENT SEASON, I WILL CALL FOR THEE.**

(note that: "**judgement to come**" differs from "Judgement" past, in John 16:8.)

EVEN THE ELOQUENCE OF PAUL COULD NOT DRAW A MAN INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD APART FROM THE INTERVENTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE SUBMISSION OF THE WILL OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE WILL OF GOD!

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and **shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

**THE SON HAS COME, HIS SACRIFICE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, THE JUDGEMENT OF SIN HAS PAST - ALL FOR THOSE WHO WILL BUT ACCEPT THAT WHICH HAS BEEN DONE ON THEIR BEHALF.**