

Our Helper Sent from Above ***John 16:5-15***

Convincing the disciples it's good Jesus is leaving, 5-7

- Jesus' surprise over a lack of further questioning (5) suggests the earlier concern voiced in 13:36, 14:5 had been oddly dropped.
- Jesus attempts to lessen grief (20-22) and concern (14:1) over His upcoming departure by arguing they will actually be better off.

Convincing the world of sin, righteousness, judgment, 8-11

- The Holy Spirit will do three things concerning the world (note this is very condensed in the Greek text so it's a bit cryptic).
 - 1) Convict / expose / reprove world about sin
points out they are evil since they have rejected Jesus
 - 2) Convict / expose / reprove world about righteousness
points out what is good since Jesus will no longer model it.
 - 3) Convict / expose / reprove world about judgment
points out judgment is certain since Jesus judged Satan
- If this is the job of the Holy Spirit, what does this imply for us when we testify of our faith (recall again 26,27)?

Communicating to the disciples all truth, 12-15

- Note how the Holy Spirit is repeatedly referred to as "The Spirit of Truth" (which was descriptive of Jesus, 14:6) and is descriptive of His work, as He is convicting a confused world of key truths and communicating truth to confused disciples.
- Context is crucial —to whom is Jesus promising this information (recall 14:26, 15:27)? See II Pt. 1:16-21, Eph. 2:20, Acts 10:41ff.
- Spirit's communication to the disciples:
 - Guide you into all the truth*
 - Disclose to you what is to come*
 - Glorify Me*
 - Take of mine and disclose to you*
- **Spirit's communication = *repeating what He hears*
- **Spirit's place in revelation: Father ➔Son ➔Spirit ➔Apostles
- These are not great verses for showing . . .
but are great for showing that . . .