

"He will glorify Me"

John 16:5-15

"But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 "But 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 go, I will send Him to you. 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

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/The fact of sin. The fact of righteousness. And the fact of judgment\.

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of these things. It's the one ministry of the Spirit regarding unbelievers (the world). It's the bad news that precedes the good news.

/ Even here, the Spirit works to glorify Christ and empower the disciples.\

John 16:14

14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Last Sunday, we saw that Jesus confronted the world about these things.

I want to pick this up with the second subject: righteousness.

John 16:10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;

Jesus brings the disciples into His statement concerning righteousness.

/Notice that He does not say “they” as in, “the world” will no longer see Him.\

That’s of course true, but here He says “you” the disciples will no longer see Me.

Why?

/At the cross, Jesus vindicated the righteousness of God concerning sin.\

After that, He no longer spoke to the world.

/After He rose from the dead, He only appeared to His disciples -believers.\

Yet the world still was there, totally lost. It’s still here today. We have unbelievers down the street. We see them at family get-togethers. We see them in our government. Even in our churches.

And Jesus is no longer on earth, confronting the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment.

/But He sent His replacement - another Helper, teacher, exhorter – the Holy Spirit. He takes up this work of convicting unbelievers of sin, righteousness, & judgment.\

/But of course He doesn't do it directly.\ He doesn't appear in the sky with the angels to preach the gospel. He doesn't book arenas or time slots on CNN and Fox.

/Jesus told the disciples that they would do the works that He did – and greater works than these – because He went back to His Father in heaven.\

John 14:12

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

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And Jesus told the disciples that it was to their advantage that He go away, go home to His Father, because then He would send the Spirit. John 16:7.

/And the Spirit came down, and led the apostles to preach and to write. He directly inspired the Scriptures that they wrote. \

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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/And then He went about building the church, the body of Christ.\

Notice how He did that.

Eph 4:11-12

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

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/He directly inspired the apostles to write the New Testament. He gave gifts to the church: evangelists and pastors and teachers. And He teaches this message through the church – both to the world and to the rulers and authorities in the heavens. \

Eph 3:8-10

8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

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We are now the broadcast system of the Spirit, convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and preaching the good news of the gospel.

John 16:11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

/If you don't believe there is a judgment, then you don't understand God's righteousness.\

If God's holiness was not offended by sin, you don't need God's son to satisfy God's justice and righteousness.

/If you don't believe in the judgment, why exactly did Jesus have to die on the cross?\

Why do people need to believe in Christ?

We don't consider what we are saying about God and Christ when we deny that there is a judgment or a hell or the wrath of God.

Here's the deal: we talk about salvation. We want our loved ones to be saved.

/But if there is no judgment, then what the heck do they need to be saved FROM???\

/Not to mention the fact that the Bible – and especially Jesus Himself – is very explicit about judgment and the wrath of God. Jesus Himself warned the unbeliever about judgment.\

John 3:16-21

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Then He died for these people. Then He was raised from the dead. So that whoever believes in Him will not face the judgment. They won't perish. They will have eternal life. And that is the GOOD NEWS of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

John 5:24

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

Now Jesus is back with His Father. And the Holy Spirit continues the work of Christ on earth.

/The Spirit uses the witness of the church and the word of God to make His case against the world. \

2 Cor 5:18-21

18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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We are ambassadors for Christ. We beg the world to be reconciled to God.

/The church takes the Spirit's case to the world.\

What is that case?

Rom 3:21-26

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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/The unbeliever needs to understand that he has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.\

Some will listen, and be convinced that they need a savior. redeemer.

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

/And he needs to believe that Jesus Christ is his one and only redeemer.\

25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

/He needs to believe that Jesus Christ satisfied the righteousness of God – all claims God had against the human race – on his behalf when He died on the cross.\

26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

/The blood of Christ is the perfect provision, and the only provision, for our salvation.\

Acts 4:12

12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

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/If the unbeliever refuses to believe in Christ, he is rejecting the only means by which he can be saved.\

He faces certain judgment.

/What we do here matters. \

When we train over and over again to master the simplicity of the gospel message, it matters. When we preach the word of God, in season and out of season, it matters.

/The world doesn't think so. But it matters and it matters more for them than it does for anyone else.\

Your friends don't think what we do matters. Your family members don't think it matters. But we know it does. Who knows? We may be the last witnesses standing in between them and eternal judgment.

/But the bottom line is this: It matters to God. It matters to Jesus Christ. He gave His life for the message we preach. And that's all that really matters.\