**John 16:7-11**

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**Intro – Tonight, We Continue In Our Study Of The Upper Room Discourse, As We Take On More Verses Than Usual. We Will Find That These Five Verses Are So Deeply Intertwined That It Would Be Challenging Not To Move Through Verse 11.**

**As Well, These Five Verses Make Up A Tremendously Powerful Teaching, Which Opens Our Minds To Great Revelation Of The Work Of Holy Spirit, In Both The Believer And *The Unbelieving World.***

**The Context, Of Course, Is The Distress, Gloom, And Tremendous Anguish The Disciples Feel, Due To Christ’ Soon Departure.**

**In The Last Part Of Verse 6, Jesus Described What They Were Feeling…**

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“Sorrow Hath Filled Your Heart”

**1. V. 7a – With This As Our Backdrop, What Is The First Statement Jesus Makes To His Disciples, Who Are Grieving Over His Imminent Departure? *(The Best Thing I Can Do For You Is Leave You!)***

**2. Before We Move Further, I Think It Is Important To Reflect For A Moment On The Broader Implication Of This Notion.**

**At This Point, Do You Think The Disciples Could See Any Possible Way, Jesus’ Departure - Especially Through The Way Of The Cross - Would Be Better Than If He Stayed?**

**Have There Been Times When You Felt You Knew Best How A Circumstance In Your Life Should Turn Out?**

**3. *These Brief Words Of Jesus, Remind Us That God Sometimes Removes One Blessing, In Order To Give Us A Greater One!***

**4. Here Is An Often Overused Passage, But Nonetheless, Very True:**

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Isaiah 55:8
For My Thoughts *Are* Not Your Thoughts, Neither *Are* Your Ways My Ways, Saith The Lord.

Isaiah 55:9
For *As* The Heavens Are Higher Than The Earth, So Are My Ways Higher Than Your Ways, And My Thoughts Than Your Thoughts.

**5. There Are Many Things God Does That We Will Never Understand In This Life. Fortunate For The Disciples, Jesus Plainly Expresses The Reason For His Statement.**

**What Is The Reason It Is Better For Jesus To Leave Them, Even Through The Death Of The Cross?**

**6. Who Is This “Comforter,” Or “Advocate?” (*Holy Spirit*)**

**7. What Are Some Of The Benefits Jesus’ Departure Will Produce For The Disciples?**

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The Holy Spirit Will Do The Miraculous Inner Work Of Regeneration (New Birth).

In His Bodily Condition, Jesus Was Not Omnipresent. The Holy Spirit, And His Work, Would Be Everywhere, At All Times.

Permanent Indwelling

Power To Obey God

Empowerment In Ministry

Ability To Grasp Supernatural Teaching And Guidance

**8. V. 8a - When It Comes To The Work Of The Holy Spirit, We, Almost Exclusively, Think Of His Work In The Context Of The Life Of Believers, And In The Body Of Christ.**

***However, According To Verse 8, The Holy Spirit Is Going To Have A Great Work In The Unbelieving World!***

**What Is The Single Verb In Verse 8, Which Describes The Holy Spirit’s Activity In The World Of Unbeliever’s?**

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“Reprove”

“Convict”

To Uncover; To Expose; To Persuade One Of Their Fault.

**9. V. 8b – Who Can Give Us The Three Specific Things, Of Which The Holy Spirit Convicts The World Of Unbelievers? (*Sin, Righteousness, Judgment*)**

**10. *Jesus Is Now Going To Expound On The Manner, In Which The Holy Spirit Will Accomplish Each Of These.***

**11. V. 9 – According To Verse 9, What Will Be The Convicting Factor Of Sin For The Unbelieving World? (*The Single Sin Of Rejecting Christ!*)**

**12. Commentator John Macarthur Says This Concerning This Verse:**

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Though All Men Are Depraved, Cursed By Their Violation Of God's Law And Sinful By Nature, What Ultimately Damns Them To Hell Is Their Unwillingness To Believe In The Lord Jesus Christ As Savior.

**13. *The Holy Spirit Works In Every Person’s Heart To Bring Them To The Truth That Jesus Is Lord. Yet, Unbeliever’s Resist The Spirit’s Work Of Drawing And Wooing, And Ultimately Reject This Truth.***

**14. V. 10 – According To Jesus, What Will The Holy Spirit Use To Convict The Unbelieving World Of Righteousness?**

**14. The Jews Thought Jesus To Be An Imposter And A Blasphemer. For These Reasons, They Put Him To Death.**

**What Were The Two Things, However, That Prove His Innocence And Righteousness? (*His Resurrection And Ascension – The Father Accepted His Sacrifice*)**

**15. The Holy Spirit Convicts The Unbelieving World That Only Jesus Fulfills The Standard Of Righteous Required By God. This Truth Exposes The Foolishness Of Self-Righteous Works.**

**15. V. 11 – What Is The Third Thing Jesus Says The Holy Spirit Will Demonstrate To The Unbelieving World?**

**16. When Did Jesus Pass Judgement On Satan? (*On The Cross*)**

**17. Through The Holy Spirit, Unbelievers Are Shown The Penalty Of Sin; And If Satan Was Judged For Sin, So Shall All, Who Are Sinners!**

**18. (Slide 7)**

The Holy Spirit Demonstrates To The Unbelieving World That They Are Sinners, And Hopelessly Unable To Meet The Righteous Standard Of God; And Convinces Them Of Their Impending Doom Because Of Their Sinful Condition. The Holy Spirit, Likewise, Points The Unregenerate Man To The Only Hope For His Bankrupt And Hazardous State – The Savior, Jesus Christ!