

DISCLOSURES OF THE SPIRIT: HIS CONVICTING WORK JOHN 16:5-11

I. THREE THEOLOGICAL (IF NOT NATURAL) QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (16:8,13)

- A. In What Sense Did The Spirit Of God "*Come?*"
- B. Why Was The Spirit's "*Coming?*" Contingent Upon The Lord's "*Going?*"
- C. What Was The Purpose Of The Spirit's "*Coming?*"

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT MAINTAINS A MINISTRY OF CONVINCING PEOPLE OF THEIR LOSTNESS (16:8)

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT MAINTAINS A MINISTRY OF CONVINCING PEOPLE OF THEIR LOSTNESS IN THREE AREAS (16:8-11)

- A. He Convinces The World Of Their Guilt With Respect To Their Unbelief (16:9)
 - 1. That's Remarkable Considering All That Is Wrong With The World
 - 2. That's Unique To Christianity
- B. He Convinces The World Of Its Establishments Of Its Own Systems Of Righteousness Divorced From God's Standard (16:10)
 - 1. Christ's Departure Would Be Used By The Holy Spirit To Convince The World That There Was Only One Who Was Ever Entirely Righteous
 - 2. If Christ's Body Was Still Smoldering In A Grave, It Could Be Said That He Was No Different Than Any One Else
- C. He Convinces The World Of The Fact That Every Last One Will Appear Before God In Catastrophic Judgment Because Of The Judgment On The Counterfeit God Of This World (16:11)