

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

New Testament Lesson #102

Jesus told his disciples that he would be returning to his Father. They were very sad.

He told them that if he didn't go away, then the Holy Spirit would not come to them. If he went, then he would send the Holy Spirit, who would "convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment."

The world was wrong about sin because it did not believe in Jesus. It was wrong about righteousness because Jesus was in fact going to the Father in glory. And the world was wrong about judgment because the ruler of this world had already been judged.

Jesus did not tell his followers any more because they were very sad, but he did promise them that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. The Spirit would show the disciples what Jesus wanted them to know, even things in the future.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- He didn't tell them these things in the early days because he was still with them. Soon he would be taken from them and put to death on the cross. They needed to know he would always be with them, but not in the day-to-day physical way they had known him so far.
- Examples of the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples to show future events is through prophets (Acts 21:10-11) and visions (Revelation 1:1-2,10-11).

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

- I. Jesus told his disciples he would be returning to his Father. They were very sad.
 - A. If he didn't go away, the Holy Spirit would not come.
 - B. He would send the Holy Spirit, who would prove the world wrong "in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment."
- II. The world was wrong about:
 - A. Sin because it didn't believe in Jesus.
 - B. Righteousness because Jesus was going to the Father in glory.
 - C. Judgment because the ruler of the world had already been judged.
- III. The Holy Spirit would guide them in truth and show them what Jesus wanted them to know.

ANSWER KEY:

Holy Spirit

J	E	S	U	S	J	T	J
E	K	N	O	W	E	R	E
S	J	E	S	U	S	U	S
U	S	H	O	W	U	T	U
S	J	E	S	U	S	H	S
G	U	I	D	E	A	L	L

guide, all, truth, show, know