

**Holy Spirit Series**  
**The Forgotten Gift of Christmas**  
**“Convincing”**  
**NN Campus**  
**12/15/18**

**Opening**

- Christmas offering next week!
- sponsored family...
- new series this month on the Holy Spirit...
  
- PRAY

**Introduction**

-last week we talked at length about some phrases that should help us understand the mystery of the Trinity, especially how it relates to the Holy Spirit...

- **Think plural**
- **Think personal**
- **Think prayer**
- Think praise (ran out of time for this one but will touch on it tonight)

-tonight I want to begin with one of Jesus’ teachings that is one of the most comprehensive descriptions in all of Scripture that speaks to who the Holy Spirit is and what He does...

-**John 16:8-11** (NASB)

- Define convicting as “personal convincing”
- Understanding Comforter/Advocate
- let’s talk about Jesus’ curious clarifying statements

## Comforter and Advocate

-John 16:7

### -Paracletos

- A legal term
- Not so we can be comfortable but rather always our best interest
- Not advocating what we want but rather for God's best for us

-1 John 2:1 (refers to Jesus as Paracletos)

-Isaiah 40:12-15 (Holy Spirit is divine...)

-John 14:16 (Bever's book)

- **Heteros** - another of a different kind
  - Nowotny Bread Pudding vs. Mica Mitchell cookie
- **Allos** - another of the same kind
  - Krispy Kreme and Krispy Kreme

-(reference last week and why we should worship the Holy Spirit too...)

-So if you don't think the Bible says enough about the Holy Spirit...you are failing to see that when you read about Jesus, you are learning about the Holy Spirit too!!!!

**(tell me a time when you were absolutely convinced of something!)**

## Concerning Sin...

**-The Holy Spirit is always working to convince every person they need forgiveness!**

-The clarifying statement here "because they do not believe in Me" is Jesus reminding us of why He came...so we could be forgiven!

- John 3:16 (God's plan for forgiveness)
- Mark 3:28-30 (explain blasphemy)

- The ultimate sin is to deny...
- Turning point for me in the fall of 1990

-The Holy Spirit is with you long before He is within you! (later in the series!)

-YOU NEED FORGIVENESS!!!!

-And if you don't think you do...look out, He loves you enough to take you to your desperation revelation! (reference 3 lost parables in Luke 15)

### Concerning Righteousness...

**-The Holy Spirit is always working to convince every person they need a standard!**

-Righteousness is the virtues of God revealed to us in the character of Christ. (plug free Praxis booklet)

-The clarifying statement "because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me" is Jesus referring to His coming resurrection.

-Think of all the ways we've earned the right to tell our children what to do...

-YOU NEED A STANDARD!!!!

-Jesus here is saying, "When you raise yourself from the dead, you've earned the right to tell everyone how they should live!"

### Concerning Judgment

**-The Holy Spirit is always working to convince every person they need a consequence!**

-Let me ask you this...

- All speed limits removed...
- All drug testing removed...
- All prayer in schools and proper parenting removed...

-Matthew 16:26 (talk about various judgments)

-The clarifying statement “because the ruler of this world has been judged” is about warning people to stop aligning themselves with the devil who has already been condemned!

-YOU NEED A CONSEQUENCE!!!!

-The Bible has already given us both questions and the answers to the test...so there is no excuse for any of us to fail!

## **Band**

-**Imago Dei** (a little commercial for next week...)

-Psalm 139:16-16

-I believe the Holy Spirit’s greatest desire is to see these pages become a reality...from fiction to biography!

-what if the first thing we are given when we get to Heaven is a copy of these pages...

-what if one of the reasons Hell is said to be a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth is because they each have a copy too...

-my biography is written the more convinced I am of these 3...

- The forgiveness you need...
- The standard you pursue...
- The consequence you acknowledge...

## **Close**

-(determine in the moment)