



Sermon Notes August 4, 2019

The Holy Spirit's Work on the Heart of the Unbeliever (Seeking God With All Your Heart Series Part 3)

INTRODUCTION: Today we will look at the Holy Spirit and His work on the heart of the unbelieving individual.

In II Peter 3:9 we are told that "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

- 1) First let's look at the person of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1) The Holy Spirit shows His person by His characteristics of thinking, knowing, deciding, teaching, interceding, testifying, and loving.
 - 2) He **thinks** and has **knowledge**.
 - i) Romans 8:27
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 2:11
 - 3) He is **active** in decision making.
 - i) Acts 13:2
 - ii) Acts 15:28
 - iii) Acts 16:6-8
 - iv) 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 - 4) He **speaks**.
 - i) John 16:13
 - ii) Acts 8:29
 - iii) Acts 13:2
 - iv) 1 Timothy 4:1
 - v) Revelation 2:7
 - 5) He **teaches**.
 - i) John 14:26
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 2:13
 - 6) He experiences **emotions** or **feelings**.
 - i) Ephesians 4:30
 - 7) He is shown to be treated as a person by **our** actions.
 - i) **He is lied to:** Acts 5:3-4
 - ii) **He can be tested** Acts 5:9
 - iii) **He can be blasphemed:** Matthew 12:31
 - iv) **He can be insulted:** Hebrews 10:29
- 2) **What part does He have in bringing the lost to Christ?**
 - 1) The word of God is the **work** of the Holy Spirit.
 - a) 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - b) 2 Timothy 3:16
 - c) Revelation 2,3,
 - d) Romans 3:1-2

- (1) The word oracle means **utterance** of God.
 - 2) God's word works on the **unbeliever**.
 - i) First we must realize that there is a spirit working in the unbeliever.
 - (1) Ephesians 2:1-3-
 - 3) The reason unbelievers come to Christ is because **truth** is more powerful than **deceit** and God's word is truth.
 - i) John 17:17
 - 4) The word of God brings about **belief**.
 - i) John 20:30-31
 - ii) Romans 10:17
 - 5) Jesus speaks of the the **impact** of the word on people's lives in his parable of the sower.
 - i) Matthew 13:3-8
 - ii) Matthew 13:18-23
 - 6) The seed reaches the **heart**. Vrs. 19
 - 7) The seed is received in four ways
 - a) Without **understanding**. Vrs. 19
 - i) They never come to belief and salvation. Luke 8:12
 - b) With joy **short lived**. Vrs. 20
 - i) Their belief is short lived. Luke 8:13
 - c) With **decreasing** results. Vrs. 22
 - i) The bud is there, but the fruit never develops. Luke 8:14.
 - (1) This happens because they quit abiding in Christ. John 15:4-5
 - d) With **understanding** and **fruitfulness**. Vrs. 23
 - i) They cling to the word of God. Luke 8:15
 - 3) **The Holy Spirit's work is to convict and transform:**
 - i) John 16:7-8
 - ii) John 14:26
 - 4) **Two examples of the Holy Spirit working on the hearts of the hearer:**
 - i) Convicted and **repented** – Acts 2:37-38, 41, 4
 - ii) Convicted and **rejected** – Acts 24:24-25
 - 5) God's method of the Holy Spirit's convicting power on the unbeliever is to get the word to them.
 - 6) There is no example or inference anywhere in the scriptures of a person coming to Christ without the **word** being spoken.
 - a) This is the challenge of our life time.
 - i) Mark 16:15
 - ii) Romans 1:16
- Things to remember:**
Your wisdom in your speech will **never** reach the impact of God's word on a persons life.
Use the **word** when reaching the lost.
God's word reaches the **heart**.