

A person wearing a white, flowing robe stands in shallow water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that reflects on the water's surface. The person's feet are visible, and they appear to be standing on a submerged object or rock.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

PART FORTY-TWO

The Word Made Flesh



JOHN 16:7-15

**The Paraclete
of
Empowerment**

1. The Ministry of the Paraclete (vv.7-15)

a. Ministry to the World (vv.7-11)

i. Jesus gives the disciples an alarming statement concerning His departure



1. It is to their advantage that Jesus leave

2. The term (*sumphero*) indicates a profit or special benefit in this context

3. Jesus states emphatically that it is better for Him to go away that to stay



4. Connected to this is the fact that the Helper, will not come unless Jesus departs

5. Note: This has less to do with Jesus and the Helper existing in the same metaphysical realm at the same time,



and more about Jesus needing to atone for the sins of humanity and the predetermined plan that the Spirit would characterize the eschatological period of God's kingdom.



ii. Selected Passages

1. Isa 11:1-10

2. Eze 36:24-27; 37:1-14

3. Joel 2:28-32



iii. The Spirit's ministry to the world is to convict it concerning sin righteousness and judgment (v.8).

1. The term (ἐλέγχω) signifies to expose or bring light to



2. Louw and Nida: "to state that someone has done wrong, with the implication that there is adequate proof of such wrongdoing "

3. The Spirit's ministry to the world involves "showing receipts"



4. NET Bible note: "This means it is far more likely that conviction in something of a legal sense is intended here (as in a trial). The only certainty is that the accused party is indeed proven guilty (not that they will acknowledge their guilt)."



iv. The Spirit Convicts Concerning Sin (v.9)

1. Sin and all its cognates are terms for inadequacy, when what is adequate is expected

2. In John 1:29 we learned that Jesus has come to take away the sin of the world, but this (as we know) requires belief



3. The Spirit's ministry is to reveal the world's sinful condition (to itself) connected with the Son's promise to remove it (another reason why we are not allowed to keep quiet)

4. Put another way, the Spirit shines the light which exposes sin, while also showing Jesus as sin's solution



v. The Spirit Convicts Concerning Righteousness (v.10)

1. Righteousness is the standard
required by God that when it is violated,
is called sin (Rom 3:23)



2. The Spirit will expose the world of it's false righteousness by vindicating Jesus after He dies and is resurrected upon arrival. His departure will serve as the proof of His true righteousness, to which the Spirit will testify towards.



vi. The Spirit Convicts Concerning Judgment (v.11)

1. Judgment refers to the authoritative decision to be made in a particular situation, which in this case means eternal destiny



2. When Jesus was glorified, it served as a judgment against Satan (Jn. 3:19-21)

3. The verb (κέκριται; is a perfect passive) for judge explains that though the historical events have yet to take place--it's already a done deal (fait accompli;)

