

Session 14: The Spirit's Role in Our Salvation

Part 1: His pre-conversion work: John 16:8-9 "When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged..."

- **Awakening the unconverted sinner:**
 - **"Reprove:"** The word has the idea of bringing something to light, exposing, or convincing someone.
 - **Bring to light: John 3:20**
 - **Expose: Titus 1:9**
 - **Confront to convince: Matthew 18:15**
 - **"Sin:"** "Because they believe not on me..."
 - Not sins
 - The singular sin of unbelief
 - **"Righteousness:"** "Because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more..."
 - Christ is the living example of true righteousness.
 - The law is the written standard of righteousness.
 - **"Judgment:"** "Because the prince of this world is judged..."
 - Judgment day is a sure reality all will face.
 - Satan has been judged and will face that judgment.
 - We have the wrath of God abiding on us but can escape that wrath if we repent and believe.
- **The necessity of the Spirit's work:**
 - **Romans 1:21-22**
 - **Romans 3:10-18**
 - **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**
- **The Spirit leads us to repentance through the preaching of the law:**
 - **Romans 2:4**
 - **Romans 3:19-20**
 - **Galatians 2:19** "I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God..."
 - **Galatians 3:24** "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith..."
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- **The Spirit brings us to faith through the preaching of the gospel:**
 - **Romans 10:14, 17**
 - **2 Corinthians 4:5-7**
 - **Ephesians 1:13**
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Part 2: His instantaneous work at our conversion: Ephesians 1:13-14

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory...”

- **Regeneration:** We have been made alive when we were formerly spiritually dead.
 - **Made alive in Christ: Ephesians 2:1-5**
 - **Born Again:**
 - **John 1:13**
 - **John 3:3**
 - **John 20:31**
 - **John 3:16**
 - **1 Peter 1:23**
- **Sealing:** We have been stamped as His eternal possession and secured by Him in that position.
 - **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**
 - **Ephesians 1:13-14**
 - **Ephesians 4:30**
- **Baptizing:** We have been placed into Christ when we are born again.
 - **Matthew 3:11**
 - **1 Corinthians 12:13**
 - **Galatians 3:27**
 - **Romans 6:3**
- **Indwelling:**
 - **1 Corinthians 6:19**
 - **Romans 8:9**
 - **1 John 4:13**
 - **2 Corinthians 1:22**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:5**

Part 3: His post-conversion work:

- **Assurance:**
 - **Objective:**
 - Assurance because of the objective promises of scripture: 1 John 5:10-13
 - Assurance because of the objective promises of scripture: John 6:37
 - Assurance because of the objective promises of scripture: Romans 8:31-34
 - **Experiential:**
 - Direct assurance from the Spirit: Romans 8: 14-16
 - Assurance because we are gripped by God's love for us:
 - Romans 5:5
 - 1 John 3:1-3
 - Assurance because we see growth into Christlikeness: 1 John 2:5
 - Lacking assurance because we have failed to grow: 2 Peter 1:9
- **Renewal of the Mind:**
 - **Natural mind:**
 - 1 Corinthians 2:14
 - Romans 8:5-9
 - **Renewed mind:**
 - **Old Testament background:**
 - Ezekiel 11:19-20
 - Ezekiel 36:26
 - **New Testament: Romans 12:2**
- **Growth into Christlikeness:**
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - Galatians 5:22-25

Review:

- **The Father:**
 - He carefully planned every detail of our reconciliation.
 - He revealed this plan from the fall to the cross.
 - He accomplished every detail of that plan through Christ's work.
 - He sent the Spirit to comfort, seal, indwell, and baptize us into Christ.
 - He wisely and lovingly cares us as He brings us to spiritual maturity.
 - He keeps us by His love and power.
- **The Son:**
 - **His body was given for us:**
 - Our sin was placed on Him.

- He was punished for our sin in our place.
- **His blood was shed for us:**
 - It "remitted" our sins.
 - It established a New Covenant.
- **He faced God's just wrath against our sin:**
- **He triumphed over death by His resurrection:**
- **The Spirit:**
 - He awakened us in our spiritual blindness and deadness.
 - He graciously drew us to repent and believe.
 - He regenerated us, sealed us, baptized us into Christ, and indwells us.
 - He gives us the assurance that we are God's children.
 - He causes us to grow into Christlikeness through the renewing of our minds.