

# HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

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## “HONORING THE HOLY SPIRIT”

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

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**TEXT: John 16:7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”**

**John 16:12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”**

On April 9, 2021, we celebrated the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Azusa Street Revival that began on Bonnie Brae Street and then spilled over to Azusa Street here in LA. The question is, why Azusa Street? Or why Moriah Chapel in Wales in the fall of 1904? Why Pyongyang Presbyterian Church in Pyongyang, Korea, in January 1907? There are many reasons why. I had the privilege of editing and contributing to my book *Hosting The Holy Spirit* in 2000. My conclusion after studying revival history is that churches that valued and honored the Holy Spirit were the churches that the Holy Spirit visited with an unusual visitation.

This makes sense when you personally have been hosted by friends and family members who loved having you in their homes. You look forward to visiting them again. Conversely, we all have had experiences where we are merely tolerated, they are hosting us out of obligation, and we can't wait to be released to go home. These are places that we don't look forward to visiting again.

The Holy Spirit is a person, He is God, and He knows when He is being honored and welcomed. He also knows when He is being tolerated at best—quenched at worst (1 Thessalonians 5:19-20). I want us to honor the Holy Spirit based on what Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit in John 16.

Jesus, in His final discourse in the Gospel of John (also called the “Upper Room Discourse,” John 14-16), shares the vital importance of the Holy Spirit. He shares two major thoughts with the disciples: First, how the Holy Spirit will bring about global revival: “He will convict the world.” Secondly, how the Holy Spirit will perpetually lead us into truth and how God the Father and God the Son will speak to us prophetically “what is to come” through God the Holy Spirit.

## I. WE HONOR THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE HE WILL BRING ABOUT GLOBAL REVIVAL



- A. **John 16:7** “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged...**”
1. Conviction does not come without revelation. When I realized how much I was hurting God with my sins, conviction came and then true repentance.
  2. The revelation of the Gospel is what the Holy Spirit will unfold before the people.
- B. **FIVE MAJOR REVELATIONS IN THIS PASSAGE**
1. **“It is to your advantage that I go away.”** It is to our advantage that Jesus departed and sent the Holy Spirit. What is He talking about? Jesus is God. He walked on water, fed the multitudes, and raised the dead. How will the disciples be better off? The obvious interpretation is that Jesus, as a man, was limited in time and space. He could be at one location at one time. Whereas the Holy Spirit can be everywhere at every time throughout history to do His work of bringing revival. And through believers everywhere globally, we can preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, heal the sick, multiply food, and raise the dead. But the main thing Jesus is emphasizing is His death and resurrection. He had to go to the cross to pay for our sins, paving the way for the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Without our sins being forgiven, we cannot receive the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39).
  2. **“And He, when He comes, will convict the world.”** The Holy Spirit is the Chief Prosecutor who is just and righteous. He will convict the world through the preaching of His saints. God’s plan is to use you and me to bring Revival with a capital “R.”
  3. **“And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin... concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.”** The greatest sin is not to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, God the Son. Of course, most of humanity will not respond, but there will be millions who will. How can they believe unless they hear? “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news” (Romans 10:14-15).
  4. **“He will convict the world concerning... righteousness.”** Jesus died on the cross and became sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21). You cannot understand the doctrine of righteousness unless a believer presents this truth to the world.
  5. **“...and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”** Jesus defeated the enemy at the cross. Colossians 2:15 “He disarmed the principalities and powers...” **Revelation 1:18** “and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”
- C. **HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY AND GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY**
1. The emphasis is on God’s sovereignty. It is **Zechariah 4:6** Then he said to me, “**This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.**”
  2. We still must draw near to God for Him to draw near to us (James 4:8).
  3. What does it look like? Come to Him with repentant hearts (2 Chronicles 7:14, Acts 3:19-22). We must pray and fast for revival (Acts 1:14), and we must walk in unity and love (Acts 2:1). We must preach the gospel with signs and wonders following. And above all,

we must hunger for and honor the Holy Spirit, because apart from Him, we can do nothing.

## II. WE HONOR THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE HE WILL GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH

**A. John 16:12** “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, *He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.* **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and *will disclose it to you.* **15** All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”

### B. “HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH” - John 16:13a

1. We desperately need truth. There is so much fake news in the media, and they are not trying to hide it.
2. I find it interesting, and it is my observation, that Evangelicals who were “Never Trumpers” were not Charismatic or Pentecostals. The ones who were true to President Trump were the Charismatics. Why? “Spiritual things are spiritually appraised.”
3. **1 Corinthians 2:14** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

### C. HE WILL MANIFEST HIS PRESENCE WITHIN YOU

1. **John 16:13c** “...and *He will disclose to you what is to come.* **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and *will disclose it to you.* **15** All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”
2. The word “disclose” is repeated three times in verses 13-15.
3. He will lead us into the truth because the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, dwells within us.
4. The word “disclose” is the Greek word *emphanizo*, from which we get the word “emphasize,” but here it means “to manifest.” The manifest Presence will come inside you.
5. **John 14:16** “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; **17** that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because *He abides with you and will be in you.*”
6. This begins with being born again, but the emphasis is on the presence of the Holy Spirit dwelling within your mind, emotions, and will.
7. **John 14:22** Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?” **23** Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make *Our abode with him.*”
8. Abode is the word *monē*, a room or a place to live in. The Father and the Son will live inside you through the Holy Spirit. **John 14:23b** “and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make *Our abode with him.*”

### D. HE WILL DISCLOSE TO YOU WHAT IS TO COME - John 16:13b

1. The first manifestation of the Holy Spirit is to release the prophetic.



2. Acts 2:14-18 “Your sons and daughters will prophesy...”
3. Comment about those who prophesied that President Trump will be our next President. I believe that he won, but the election was stolen.

#### **E. SPIRIT HERMENEUTICS**

1. Hermeneutics is the art of interpreting the Bible. The biblical documents are ancient writings dating from 1,200 B.C. (if not earlier) to 100 A.D., written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, reflecting different historical and cultural settings. A basic requirement for understanding these documents is their *grammatico-historical exegesis*. Exegesis is bringing out of the text what the writers intended to convey, and the practical application of the message is called hermeneutics.
2. The problem has been that Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit, but we leave the Holy Spirit out of interpreting Scripture. We focus on exegesis without the Holy Spirit to illuminate the passages. Frankly, the other side of the coin is that many go by “revelation” without doing proper exegesis. I believe that God wants to help us to do both. My goal as your pastor is to do the research and proper exegesis and then ask the Holy Spirit to give me revelation. For example, every commentary that I have read on the previous text of John 16:7-11 does not talk about global revival but rather global condemnation, implying that the whole world is guilty of not believing in Jesus. But we know that the Holy Spirit’s activity in Acts is to be bringing a global harvest. Even in Peter’s preaching and expounding of Joel 2:28, there is nothing in the text of Joel about speaking in tongues, but Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, knew that the speaking in tongues was part of the prophetic manifestation along with dreams and visions.
3. **2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.**
4. **The Holy Spirit “will lead us into all truth.”**
5. Revelation can change your life. What the Holy Spirit wants to do is give you a revelation of God’s Word.
6. That is why Paul prays in **Ephesians 1:17 “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.”**
7. That is why it is crucial that we be continually full of the Holy Spirit so that we can do the works of Jesus, but also that we will fully know God and be intimate with God as the Holy Spirit will lead us to the Truth and the Holy Spirit will disclose to us God and His will.

**CONCLUSION:** On a macro and global level, the Holy Spirit will bring about a global revival of 1 billion souls. On a personal level, He will lead you into all the truth. He will manifest His Presence within us and give us the Spirit of revelation in the knowledge of Him so that we can love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Do you love Him? Do you know Him? Come to Jesus now.