

***How To
Give Away
Your Faith***

HANDOUT #4

309. Jesus' promised is that the Spirit will first "**convict the world concerning and righteousness**" because our "**righteousness**" is fallen and comes short of the "**righteousness**" we ____.
310. But He also convicts of '**sin**' because the most grievous '**sin**' is the '**sin**' of unbelief because it fails to acknowledge what Jesus did for ____.
311. Jesus continues on by telling them that the Holy Spirit came ____ only to convict the world of '**sin**' & '**righteousness**' but also of '**judgment**.'

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.

312. Three times over in the Gospel of John (12:31; 14:30; 16:11) —Satan is given the title — "**the ruler of this world**" — because of his temporary, usurped authority over the fallen world system we are living ____.
313. For this reason the Apostle Paul can say, "**the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving**" (2 Cor. 4:4) & he can further describe _____ as "**the prince of the power of the air**" (Eph. 2:2).
314. This does not mean Satan owns the world in an absolute sense but ____ "**the whole world lies in the power of the evil one**" (1 John 5:19).
315. Since these and other passages inform us—that while ____ remains sovereign (Psalm 24:1), Satan still has freedom to exercise influence over the world's values, its blindness, its rebellion & its unbelief.
316. Far from being the ruler of this world, Jesus is presented as the ____ One who can defeat Satan (Jn. 12:31) — because Satan has no claim over Him & He alone can judge & displaces him (Jn. 14:30; 16:11).
317. What we must see is that there is only One—the God-Man Jesus—who can judge the people of this world — whose "**father**" is "**the devil**" (John 8:44) — because Jesus alone — is stronger than the ____.
318. Jesus' death seemed like Satan's triumph, but it was actually ____ deathblow because by going into the grave and rising again, Jesus proved His victory, saying to Satan, 'I have conquered you.'
319. That is why the writer to the Hebrews wrote in chapter ____:

14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

320. Christ took on our humanity and died on the cross not only to make us holy “**brothers**” (2:11) but also to rescue us from Satan’s _____.

321. Follow the flow of thought—“**Since then the children share in flesh and blood**”—that’s us since we _____ made up of “**flesh and blood.**”

322. That being true, “**He Himself likewise also partook of the same**” since Jesus came to save humans—He had to _____ on “**flesh and blood.**”

323. Since “**God is spirit**” & a spirit cannot die—Jesus *became* fully human, because victory over death & the grave required death first, and death requires humanity & so Jesus became a man by taking on _____:

“**That through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.**”

324. When we read here that Jesus rendered “**powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil**” — we must _____ forget that Satan can do only that which God allows (Job 2:6; Mark 5:12-13).

325. Satan had “**the power of death**” because sin did not originate with God but with Satan, since he is the author of sin and since sin brings death, in this sense Satan has influence or leverage in the _____ of death.

326. After Satan sinned, he later tempted Adam to sin and all in Adam’s loins to sin with him (Rom. 5:12), such that all of us downstream of Adam suffer the consequences of “**death**” which _____ brought.

327. Satan knew that if humanity remained in sin, people would die and _____ banished from God’s presence into “**the second death**” known as Hell.

328. A judicial & moral consequence of the Fall is that when Adam sinned, death entered the human race & so Satan had been able to wield _____ (Romans 5:12) as a weapon, though always under God’s sovereignty.

329. Satan being a great deceiver & “**the father of lies**” introduced sin when he deceived Eve by directly contradicting God’s warning about death, and so leading Adam into transgression and bringing death’s _____.

330. Death is not Satan's creation but it is the penalty God attached to sin and so Adam's sin opened the door for death to _____ in humanity.

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die" (Genesis 2:17).

331. Therefore, the only way to destroy Satan's power was to strip him of his weapon "**death**" and so God had to take from Satan "**the power of death**" and so this was one of the reasons Jesus became a _____.

332. In this life, if you have a more powerful weapon than your enemy, you then make—your enemy's weapon inoperative—obviously you cannot fight a tank with a pistol—you need a more powerful weapon to _____.

333. *After Adam sinned*, Satan gained "**the power of death**," where "**power**" (*kratos*) refers to might or dominion, _____ ultimate authority which belongs to God alone—but Satan can still use death as a weapon.

334. But God has an even more powerful weapon and it is eternal _____.

335. Christ destroyed Satan's power by removing sin's penalty, when He cancelled the certificate of debt, by disarming rulers and authorities in Satan's realm when He triumphs over them at the _____.

13 And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him (Col. 2:13–15).

336. "**Death is swallowed up in victory**" through Jesus (1 Cor. 15:54–57) when Christ broke "**the power of death**" by bearing our sin and conquering death through His _____ death and resurrection.

337. Eternal life comes through resurrection, and resurrection comes through death and so God the Son took human flesh so that He might die for us so that He could be raised and give us _____.

338. So Jesus had to experience death—in order to be—resurrected and to give us life—and so when Jesus died on the cross—He destroyed death because He went into death and came out victorious on the other _____.

339. And so, in our passage here in John 14, because He conquered _____ He could say in John 14:19, "**Because I live, you shall live also.**"

340. Jesus shattered Satan's power over death when He died & rose again, thereby disarming Satan taking **"the sword of death"** from his _____.
341. Sometimes people _____, "If God is all-powerful, then why does He not just forgive everyone — destroy the devil, make us all happy and take us straight to heaven?"
342. God is indeed all-powerful, but His wisdom, His holiness & His justice guide how He acts & so He cannot just indiscriminately forgive _____.
343. If God simply forgave everyone apart from faith in Christ, the penalty for sin would remain unaddressed — and the devil would still have his weapon—"death"—and God would no longer be acting _____.
344. So while God justly sets the penalty for sin, He pays it Himself by sending Christ to die and rise again—to defeat death and _____, and to justly offer eternal life to anyone & everyone who believes.
345. In this way, His justice is satisfied, His love is displayed, and God truly redeems us without violating _____ of His divine attributes.
346. Remember, as you pray for opportunities to share Christ, the _____ that frightens people more anything else is death but Jesus came to:

"deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives."

347. Most, when they think of death, typically think it is for someone _____, and so if I were to take a survey and ask how many of us are planning to die in this year — I tend to doubt that — I would have any takers.
348. But death is _____ and so in Hebrews 9:27 we read, **"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment."**
349. It's true that some unsaved people do not fear death—either because they do not fear God — or because the devil has deceived them into thinking that they have nothing to _____.
350. But really—it is only the Christian who need not fear death because death for the Christian no longer holds any **"fear"** because **"death"** simply _____ us — into the presence — of Jesus Christ.
351. Thank God for the incarnation of His Son because by it we have _____ rescued from the clutches of Satan such that Paul said in Philippians **"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain"** (Philippians 1:21).

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352. For this reason, Jesus does not say — “**the ruler of this world**” **will be “judged”** but rather that—“**the ruler of this world has been judged**” for in anticipating the ____ He tells us that Satan is already judged.
353. And while a lost man cannot even begin to understand all the theology we have covered, because Satan is already a defeated—the Holy Spirit reminds unbelievers — of their accountability — to Jesus the ____.
354. Satan cannot win, he cannot prevail and because he is a defeated foe, in the ____ Christ will cast him into “**the lake of fire**” (Rev. 20:10).
355. Jesus is reminding us that if He can judge and destroy the greatest sinner in the universe — then He can also judge every ____.
356. When a ____ sinner is truly under the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, he will recognize the folly and evil of his unbelief.
357. When we share the gospel, God the Holy is with us helping the lost to see they do ____ measure up to the “**righteousness**” of Christ.
358. I find it interesting that right on the heels of these great ____ about the Spirit Jesus says, “**I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now**” (John 14:12).
359. At this time, His disciples were not able to receive any more spiritual truth, not simply because their hearts were “**filled with sorrow**” over the fact that He was leaving ____ that there was a traitor among them.
360. Their spiritual state made them unable to receive any more spiritual truth because spiritually they just were not in a position to take ____ anymore even though Jesus had “**more things to say**” (Jn. 14:12).
361. Practically speaking, without having a regenerated heart that would not come until Pentecost — they just did ____ have the capability.
362. The promise of the new covenant, is that God would not only ____ His people but also transform them inwardly, enlarging their spiritual capabilities so that they could truly know Him & obey His commands.

34 “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more” (Jeremiah 31:34).

26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances (Ezekiel 36:26–27).

363. Jesus confirms this _____ in John chapter 3 when He tells Nicodemus, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God... That which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (3:3-8).

364. Likewise, in John ____, Jesus instructs us from his high priestly prayer that the nature of eternal life is knowing God personally (John 17:3).

365. While Israel in a broad way still awaits the fulfillment of the promises found in Jeremiah & Ezekiel, in the Church Jews & Gentiles alike are _____ to experience the promised relationship with God (Heb. 10:1-18).

366. The promise of the “**new covenant**” is that God would not only forgive His people but *also transform us inwardly while enlarging* our spiritual capabilities so that we could truly _____ Him & obey His commands.

367. *For this reason*, verses like 2 Corinthians 5:17, can reinforce this _____:

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

368. The “**new covenant**” brings a spiritual renewal that enables believers to understand, obey, and commune with God — and to be able to grasp divine truth in a new & different _____ (1 Cor. 2:7-12).

369. Before Christ’s death that fulfilled of the “**new covenant**,” the _____ birth was not possible — and so people like us apart from Christ, just did not have the spiritual capacity to grasp deeper truths.

370. This is why Paul goes on to remind the Corinthians that *a natural man*, a lost man — who by nature is physically alive — and spiritually dead, has a limited ability — beyond the gospel to embrace God’s _____.

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 (1 Corinthians 2:14).

371. That's why in John 14:12, Jesus does not rebuke His disciples, saying, "Why don't you understand this after _____ years?" but instead He says, "I have so much more to say, but you are not ready for it."
372. For this same reason the Holy Spirit meets unbelievers where they are by opening their _____ to understand the gospel so they can be saved.
373. Beyond that, the unbeliever will not be able to understand too _____ more, and he really doesn't need to know it all in order to be saved.
374. If the lost person waits until all his questions are answered then he will never get saved because without a new birth _____ of us have the capacity to be able to hear & comprehend all the answers.
375. Christ has been teaching us that there can be no conversion without conviction, and there can be no conviction apart from the Spirit of God using the Word of God as we _____ the truth with the lost.
376. And when the Spirit brings conviction, He does not work in a vacuum, but through we who are "**Body of Christ**" sharing the gospel which is why _____ tells us in John 16:7, "**if I go, I will send Him to you.**"
377. The _____ who "**are the body of Christ, and individually members of it**" (1 Cor. 12:27) comprise the Holy Spirit's temple (1 Cor. 6:19).
378. This phrase "**Body of Christ**" is a metaphor describing the _____ (Ephesians 1:22–23; Colossians 1:18), showing the spiritual unity of all believers under Jesus' headship & the Spirit's work through us.
379. Just as the Son of God needed a body to do His work when He was here on the earth—even so the Spirit of God now works through the Body of Christ—that is believers who are indwelt by _____.
380. As we share our faith we should be encouraged that when the _____ testifies about Christ, and when we are obedient to share the gospel, then He gets behind us & works through us to join in that testimony.

26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning (John 15:26-27).

381. We should _____ with a sense of expectation that whatever the response may be God will use us in whatever capacity He chooses (John 15:16).