

### SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 16:3-15







There is little so demoralizing as trying to have integrity in a rigged system.

### I DON'T TRUST THE SYSTEM



And little as exhilirating as overcoming one.



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But it is
BETTER
that I go.



### Key Truth:

## The Holy Spirit is our needed advocate

Stop wishing that you had what the Apostles had.

The Holy Spirit is exactly who we need.

Whether we are "The World" or a Disciple.

#### P 0 1 N T 1

## The Holy Spirit is God's gracious offense

The World is not in charge of the courtroom.

### Confusing legal picture?

"Advocate" - A lawyer "Convict" - the World

But lawyers don't convict, they defend the accused.



Convicting about sin, righteousness and judgment.



Sin - It is what it is, whatever you call it.

Righteousness - Isn't what you call it.

Judgment - Lost pretense of integrity.

### Defense Attorney

The charges are bogus
The prosecution, crooks
The Judge is a devil

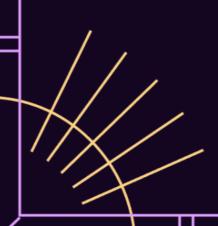
There is a limit to the weaseling superiority that will be endured



#### POINT 2

## The Holy Spirit's advocacy is good for disciples

The word of the World is not the final word.



"They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfil what is written in their Law: `They hated me without reason'" {Psalms 35:19; 69:4}. John 15:21-25

"And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will." 2 Timothy 2:24-26

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," {Deut. 32:35} says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." {Prov. 25:21,22} Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:17-21

### P O 1 N T 3

## The Holy Spirit's advocacy is good for the World

Confrontation can save you.

### World



### Worldliness

Worldliness is a self perpetuating regime of sin, denial, false righteousness, and pretentious judgment. It's hard to see when it's all you know.

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath." Ephesians 2:1-3

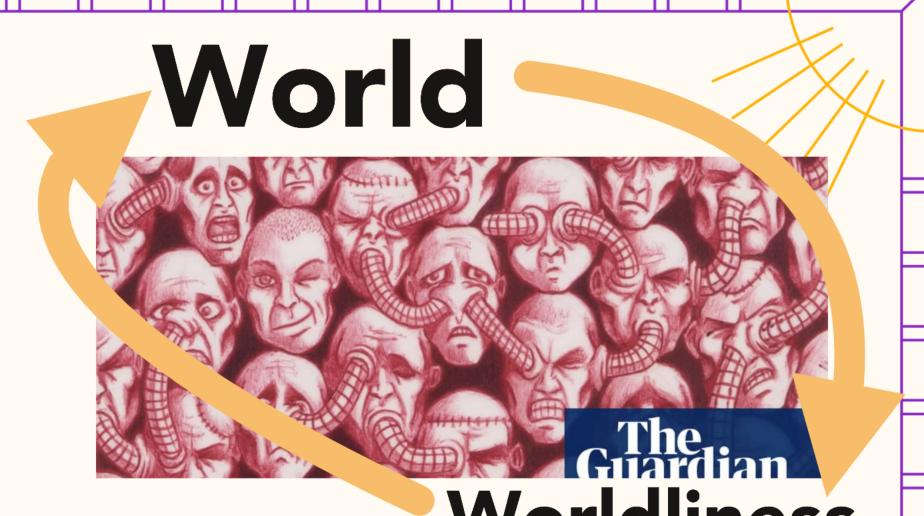
## Spiritual Wolves

are very impressive and convincing people.



"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

1. Sin is sinful. Denial cannot change it.



2. Our Righteousness is a sham

3. Our Judgment is corrupt and our condemnations condemned.

(These are benefits, not harms.)

#### POINT 3

# The Holy Spirit's advocacy is good for our integrity

We are the incarnate ones who testify.

"When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." John 15:26-16:1

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

"Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." John 14:23

### Key "So What's"

- 1. Having the Holy Spirit with us is better
- 2. Maturity takes exposure
- 3. For the Spirit to do what he does through us, we have to do what Jesus did: **Testify, Love, Obey**
- 4. Pursue the Spirit's: helps, steps, fruit, gifts...
- 5. Love your enemies for thier good
- 6. Know the rigging, and the endgame

