

LET US GET TO KNOW HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTS IN THE WORLD

Let us read the following passage: John 16:8

The word that is repeated most often in this portion of Scripture is _____.

According to the biblical dictionary, this word means **“the act of enlightening the mind and confronting the heart with divine truth, using spiritual and rational evidence to produce a change of life.”**

From reading this passage, we can deduce that the functions of the Holy Spirit with respect to the world are:

1. _____ of _____ “because they do not believe in Me.”

What does “convict of sin” mean according to this text?

Why does Jesus relate sin to not believing in Him?

2. _____ of _____ “because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no more.”

What do we understand by “righteousness” in this passage?

Do you think the world has a different idea of righteousness than God’s? Why?

3. _____ of _____ “because the ruler of this world has already been judged.”

Who is the “ruler of this world” mentioned in the text?

What does it mean that he has already been judged?

How is the conviction of the Spirit different from guilt and condemnation?

In a few words: The Holy Spirit leads the world to conviction, not guilt.

Conviction: Produces peace, freedom, and a change of behavior (repentance). Once sin is confessed, conviction ceases because forgiveness is real.

Guilt/Condemnation: Produces anxiety, heaviness, and paralysis. The feeling of guilt persists even after asking for forgiveness because it does not accept divine grace.