

**Problem:**

The Holy Spirit seems to be most celebrated where the Word is most neglected  
 but what is celebrated is not the Holy Spirit  
 mindlessness is celebrated  
 incoherent babbling is celebrated  
 unstable reliance on modern day 'prophets' is celebrated  
 but the Holy Spirit is not being celebrated  
 for there is no ministry of the Spirit where there is no ministry of the Word

**Text:****Perception (Jesus sent the Holy Spirit for our perception of the Word)**

John 16:4b ¶ "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

John 16:5 But now I am going to him who **sent** me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

John 16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

John 16:7 Nevertheless, 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.

*advantage - Jn 16:12 - you cannot bear them now*

*Helper- Illuminating - 1 Cor 2:10-16*

**Proclamation (Jesus sent the Holy Spirit for our proclamation of the Word)**

John 16:8 And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:**

John 16:9 **concerning sin**, because they do not believe in me;

John 16:10 **concerning righteousness**, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;

John 16:11 **concerning judgment**, because the ruler of this world is judged.

*(9) man's sinful rejection revealed - (Jn 1:9-13; 3:19; 12:37) -> Acts 2:23*

*(10) Christ's righteousness vindicated - (Jn 5:18; 7:12; 9:24; 10:33) -> Acts 2:29-36*

*(11) crooked generation judged- (Jn 8:44-47) -> Acts 2:37-40*

*how will the Holy Spirit convict the world of this?*

*He does not float around like a conviction cloud*

*He will do it through us. Jn 15:26-27*

*our work is seen as His - The restrainer 2 thess 2:1-12*

**Possession (Jesus sent the Holy Spirit for our possession of the Word)**

John 16:12 ¶ "I still have many things to **say** to you, but you cannot bear them now.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will **guide** you into **all the truth**, for he will not **speak** on **his own authority**, but whatever he hears he will **speak**, and he will **declare to you** the things that are to come.

John 16:14 **He will glorify me**, for he will take what is mine and **declare it to you.**

John 16:15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I **said** that he will take what is mine and **declare it to you.**

*(13) All truth = Christ*

*(Heb 1:1-4 - Jn 1:1, 14, 18; 14:6; Rev 1:1) -He is final revelation of God to Man*

**Implication:**

*there is no ministry of the Spirit where Christ is not glorified*

**App:** when we perceive the Word we perceive Him

**App:** when we proclaim the Word we proclaim Him

*(13) not His own authority = abide in the Word*

*Jn 8:31-32 (abide in His Word)*

*Jn 14:10 (As He remained in the Father's Word)  
 (13, 14, 15) declare it to you = acts 2:42 - the apostles teaching is not their own  
 2 Peter 1:16-21; Heb 3:7 - moved by the Spirit - superior  
 2 Tim 3:16; Heb 4:11-13 - sufficient - sharper than any sword*

**Implication:**

There is no ministry of the Spirit where the Word is not emphasized

**App:** ..Eph 5:15-18; Rom 12:1-2; 1 Cor 14:1-19; Eph 4:10-15

**Main Idea:**

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit for our  
 perception of the Word of God  
 proclamation of the Word of God  
 possession of the Word of God

**Implication:**

there is no ministry of the Spirit where Christ is not magnified

**Application:** when we perceive the Word we perceive Him

**Application:** when we proclaim the Word we proclaim Him

There is no ministry of the Spirit where the Word is not emphasized

**Application:**

He came for our perception of the Word...

He did not come to make you mindless, He came so you could follow the Word obediently

- Eph 5:15-18; Rom 12:1-2

He came for our proclamation of the Word...

He did not come to make you babble, He came so you could communicate the Word clearly

- 1 Cor 14:1-19

He came for our possession of the Word...

He did not come to make you unstable, He came so you could possess the Word with certainty

- Eph 4:10-15

**Application:**

why search for signs and symbols and miracles when we have something more sure, more certain?

He gave you His Word and His Spirit to communicate directly to you - will you respond?

Some articles for further study:

<https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/packer/Illumination.html>

<https://www.raptureready.com/resource/stanton/k5.htm>

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-holy-spirit-author-of-scripture>