

THE TESTIMONY MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This is the **third** foundation doctrine of the Indwelling Ministry of the Holy Spirit taught by Jesus during the Mt of Olive-Gethsemane period (Matt.26:30; Luke 22:39-47; John 15-18:1).

**Our lesson will study four aspects of the Testimony Ministry of Indwelling Holy Spirit.
The context of our lesson text is (John 15:18-27)**

1. Jesus warned of the hostility of the world against Christ and Christianity until His Second Coming.

- (John 15:18-21) - Servants of Christ will be persecuted by the world (Phil.1:29).
- (John 15:22-24) - Spiritual conviction of sin of world (John 16:7-11; Matt.28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
- (John 15:25-27) - Spirit's indwelling ministry of testifying of Jesus Christ to the world (2 Cor.5:17-21).

2. God's answer to the hostility of the world against Christ and Christianity is the gospel of grace salvation in Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; John 3:16).

This world-wide ministry will be executed by the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit from the lives of individual church age believers. (John 14:16-17; 1 Cor.6:19-20).

World-wide evangelism began at Pentecost and will continue until the Second Coming of Christ for His Church (Acts 1:8; 2:32-41, 47; 4:4) (1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58) (Eph.4:13-14, 30).

(Acts 4:32) "And with **great power the apostles were giving testimony** to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them."

(2 Thess.1:10) "When He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed - **for our testimony to you was believed.**"

3. The indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit will testify personally to the church age believer and then from the church age believer (John 15:25-27).

The indwelling Holy Spirit will give testimony of God's grace message, and of God's grace invitation to salvation to the world (John 3:16; 6:63; 7:37-39; Rom.5:8).

An example of the testimony of Holy Spirit in the life of a believer was Peter's sermon at Pentecost which resulted in 3000 being saved (Acts 2:22-41).

It shows why people should believe that Jesus came into the world to save sinners (Luke 19:10; 1 Tim.1:15; 2 Pet.3:9 and [Rom.5:12-21](#)).

Read carefully: the gospel message in (Acts 2:22-36) and (1 Cor.15:3-4). Then read **the salvation invitation** in (Acts 2:37-41) (Rom.1:16) and (Eph.2:8-9).

4. The indwelling Holy Spirit will testify about Jesus Christ from the study of the Scriptures.

(John 5:39-40) “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify of Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me; that you may have life.”

When the spiritually advancing church age believer puts his head into the word of God, the indwelling Holy Spirit will teach and recall that word to and from his heart (John 14:25-26).

(1 John 5:11-13) “And **the testimony** is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **so that you may know that You have eternal life.**”

The Scriptures gives us **evidence for the testimony** of the indwelling Holy Spirit to us, and through us, to others in (2 Tim.3:16-17; Gal.3:8; Rom.4:3).

(John 20:30-31) “But these things **have been written** so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

Read (Luke 24:44-50) (specifically vs. 31-32)

(Lk. 24:45) “You were **witnesses** of these things.”

(1 John 4:14) “We have seen and **testify** that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Read (1 John 5:9-12)

(1 Jn. 5:11-12) “And **the testimony is this**, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son; he who has the Son has this life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

Read (1 John 3:13-24)

(1 Jn.3:24b) “We know by this that **He abides in us; by the Spirit** whom He has given us.”