IVISTICOLI Life in the Spirit



Lost and Found Part 1

Recap

"So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven." Matthew 12:31

"I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences." Mark 3:28-29

"Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven." Luke 12:10

Recap

The Process of Unforgivable

resistance becomes stagnation, stagnation becomes toxic, toxic becomes death

fruitless, stubbornness, spiritual death



2 Main Roles of the Holy Spirit Convicts (Lost)-Salvation

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. John 16:7-8



2 Main Roles of the Holy Spirit Teacher (Found)-Christ Transformation

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:25-26

"When the Advocate 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." John 15:26

The primary function of the Holy Spirit is to move those outside of faith into a life giving relationship with Jesus

A Spirit filled/led disciple is passionate about the lost

5 Common Mistakes of Evangelism

Evangelism is not imposing your beliefs...

Evangelism is not a personal testimony...

Evangelism is not social action or political involvement...

Evangelism is not apologetics...

Evangelism is not dependent upon results... *

His Part

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The word "convict" (elegcho) comes from the drama of a courtroom trial. It refers to what the prosecuting attorney does when he argues his case. He puts the defendant on the witness stand and begins to pile up the evidence. Fact upon fact, witness upon witness, truth upon truth, slowly, inexorably, irresistibly building his case until finally the enormity of the evidence is so overwhelming that the judge is forced to say to the defendant, "I find you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt." Not only that, this word means to present the evidence in such an overwhelming fashion that even the defendant is compelled at the end of the trial to step up and say, "I admit it. I confess. I am guilty."

external and internal

Three Types of Lost The Devout

At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. Acts 2:5

And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done! vs 11

They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. vs 12

Three Types of Lost The Devout

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" vs 37

Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God vs 38-40

Three Types of Lost Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." Acts 8:26

So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia vs 27

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." vs 29

Three Types of Lost Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" vs 30

How can I, unless someone instructs me?" vs 31

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. vs 35

Three Types of Lost Paul Preaches in Athens

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. Acts 17:16

He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, "What's this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods." vs 18

Three Types of Lost Paul Preaches in Athens

When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, vs 32

but others said, "We want to hear more about this later."



Journey of Faith

devout-they knew God, understood the requirements of religion, but not what Jesus and the Holy Spirit had in store

curious-know that their is more, but don't know the way to God

idols everywhere-surrounded by spirituality, religion as debate

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Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them Acts 4:8

We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to those who obey him. Acts 5:32

And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers. Acts 9:31

Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him Acts 10:19

The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles Acts 11:12

One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said Acts 13:2

Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. Acts 16:6

Partnering with the Spirit for the Lost

Step 1-Releasing the Spirit
Praying everyday that the Holy Spirit
will reveal God (internal and external)

Step 2-Seeking the Spirit (concurrent)
Everyday seeing the Holy Spirit's refinement in your own life

Step 3-Look for the spiritual opening Let the Spirit guide you

Our Part

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (devout), and in all Judea (Curious) and Samaria (idols everywhere), and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8