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THE HOLY GHOST: GOD'S CHANGE AGENT (PART IV)

"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged." John 16:-11, NKJV

Jesus shared that the Holy Ghost comes to convict the world of righteousness because He went to the Father and would not be seen any more. Jesus' life on earth demonstrated how a righteous person should live. Everything He did was in total alignment with the Father and His life was based on the principle of pleasing Him.

Jesus' conduct in every facet of his living testified to the importance of right thinking, right feelings, and right actions, which produces a righteous individual, and at no time did His rightness stem from the core of fleshly thinking, feelings and actions, but from God. The scripture states that Jesus is the righteousness of God. This is demonstrated in the scriptures that tell how His righteous life provoked the people of that time to crucify him. It angered them to have one in their midst that reflected righteousness as, apparently, it pressured their minds to see how unrighteous they were.

When Jesus released His Spirit as the Holy Ghost on Pentecost it became available to dwell in the hearts of all who desire to be filled with His Spirit. Today, every Spirit filled believer has the righteousness of God in them which is Jesus Christ. As we allow the Holy Ghost to lead, guide and direct our lives we continue the legacy of Jesus Christ on earth to reveal the righteousness of God. That's why it is so important for us to be good ambassadors for Christ. Our right thinking, right feelings and right actions as influenced by the Holy Ghost works in the world to convict others of their need to receive the Holy Ghost in their life. How you handle your life before all others becomes an attraction to many to say, "What must I do to be saved?" Truthfully, it will attract those who desire to change and it disturbs those who do not want to change. Isn't that what Jesus' life on earth did? Isn't that what our life on earth should do? Selah

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