

TESTIMONY OF THE SPIRIT  
(John 15:26-27)

- I. Gospel Witness is *from* the FATHER (John 15:26a)
  - A. He SPOKE of Him in the Hebrew SCRIPTURES (cf. Luke 24:44; John 5:39; Heb. 1:1-2; Rev. 19:10)
  - B. He VERIFIED Jesus ministry through Jesus' works of POWER (cf. John 5:36; 10:25, 37; Acts 2:22)
  - C. He PROCLAIMED Jesus' identity audibly from HEAVEN (cf. Matt. 3:17; 17:5; 2 Pet. 1:16-18)
  - D. He TESTIFIES of Jesus by SENDING the Holy Spirit
- II. Gospel Witness is *by* the SPIRIT (John 15:26b)
  - A. He is called "the HEPLER" (cf. 14:16, 26; 16:7)
    - 1. He comes alongside to assist YOU in BATTLE (cf. 15:18-25)
    - 2. He's sent by the Father to TESTIFY of JESUS
  - B. He is called "the Spirit of TRUTH" (cf. 14:17; 16:13)
    - 1. He possesses the DIVINE quality of TRUTH
    - 2. He is an inerrant, perfectly reliable WITNESS for Jesus' sake
- III. Gospel Witness is *about* the SON (John 15:26c)
  - A. The Spirit came to TESTIFY of JESUS
  - B. The APOSTLES also testified of Jesus (Acts. 2:32; 1 Pet. 5:1; Rev. 1:9)
  - C. PAUL testified of Jesus (1 Cor. 2:2)
  - D. The TRIBULATION martyrs will testify of Jesus (Rev. 17:6)

- E. The CHURCH testifies of Jesus (Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:16-17)
- IV. Gospel Witness is *through* BELIEVERS (John 15:27)
- A. The APOSTLES in particular will be KEY witnesses
    - 1. They had been WITH JESUS from the beginning
    - 2. They would provide the WRITTEN RECORD as a PERMANENT witness (cf. 16:13)
  - B. Every believer, in general, is a PERSONAL witness
- V. Gospel Witness is *to* the WORLD (cf. John 15:18-25; 16:1-3)
- A. The world remains HOSTILE toward Christ and His witnesses
  - B. Believers must be FAITHFUL to Christ alone
    - 1. Demonstrating Spirit-empowered BOLDNESS (Acts 4:29-31; Eph. 6:18-20)
    - 2. Demonstrating Spirit-empowered COMPASSION (2 Tim. 2:24-26; 1 Peter 3:15)