

## The Invitation of the Holy Spirit Knocking on Your Heart's Door

Many times when I go soul winning I hand out a tract and the person refuses it. Sometimes they are angry with me, other times disgusted, still others indifferent and oblivious. But in all these cases something just happened that goes beyond what I can see with my eyes.

The reason why I clearly identify the paper I am presenting to them as **the gospel** (saying "Can I give you the gospel?") is because I do not want there to be any doubt in their mind what they are refusing. I feel that God will hold me accountable for that. Some people do not clearly state what it is they



In John 8:1-11, the woman taken in adultery was completely forgiven and she was saved at that time because she believed in Jesus. Christ Himself as the Holy Spirit had given her an invitation to let the Holy Spirit in, and she accepted. How many times on the street do people refuse the invitation of the Holy Spirit and suffer the consequences of going to Hell when they die and not having God's blessing in this life, but having His cursing?

are giving them and the person refuses. At that point the person is not at fault for refusing the gospel.

Sometimes people might say, "Maybe some people do not know what the gospel is?" For a question like this, I take you to the Holy Spirit. I believe firmly that whether they know what it is or not, if the soul winner is trying to live his or her life pleasing to God and is authentically concerned about souls, then the Holy Spirit does something miraculous at that point. The dry invitation I am giving him with my power as a man is surpassed by the Holy Spirit actually **communi**-

cating to the person for a brief moment in time. It is not a voice they hear, but it is God urging them tot take the tract and listen to the presentation. That is why it is important for the soul winner to live right so this miracle can take place.

The Holy Spirit will never speak audibly, He only communicates to our heart. The person on the other side of my tract is hearing from the Holy Spirit for the brief amount of time he gives me the attention I need. He will then refuse the Holy Spirit abruptly or he will yield to it and be willing to listen to what I have to say. At that time I proceed with the Plan of Salvation as briefly as I can give it (but as thoroughly as I can give it) because people have a short attention span on the street. That's why some soul winners prefer to go to people's homes. They have much more time for the presentation. Whatever way you cut it, you are still giving the gospel and that is what God wants us to do.

