

## CONVICTED TO CONVICTIONS

*The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.*

- **Charles Spurgeon**

*It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.*

**Proverbs 25:2**

*8 And when he comes, he will **convict** the **world** of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. 9 The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. 10 Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. 11 Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.*

**John 16:8-11**

### **The 3 groups addressed in John 16:8-11:**

1. The world (Unbelievers) - Convicted of the sin of unbelief
2. Believers - Convicted of Righteousness
3. The ruler of this world - Convicted of Judgment

## HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS - SIN (Of Unbelief)

### CONVICT - As used in John 16:8-11:

*Eelegchó* (ἐλέγχω): to expose, convict, reprove; to convince with solid, compelling evidence.

The Holy Spirit will expose and bring all the evidence at his disposal on trial to show the unbeliever that Jesus is the only way, truth and life.

This instance of the Holy Spirit convicting of sin is specifically for the **unbeliever** and **NOT** the believer.

We can only ever be an avenue for the Holy Spirit to change and transform someone's heart.

*A natural conscience touched by the Spirit of God may do a good deal in the way of showing a man his faults; it may thus make him uneasy, and may bring about a reformation of life; but it is only the Spirit of God that to the full extent convinces a man of sin so as to bring forth repentance, self-despair, and faith in Jesus. For what is the sin that you and I are guilty of? Ah, brethren, it were not easy to tell; but this I know, that the extent of sin is never known till the Spirit of God reveals the secret chambers of the heart's abominations. We do a thousand things that we do not know to be sin till the Spirit of God enlightens us and pleads the cause of holiness in us. - Charles Spurgeon*

*24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, 25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.*

### **1 Corinthians 14:21-25**

The Holy Spirit's convicting power is the most powerful revelation to an individual of their borkeness and lostness without a savior.

### **HOLY SPIRITS CONVICTS - RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*10 Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more.*

### **John 16:10**

Jesus now stands as our righteousness before God in the throne room of heaven.

*21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

### **2 Corinthians 5:21**

## HOLY SPIRITS CONVICTS - JUDGMENT

*11 Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.*

**John 16:11**

The Holy Spirit Convicts first ‘The ruler of this world’ of judgment and, by association, all those who have chosen to follow him.

*31 The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out.*

**John 12:31**

When we are **convicted** and **convinced** by the Holy Spirit, He then places within us **Convictions**.

These convictions given to us by the Holy Spirit are what change and transform the human heart.

*9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. 11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made*

*holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

## **Convictions > Opinions**

We can easily change our opinions. But when we change our convictions, we change who we are.

*10 But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

### **Hebrews 8:10**

*16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

### **Romans 8:16**

*8 No, O people, the **Lord** has told you what is good, and this is what he **requires** of you: to **do good**, to **love mercy**, and to **walk humbly** with your God.*

### **Micah 6:8**

## CONVICTIONS - Do Good

**It is God who has told Israel what is good. God is the one who holds the standard of right and wrong.**

*14 Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.*

**Hebrews 5:14**

Through training and reading of scripture, God gives us convictions on what is right and wrong according to His will and His word.

*17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.*

**James 4:17**

## CONVICTIONS - Love Mercy

Loving Mercy means that our heart's default position is one of forgiveness, compassion and understanding.

*36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

**Luke 6:36 NIV**

*12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **Colossians 3:12 NLT***

## **CONVICTIONS - Walk Humbly**

*18 Pride goes before destruction...*

**Proverbs 16:18a**

*15 They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.*

**Romans 2:15**

*2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.*

**Proverbs 11:2**

Humility should never be something that is exercised for just any one moment, but should be outworked in every step we take in life.

### **Conclusion:**

- The Holy Spirit convicts the unbeliever of the sin of unbelief.
- The Holy Spirit convicts the believer of their righteousness in Christ and instills an inner witness/convictions to guide, correct and advise throughout the course of their life.