

CONVICTION

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Scripture Reading: John 16:5-11

I. A Crazy Thought

⁵ *But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'*

⁶ *But because I have said these things to you, **sorrow has filled your heart.*** ⁷ *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: **it is to your advantage that I go away...*** (John 16:5–7a).

II. The Human Heart

⁷ *"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: **it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.*** ⁸ *And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment"*** (John 16:7–8).

If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world (John 12:47).

A. The Paraclete has work to do – convict the world of sin.

To convict, to reveal, to expose

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone **loves the world**, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is **not from the Father** but is from the world.* ¹⁷ *And the world is passing away along with its desires, but **whoever does the will of God abides forever*** (1 John 2:15–17).

B. Our struggle is that we don't see our heart as Jesus sees our heart.

²⁰ *"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should **be exposed.*** ²¹ *But whoever **does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God"*** (John 3:20–21).

III. The Spirit's Convicting Work

⁸ "And when he comes, he will **convict the world** concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**:⁹ concerning **sin**, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning **righteousness**, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning **judgment**, because the ruler of this world is judged" (John 16:8–11).

A. The Spirit is convicting me of sin.

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*"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever **does not believe is condemned** already, because he has **not believed in the name** of the only Son of God" (John 3:18).*

B. The Spirit is convicting us concerning righteousness.

*"concerning **righteousness**, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer" (John 16:10).*

¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus **it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he consented (Matthew 3:14–15).

C. The Spirit is convicting the world concerning judgment.

*"concerning **judgment**, because the ruler [prince] of this world is judged [stands condemned]" (John 16:11).*

*"And this is the judgment: **the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light** because their works were evil" (John 3:19).*

*"The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; **the word that I have spoken will judge [condemn] him on the last day**" (John 12:48).*

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