



The Conviction of the Holy Spirit

“And when He has come, He will convict the world...” – John 16:8

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

- “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.” (Jn. 15:26-27)



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“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 depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” (Jn. 16:7-11)

Conviction of Sin

“...of sin, because they do not believe in Me...”

“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (Jn. 3:19)

Conviction of Righteousness

- “...because I go to My Father and you see Me no more...”
- “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (Jn. 20:29)
- “Justly then have those been justified who without seeing have believed; but the world has missed the attainment of an equal blessedness, not seeking to obtain the righteousness that is of faith, but deliberately preferring to abide in its own wickedness.” (St. Cyril of Alexandria)



Conviction of Judgement

- “...because the ruler of this world is judged.”
- “The judgment here is the casting down of Satan, which the Spirit continually demonstrates by converting sinners and overcoming their sinful inclinations.” (St. John Chrysostom)

The Work of the Holy Spirit

- To transform our hearts and minds to be Christ-like.
- Illuminate our understanding of scripture and His will.
- Comfort us in our trials
- Strengthens us in our weaknesses
- Intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words



Resisting the Holy Spirit

1. Amusing of the ego

- "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."
(Matt. 27:19)
- EX: The Rich Young Ruler



Resisting the Holy Spirit

2. Excusing righteous examples

3. Refusing Correction

- “Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.”
(Prov. 13:18)