

RCMI L-Path Teaching
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TITLE: THE ONE WHO CONVICTS

TEXT: John 16: 7-11

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit has a particular role in working in this world, and that is to awaken people to their great need for Christ.

INTRODUCTION:

- The Apostles had a challenging task before them. They were to go into all nations and proclaim the gospel to every creature. How happy was it for these disciples that the Lord Jesus Christ could tell them that His going away would be for their gain rather than for their loss; for when He was gone, the Spirit of God would come to be their Helper, and by His power, they would be able to silence all their enemies and achieve their mission.
- In John 16, Jesus introduced us to the Holy Spirit. He is the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, the one who convicts the world. Jesus gave us an idea of what the Spirit does in the world in verses 7-11.

OUTLINE:

- **The Holy Spirit Will Be The Helper That Would Lead Us.** [v.7]
- The Holy Spirit is the one who pursues people, convicting them and convincing them to receive Jesus. (John 15:26)

The Spirit convicts people in three ways

I. HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN. [John 16:9]

- The word convict means “to present or expose facts, to convince of the truth.”
- Sin is a rebellion against God. Sin is not merely the transgression of law but the refusal of a Savior.
- Notice that sin in verse 8 (Greek hamartia) is singular, not plural.
- This refers to the sin of unbelief. To reject that dear Savior is the sin of all sins which damns the soul!

II. HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. [John 16:10]

- Where Jesus leaves off, the Spirit takes on. The Holy Spirit shows people they are not righteous and need the righteousness of Jesus—His atonement (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- The Holy Spirit convinces us that sinners need to surrender to the Savior.

III. HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF JUDGMENT. [John 16:11]

- Not just going to be judged, but already is judged.
- The Holy Spirit convicts the world of its accountability to God.
- Jesus going to the cross sealed Satan's condemnation
- Likewise, if we reject Jesus and His righteousness, we'll face it on our own merits and be condemned.

APPLICATION: His People Are Instrumental (v. 7)

A. The Holy Spirit Works in Tandem with Us.

- The Holy Spirit convicts, but He often does so through human channels. As a result, Christians are witnesses in the world of how God proclaims His gospel.

B. We Witness in Tandem with the Holy Spirit.

- Christians are not manufacturers of the Spirit's work but distributors. Our job is to share the message of the Gospel.

CHALLENGE:

- If you are not following Jesus Christ, you are living your life under the rule of Satan. God already judges you, already condemned.
- If you surrender your life to Jesus Christ today, you will no longer face God's judgment; you will be forgiven.

DISCUSSION:

- What is the role of the Holy Spirit according to verse 8?
- What do you mean by the word 'convict'?
- What are the three ways that Holy Spirit convicts the world? Explain.
- Are you willing to be a channel of the Holy Spirit to awaken people to their great need for Christ?
- Assignment: Share the Gospel with someone this week.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Join us in our prayer and fasting January 16-20 to experience the Holy Spirit empowerment in this Year of the Quickening Spirit.