

## The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness

### The Threefold Convicting Work of the Spirit; John 16:7-11

John 15:26-27 “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”

### The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Believers’ Testifying Responsibility

John 16:7 “But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

How is it too our advantage for the Son of God to leave? The sending of the Holy Spirit

John 16:8 “And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment”

John 16:9-11 “regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer are going to see Me; and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”

### The Threefold Convicting Work of the Spirit

I. Concerning Sin...because they do not believe in Jesus Christ

The sin of unbelief is the single biggest barrier to God.

John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him.”

John 3:18 “The one who believes in Him is not judged; the one who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 6:47 “Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes has eternal life.”

John 8:24 “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.”

John 12:44-46 Now Jesus cried out and said, "The one who believes in Me, does not believe only in Me, but also in Him who sent Me. And the one who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as Light into the world, so that no one who believes in Me will remain in darkness."

I Timothy 1:15-16 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost sinner Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

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II. Concerning Righteousness...because Jesus is going to the Father

Romans 9:30-32 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, but the righteousness that is by faith; however, Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though they could by works.

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III. Concerning Judgment...because the ruler of this world has been judged

John 12:31-32 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself."

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