

## Holy Spirit: Our Convictor

### I. John 16:5-11 (ESV)

**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, 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: **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.”

### II. Definitions for Convict/Convictor

#### a. ἐλέγχω (el-EN-cho)

- i. To scrutinize or examine carefully, bring to light, expose, set forth.
- ii. To bring a person to the point of recognizing wrongdoing, convict, convince.
- iii. To express strong disapproval of someone’s action, reprove, correct.
- iv. To penalize for wrongdoing, punish, discipline.

### III. SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS, & JUDGEMENT

#### a. SIN - “Because they do not believe in me.”

- i. “The basic sin is the sin that puts self at the center of things and constantly refuses to believe.” - John Morris

#### b. RIGHTEOUSNESS - “Because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer.”

- i. 2 Corinthians 5:21 - "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
- c. JUDGEMENT - "Because the ruler of this world is judged."
  - i. Romans 8:1-2 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

#### IV. TAKEAWAYS:

- a. The motivation of the Spirit being sent was not to condemn, but to usher us towards freedom.
- b. The enemy likes to convince us that exposure is the end of us, but it's just the beginning. Exposure is opportunity.
- c. Don't be too prideful to allow others to come into your garden, point out the weeds, and even help you pull them out.