

5—Deep Conviction

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INTRO:

I. **→ John 16:7-11**

But I tell you the truth, it is for your own good that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I depart, I will send him to you.

→ 8 And when he comes he will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of justice. Of sin because they do not believe in me; and of righteousness because I go to the Father and you see me no more; and of justice because the prince of the world is judged.

- II. Grk (*eléngko*) convict, convince, reprove
Show somebody that they are wrong, call to account

III. **1 Thessalonians 1:5**

Because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

BODY:

I. Conviction of Sin

because they do not believe in me

A. The Holy Spirit searches our hearts and reveals our sin.

1) **Psalms 139:23-24**

*Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

2) **FINDING SOMETHING DURING A CHECKUP**

- B. To follow after Jesus requires a heart that is quick to repent.
- 1) **2 Corinthians 7:11**
See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.
 - 2) "Growth of conscience does not depend on the might of the intellect but on the conviction of the heart."—Wayne Gerard Trotman
 - 3) **ASKING THE LORD TO MAKE ME FEEL BAD**

II. Conviction of Righteousness

because I go to the Father and you see me no more

- A. In order to be made righteous we have to admit that we're wrong.
- 1) **1 John 1:9-10**
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.
 - 2) "When God brings deep conviction and I agree with him about my condition, God restores my confidence in him."—Pastor Johnny Hunt
 - 3) **AVOIDING THE TICKET WITH JESUS**
- B. Conviction helps us do the right thing even when it hurts.
- 1) **1 Peter 4:4-5**
They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
 - 2) **BECKET—MAKE ME WORTHY**

III. Conviction of Justice

because the prince of the world is judged

A. A life led by deep conviction is unafraid of anything else.

1) **Matthew 12:18**

*"Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
the one I love, in whom I delight;
I will put my **Spirit** on him,
and he will proclaim **justice** to the nations."
(Psalm 42:1-2)*

2) "It is the repetition of affirmations that leads to belief. And once that belief becomes a deep conviction things begin to happen."—*Muhammad Ali*

3) **VERNON LEADING THE PRAYER AT NIKE**

B. The only way we overcome is by conviction of the heart.

1) **Hebrews 3:14**

*We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our
original conviction firmly to the very end.*

2) **LIKE WATER ON A ROCK**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 18:15

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.”

Romans 8:1-3

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

James 2:12-13

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

1 John 2:1

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.