

**John 16:8-15**  
**When You Live with Conviction**  
**Part 2**

**1. The Spirit Will Convict 8-11**

**A. Sin**

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” -Romans 3:23 ESV

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -Romans 6:23 ESV

“Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.” -1 John 3:4-5 ESV

“Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” -Galatians 5:19-21 ESV

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” -Isaiah 53:5 ESV

“The Spirit penetrates the self-deceptions, evasions, defensive ploys, and indifference of the world. The Spirit works to change the lowered awareness of sin into heightened awareness, making the unrighteous hungry for righteousness, as if already facing final judgement.”

Thomas Oden, *Life in the Spirit*

**B. Righteousness**

““Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” -Matthew 5:6 ESV

“The self-righteous find it extremely difficult to believe that on the cross God has taken their sin upon himself. The Advocate Spirit enables this belief. As the Son is openly revealing the righteousness of God on the cross, so the Spirit is quietly illumining the righteousness of God as benefiting each sinner.” Thomas Oden, *Life in the Spirit*

“We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?” -Romans 2:2-3 ESV

**C. Judgement**

Satan will not have the last word in this life. He is judged.

“For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.” -Ecclesiastes 12:14 ESV

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” -2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV

“The Spirit points both to God’s present judgment of idolatry in history, and to God’s final judgment of all human folly. This judging activity is already beheld upon the cross, where all humanity would be justly under the sentence of death and ready for execution except for the Advocate Son who takes upon himself the penalty...”

Thomas Oden, *Life in the Spirit*

**2. You Cannot Take It All in at Once 12-14**

**A. You Cannot Bear Them Now 12**

**B. Guide You in All Truth 13**

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” -John 14:16-17 ESV

“You can take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the heathen in Borneo, or Africa, people who could never conceive the first premise of your logical arguments, so that it would be totally impossible for them to decide on logical grounds whether Christianity was of God or not. Preach Christ to them and they will believe and be transformed and put away their wickedness and change from evil to righteousness and get happy about it all, learn to read and write and study their Bibles and become leaders and pillars in their own church, transformed and made over. How? By the instant witness of the Holy Ghost to their hearts. This is the new thing that came, sir! God took religion from the realm of the external and made it internal.” AW Tozer, *How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit*

C. The Spirit Will Always Point to Jesus 14

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A. All that Belongs to the Father

“Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.” -Deuteronomy 10:14 ESV

B. The Spirit Proclaims the Truth to You

““But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.” -John 15:26-27 ESV

*Reflection: Is there any way in sin, righteousness, or judgment that you are blocking the Spirit's access to your life?*

#### ***Follow UP in the Word through the Week...***

**Monday:** Romans 6:23. How would you explain this “life” and “death” to someone who maybe denies that sin exists?

**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:19-21. What is the most frightening element in this list?

**Wednesday:** Matthew 5:6. What does it look like to be hungry for God's righteousness?

**Thursday:** John 14:16-17. What is so important about that Jesus sends the “Spirit of Truth”?

**Friday:** Deuteronomy 10:14. Is there an area in your life right now that this fact about God helps most?

**Saturday:** John 15:26, 27. What do you need to know most about Jesus right now? How are you witnessing about Him in your life?