

Conviction

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John 15:26 "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 bear witness of Me,

²⁷ and you *will* bear witness also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

16:1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from stumbling.

² "They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

³ "And these things they will do, because they have not known the Father, or Me.

⁴ "But these things I have spoken to you, that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

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 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

⁸ "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

¹⁰ and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me;

¹¹ and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

The conviction to die

Acts 7:51 "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

⁵² "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

⁵³ you who received the law as ordained by angels, and *yet* did not keep it."

⁵⁴ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him.

⁵⁵ But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

⁵⁶ and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and they rushed upon him with one impulse.

⁵⁸ And when they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*, and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ And they went on stoning Stephen as he called upon *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

⁶⁰ And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And having said this, he fell asleep.

The conviction to risk

Acts 8:1 And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

² And *some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

³ But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

⁴ Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

⁵ And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming Christ to them.

⁶ And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

⁷ For *in the case of* many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out *of them* shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.

⁸ And there was much rejoicing in that city.

⁹ Now there was a certain man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city, and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great;

¹⁰ and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God."

¹¹ And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.

¹² But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

¹³ And even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

The conviction to affirm and confront

¹⁴ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,

¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷ Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

¹⁹ saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰ But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

²¹ "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

²² "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

²³ "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."

²⁴ But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ controls us,
having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;
¹⁵ and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves,
but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.