

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU CONVICTS

JOHN 16:8-11

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND— “Convict means to cross-examine with the purpose of convincing or refuting an opponent. He (the Holy Spirit) not only convicts the world but will show that it is lacking in knowledge of what sin and righteousness really are.”—Kent Hughes, *John*, page 377. “The world denotes the mass of people who are hostile or at least indifferent to the truth and the followers of Christ.”—Zodhiates, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, page 882.

THE WORLD OF SIN—(the sin of unbelief vs. 8,9) This is the only sin that damns people to hell. (**John 16:8, 9, fn 16:8-11, fn 16:9, John 5:24, fn 5:24, John 8:23, 24, fn 8:24, I Thessalonians 1:4, 5, fn 1:5[2nd]**) *Because the Holy Spirit’s convicting power lives in you, what should be your expectation when you share the gospel?*

THE WORLD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—The Holy Spirit reveals darkness of the heart by exposing self-righteousness. (**John 16:8-10, fn 16:10, 11, II Corinthians 5:18-21, fn 5:21, Romans 3:5-10, fn 3:10-18, Romans 4:4-8, fn 4:4, Philippians 3:7-9, fn 3:9**) *What is evident in your life that unbelieving friends would be attracted to?*

THE WORLD OF JUDGMENT—The world is judged and now stands condemned. (**John 16:11, John 12:30-33, fn 12:31, Colossians 1:13, fn 1:13, Genesis 3:15, fn 3:15, Hebrews 2:14, 15, fn 2:14,15[1st], fn 2:14,15[2nd], James 4:7, 8, fn 4:7, I Corinthians 1:18-20, fn 1:19**) *How are you able to live a triumphant life in the world and over the works of Satan?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.