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1. He convicts all men as being **sinners** (Romans 3:10, 23)
 2. He convicts all men as to their **need** of salvation (1 Timothy 2:4)
 3. He convicts men of their need to receive **Christ** as their Savior (1 Cor. 12:3 / "how shall they hear without a preacher" Rom.10:17)
 - a. The soul-condemning sin is **unbelief in Christ** (John 3:18)
 - b. Sin causes us to **fall short** of the Glory of God (Romans 3:23)
 - c. Sin that is not paid for demands the **full judgment** of God (Romans 6:23)
 4. He convicts and **restrains** sin in the world (letteth / 2Thes. 2:7)
- B. The Holy Spirit convicts the **saved** of their Sin (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
1. The believers **body** and **spirit** belong to God
 2. The believers body is the **temple** of the Holy Spirit, and should not be defiled, corrupted or polluted by sin

II. CONVICTION OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (John 16:10)

A. The Holy Spirit reveals the perfect righteousness of **Christ**

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (also Hebrews 9:11)

B. The Holy Spirit reveals the need for sinners to be **made** righteous

1. Man's standard for righteousness is in his own **works** (Titus 3:5)

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
2. Man's righteousness cannot **save** him (Romans 3:10)

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

3. God's standard for righteousness is **faith in Christ** (Phil. 3:9)

Php 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

C. The Holy Spirit reveals to believers the **need** of righteous living (Romans 1:17; * 2 Corinthians 3:17 - helps us, 18; Ephesians 2:1-7)

1. Righteous living is a matter of **the will**
 - a. Righteous living demands "putting off" (Eph. 4:22, Col 3:8)
 - b. Righteous living demands "putting on" (Col. 3:10, 12. 14)
 - c. Yielding to righteousness and not yielding to sin (Rom. 6:13-19)
 - d. Dying to self and living for Christ (Galatians 2:20)
2. Righteous living is **obedient living** to the word of God (Deut. 28)
3. Righteous living is **blessed** by God (Psalm 5:12)

III. CONVICTION OF **JUDGMENT TO COME** (John 16:11)

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

- A. The ultimate judgment of **Satan** and his future damnation is sealed
- Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*
- B. The ultimate judgment of the **unbeliever** and their damnation is sealed
- Mat. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto **them on the left hand**, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: (Rev. 21:11-15 / great white throne)*
1. The judgment of being **guilty** of sin before God (Romans 3:19)
 2. Christ is the judge of **all** sinners (2Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15)
 3. God's judgment is **final** (Hebrews 9:26)
- C. God's judgment of believers is a judgment for **rewards**, not for sin
1. Christ is the judge at the **bema seat (judgment seat of Christ)**

2Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
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II. COMFORT THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (*John 16:13-15*)

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- B. The Holy Spirit will not **speak** of Himself (*John 16:13*)
- C. The Holy Spirit shall show us **things to come** (*John 16:13*)