

# Great Words of the Gospel

## Study 1 – Conviction

**Text:** John 16: 1-11.

### **Introduction:**

The salvation of a soul is always preceded and accompanied by the convicting work of the Holy Spirit.

In the salvation of a soul it is always God who takes the initiative:

The first great work that the Holy Spirit accomplishes is the work of conviction. This means that He convinces us of our desperate need of a Saviour:

### **I. OF WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICT THE SINNER?**

#### ***A. He convicts the sinner of SIN.***

Not simply "of sins", the fruit, but "of sin", the root, and of the paramount sin of unbelief – the sin of rejecting Christ.

#### ***B. He convicts the sinner of RIGHTEOUSNESS.***

Man, in his natural state is unrighteous!

#### ***C. He convicts the sinner of JUDGMENT.***

Only the Holy Spirit can convince men of their desperate need of the Saviour.

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### II. HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT BRING CONVICTION?

***A. He does His work of conviction through the preaching of the Gospel.***

The Word of God, the gospel, is the "sword of the Spirit:"

The Word of God is the powerful instrument which He uses to affect the salvation of all who believe:

***B. He does His work of conviction through the personal witnessing of Christians.***

God mightily uses the personal witness of His followers to win their family, friends, and others to place their faith for salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

***C. He does His work of conviction by special providences and interventions.***

God is not limited in how He can bring a lost sinner into conviction so that soul may be saved.

***D. He does His work of conviction in answer to the prayers of God's people.***

All Christians who are present in a gospel meeting should pray with the preacher for the convicting work of the Holy Spirit to accompany the message as it goes forth:

***E. He does His work of conviction through cleansed, yielded and Spirit-filled lives.***