

Conviction

Jan. 16: 8

"And when He is come He will convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement."

Jesus was here speaking of a future event and one which soon came to pass. The Spirit did come. He came in His fullness and performs His office perfectly.

This work has been misrepresented. Our unknown tongue brethren seem to have it all set down wrong. At Pentecost each man understood other languages in his own tongue - no bodily understandings - most like the "Buz Scratchway".

He came to convict - this means some thing what is the meaning of conviction here?

1. To show a man his guilt. "convict the world of sin" the fact of sin and the guilt of it. To show men whether he is or is not guilty.

2. It carries with it the idea of convincing - that is we are convinced of righteousness and of judgement.

[Q] - that's a mouth full - what is this thing - **Sin**? ① the world answers "Just some thing wrong" ② the Bible would show it as
a. Leprosy
b. Rebellion against God

Sin's tendency is to lull to sleep - you may take deadly poison and it lulls you to sleep (man at Hallowell)

Now when a sinner - wide awake or lulled - under the preaching or reading of God's word awakes to a sense of his last condition - to a sense of the dominion of sin over him he experiences conviction.

Conviction then is the first step in salvation. I thank God that the first step is from God's side of the question.

I am glad conviction is taught in the Bible. And conviction is taught in the Bible as much for ch. members as for non ch. members. Do you not ch. m- give us preachers our best words.

Scriptural instances

1. "now when they had heard this they were pricked in their hearts and said 'men & brethren what shall we do?'"
2. Saul fell to the earth and said "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"
3. Philepian jailer came trembling and fell down B.H. Paul and Silas and said "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

The effects of Conviction

It makes a man abhor himself.

a. "woe is me for I am unclean - because I am a man of unclean lips."

b. "depart from me for I am a sinful man O Lord"

c. "Oh wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

we can resist the Spirit but we can not keep down conviction. "He who made you without you and redeemed you without you WILL not save you without you."

Conversion does not always follow conviction.

a. Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuaded me to be a Christian."

All who are convicted are warned
of God. The Holy Spirit works through

- a. Bible
- b. Mother
- c. Teacher
- d. Church

Have you sinned in your life? Then you
should be convicted.

Are you convicted? Then you should de-
sire help. If you are convicted and desire
help come to - night. This is the Spirit's first
step - the next is yours to come - repent -
believe.

A gambler heard his little boy talking
in the other room like this: "mama when I
get big I am going to be like popa" "yes
dorking you be like your popa for he is a good
man, with his pay check he is going to fix
you up with some new shoes and new out"
"Oh mama aint I glad for I have been sick
two weeks

