

# The Holy Spirit Convicts and Leads

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## I. The Holy Spirit convicts

[Joh 16:8](#) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

### A. The ‘pricked in heart’ versus the ‘cut to heart’

[Act 2:36](#) ...God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

[Act 2:37](#) Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

[Act 7:52](#) ...the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

[Act 7:54](#) When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart...

### B. The thief

[Luk 23:39](#) And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

[Luk 23:40](#) But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

[Luk 23:41](#) And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds...

### C. Felix

[Act 24:25](#) And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled...

### D. Peter

[Luk 22:31](#) And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

[Luk 22:32](#) But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Luk 22:62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Joh 21:15 Jesus saith to Simon Peter...lovest thou me more than these? ...

### **E. David**

2Sa 12:7 And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man...

Psa 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God...

Psa 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me...

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation...

### **F. The lesson of the incestual man at Corinth**

1Co 5:1 It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

1Co 5:3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed,

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Co 5:6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

2Co 2:6 Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many.

2Co 2:7 So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

2Co 2:8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him.

2Co 7:8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.

2Co 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2Co 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

### **G. In His goodness and patience, the Holy Spirit convicts and leads us to repentance**

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

## **II. The Holy Spirit leads**

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Act 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

Act 16:7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

### A. Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch

Act 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

Act 8:27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

Act 8:28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

Act 8:29 Then **the Spirit said unto Philip**, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Act 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

### B. Jesus and Saul of Tarsus (Paul)

Act 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

Act 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Act 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Act 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Act 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

Act 9:11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

Act 9:12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Act 9:13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

Act 9:14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Act 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Act 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and **be filled with the Holy Ghost**.

### C. Peter and Cornelius

**Act 10:1** There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*,

**Act 10:2** A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

**Act 10:3** He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

**Act 10:4** And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

**Act 10:5** And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter:

**Act 10:11** And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

**Act 10:12** Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

**Act 10:13** And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

**Act 10:14** But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

**Act 10:15** And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

**Act 10:19** While Peter thought on the vision, **the Spirit said unto him**, Behold, three men seek thee.

**Act 10:20** Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

#### **D. The Holy Spirit has been leading me the last few days (more openly than usual)**

##### **1. The timing of and visit with a family at the nursing home a week ago**

(Possibly / probably led to my being asked to help in funeral)

##### **2. My conversation with another preacher at the funeral home**

He said, "I may pester you again about these things."

##### **3. Worship services on the porch at the nursing home**

**2Ti 1:7** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear...

##### **4. I received an unusual phone call to come to hospital**

We talked about God's providence and then His salvation being good to die by

##### **5. Visit with another at hospital**

When she gets out of hospital, she and her husband plan to come