



Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

Promises

John 16:4-11

What **words** might we “**unpack**” in today’s scripture?

- Jn. 16:8-11 "And He, **when He comes**, will **convict** the world concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**; ⁹ concerning sin, **because** they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ and concerning righteousness, **because** I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; ¹¹ and concerning judgment, **because** the **ruler of this world** has been judged.
- **How to “unpack” the words?**
 1. **Pray** – ask the Holy Spirit to help you to understand and apply the passage to your life.
 2. Get “**behind**” the words. Put yourself in the story.
 3. Consult a Bible dictionary. Ask “**AI**” (Biblical meaning) – but verify biblically.
 4. **Use the word in prayer. Apply it.**



1. *Jesus' promise is that the Spirit would be sent to help the Twelve. V4, V7.*

A. *The Spirit **will be with them just as Jesus was.** 16:4-7.*

B. *Act as their: **helper, advocate, counselor.***

- *“One **called** alongside... one **summoned** to another’s aid.” Thayer’s Greek NT Lexicon.*
- *Jesus is the first “**parakletos.**” 1 John 2:1*
- *Holy Spirit is **another** “parakletos.” John 14:16*

C. *His **personal identity will be as Jesus – of God.***

- *Jn. 15:26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth **who proceeds from the Father,** He will testify about Me,*



What Jesus began through the 12, He continues through every believer. The Spirit is the means and the strength to carry on. Believers are the called to run the race.



2. Jesus' promise is that *the Spirit* would tell the Jesus-story, *correctly, in its 3-fold parts*.

A. Context of Jesus' statement. 16:4

B. Jn. 16:8-11 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning:

1) sin *and*

2) righteousness *and*

3) judgment;

concerning *sin, because* they do not believe in Me;¹⁰ and concerning *righteousness, because* I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;¹¹ and concerning *judgment, because* the ruler of this world has been judged. (NAU)

C. The Spirit tells. Believers are the witnesses.





- *V8 – The Spirit’s “language” doesn’t fit our human models– He **convicts, exposes**, in three specific areas.*
- *Convict: “to convict, to refute, ... generally with a suggestion of the **shame of the person convicted** ... to **bring to light, to expose...**” Thayer’s Greek Lexicon.*
 - A. *V9. **Sin** – because ... John 16:4; 10:24-25; 19:7; Acts 2:37*
 - B. *V10. **Righteousness/vindication** – because....*
 - *Matt 26:64*
 - C. *V11. **Judgment** – because...*
 - *Rev 12:11*
- *We testify. The Spirit convicts – brings truth to the light.*



Conviction of sin – with a “suggestion of the shame of the person convicted.”

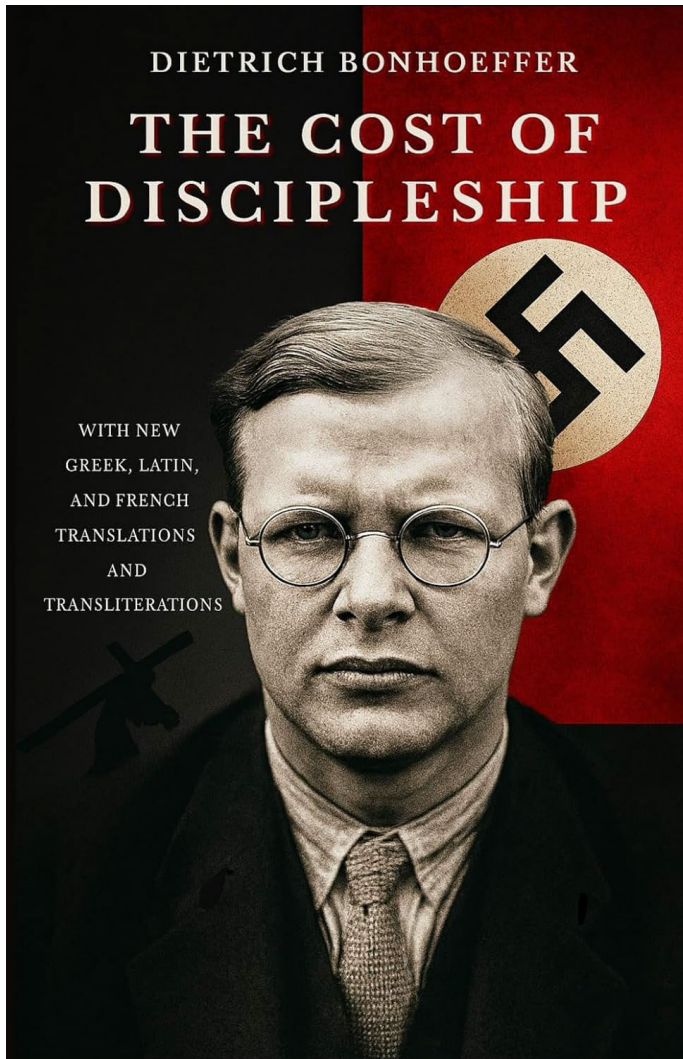
- *Spirit's conviction: causes a change of direction, change of heart; exposes my wrong thinking, believing, or doing.*
- *The difference between “Godly sorrow” and “worldly sorrow”:*
 - *2 Cor. 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. (NAU)*
 - *Sorrow of the world – shame, guilt, that feeds upon itself; deeper to despair, condemnation, and hopelessness.*





My conviction of sin was without shame – but, rather, the conversion of belief - Jesus was real, He wanted relationship with me. I opened my heart to His Spirit that day.





I was called into ministry as an act of obedience that grew into an “I can’t wait.”

This statement was the convicting words of the Holy Spirit in that decision:

“Only he who believes is obedient, and only he who is obedient believes.”

3. *Do you think believers have a tendency to omit the 3rd part of the Jesus-story?*

A. Conviction *exposes the reality of judgment* in a world under the influence and rule of the devil:

- John 16:11 and concerning *judgment*, because the *ruler of this world* has *been judged*.

B. *Jesus bore sin's judgment on the cross. He took away satan's power of condemnation for all believers.*

- 1 Jn. 3:8 ... The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to *destroy the works of the devil*. (NAU)
- Rev. 12:11 "And they overcame him [serpent of old, the devil] *because* of the *blood of the Lamb* and because of the *word of their testimony*, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. (NAU)





- *The awareness of impending judgment helped turn a dying criminal to Jesus on the cross. How can believers omit this part of the message?*

A. *Judgment:*

- **Good news** – *if it turns a heart to Jesus.*
 - *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.*
- **Bad news** –
 - *One's rejection of Jesus while living separates them from Him at death, eternally.*
- *Judgment is **proportional**. Matt 11:20-24*

B. *A world wo judgment is a world without justice.*

- **Without judgment, evil wins.**

C. *Our role is to tell the whole story.*



Call to Action.

- 1. Is the Holy Spirit making Jesus real to you today? Has unbelief been revealed in any area of your life? Why not make today the day you turn to Him?*
- 2. We testify. The Spirit convicts. Have you answered the “call” of Jesus to tell the whole story? Do so today.*



Summary:

1. Jesus prepares us for struggle.
2. The HS comes in our hour of need. He prepares us, guides us, gives us wisdom. But we must still run the race.
3. Jesus' promise is that the Spirit would tell his story, correctly, in its 3-fold parts. He convicts.

