

"The Advantage of the Ascension"

Text: John 16:5-11

Scripture reading: I John 4:1-14

I. The Savior's departure - vv. 6-6

II. The sinner's benefit - vs. 7 (Acts 2:32-33, 36)

III. The Spirit's convicting - vv. 8-11

A) Conviction of sin - vs. 9 (Rom. 3:10-12)

B) Conviction of righteousness - vs. 10
(Is. 64:6; I Cor. 5:21)

C) Conviction of judgment - vs. 11
(Rom. 1:18-19; Col. 2:13-15)

Conclusion:

1) This gives _____ to our _____.

2) This demands that we _____ from the _____.

3) This shows us that _____ continues so long as the
_____.

"Conviction is not merely the admission that you have sinned, just like everyone else. Rather, it is the confession that you are a heinous breaker of God's righteous law and a rebel against God's holy rule, justly deserving eternal condemnation. Only the Spirit of God working on the soul can bring this conviction."
-Richard Phillips

Sermon quotes:

Robert Murray M'Cheyne: The Holy Spirit convicts the sinner, "*...to give him a sense of the dreadfulness of his sins, and to make him feel how surely he is a lost sinner.*"

John Kitchen, "*Here the reference is clearly to malevolent spiritual powers, which sought to dissuade Jesus from His appointed mission and seek still to harass and accuse His followers. But Jesus, through perfect obedience all the way through the cross, stripped them away, undoing their influence and sealing their doom.*"

Kitchen continues,

"...Irony of ironies! The cross in which the evil powers thought they had defeated Christ was the cross through which He sealed their doom! It is the cross that we who were doomed are set free!"