

**John 253 “The Defense Never Rests And He’s Preparing Us to Do The Same”**

**John 16:7-8; Acts 6; 7; Matthew 23**

**As the Lord Jesus used the Word of God to bring conviction to the unbelieving world, so will the Holy Spirit.**

**To obey the message of Jesus is to obey God and receive salvation along with a second legal Advocate, the Holy Spirit.**

**Stephen spoke only truth, irrefutable truth under the ministry of God the Holy Spirit demonstrating the importance of not freelancing but rather providing accurate information.**

**In effective witnessing, we do not take on the roll of the Holy Spirit in conviction or regeneration, nor do we negate the Holy Spirit’s ministry by remaining silent or even just praying.**

**Peter and Paul brought God’s legal argument to the people.**

**Our objective is to learn all that we can about God’s precious Word until He calls us home.**

**‘Convict’ (prove) means to expose the facts and by them, convince of the truth of a matter.**

**The Holy Spirit convicts the world of its guilty condition before God.**

**The unbeliever is convicted by God the Holy Spirit in a legal sense as in a courtroom trial and free-will allows the unbeliever to reject the verdict.**

**Nothing of this world will convict the world; it must be something out of this world from God.**