

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## Convicted!

**John 16:8** “And when He comes, He will convict **the world of its sin**, and of **God’s righteousness**, and of **the coming judgment.**”

**Matthew 7:1-2** “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged**, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

**I Corinthians 11:31** “But if we **judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.**”

**John 7:24** “Do not judge according to appearance, but **judge with righteous judgment.**”

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What does that mean?

The Holy Spirit convinces us of **what sin and righteous are...**

And **we will be judged by God** according to which one rules our life.

The question is – **Which one do we judge ourselves by now?**

- (Don’t play God by condemning others)
- Be an example they can see

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It’s not that we can’t **discern right & wrong**

- How else do we decide for our own lives?
- We are free to talk of **how we submit to God** governing our lives

We are not authorized **to impose it** on those **not submitted to Christ**

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**As the Body of Christ...**

- What we **judge ourselves by** together...
- Is **what we become** as a congregation
- Do we embrace **the Holy Spirit’s definition of sin & righteousness?**
- **I Corinthians 5**

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**Philippians 1:9-11** “And this I pray, that your **love** may abound still more and more **in knowledge and all discernment**, that you may **approve the things that are excellent**, that you may be **sincere and without offense** till the day of Christ, being **filled with the fruits of righteousness** which are **by Jesus Christ**, to the glory and praise of God.”

**I Timothy 6:11** “But you, man of God, flee from all this, and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.**”

**Titus 2:11-12** “For the grace of God has appeared with salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to **live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age**”

**II Peter 3:9-12** “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God...?”

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So... What are your **non-negotiable convictions of righteousness?**

What personal standards are you **unwilling to compromise?**

- **No matter what!**

When we have them, **we are confident and secure...**

- When we don't, we can be troubled by persuasiveness or persecution

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When we are **In Christ Jesus**, we are judged...

And declared **Innocent!!**