

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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“When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; for whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

John 16: 13 & 14.

It is very important that the child of God should understand the workings of the Holy Spirit. Jesus clearly taught the work that He would do in the believers life. I find eleven distinct things that the Holy Spirit does for us. First he **REPROVES AND CONVICTS**. In John 16:8 we are told *“He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteous, and of judgment.”* His voice can be often sensed as we study the word, listen to a sermon or quietly engage God in prayer. Without Him no sinner would ever understand the seriousness of his sin. With conviction He often touches the hearing heart in a sermon. None of us are proud that we were born in sin but until we are shown by his instruction we will not see the need of repentance. The Holy Spirit is a great pride buster leading the sinner to confess his sin and to repent. His next great work is the **WORK OF REGENERATION**. In John 3:6 Jesus said *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh,; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.”* Understanding and faith comes into a believing heart by the Spirit’s power in prayerful response to the enlightenment of the Bible. We preachers of the Word say, “Come on and be born again through the death of Jesus Christ as the Spirit enlightens you. When the Spirit says come, the sinner better be quick to answer *“for God’s Spirit will not always strive with man”* Gen. 6:3. His next step is to **SEAL THE BELIEVER**. Eph. 1:30 states, *“Ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of*

promise.” God seals us into His family at the moment we are redeemed as His believing children. Christ did the dying but the Holy Spirit places the eternal seal on the transaction as the sinner accepts God’s provision. No need to doubt your salvation for *“the Lord knoweth them that are His”* II Tim. 2:19. A postal letter can become unstuck but not a believing child of God. Furthermore, **HE DWELLS WITHIN US**. Paul in I Cor. 6: 19&20 *“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* We are the temple of God and we are told to be filled with the Spirit. There is never a moment when He is not with you. He hears every word and even reads every thought. He is always present wherever we go. We must be careful not to grieve Him but glorify God in all that we do and say. But wait there is more. **HE GIVES ASSURANCE** to the believer. *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God, “* Rom. 8:16. If you are a genuine believer you will sense His presence and direction in your life. You will not just mouth His words but believe and trust them. How great it would have been if you and I could have walked with Jesus in His earthly ministry. However He promised when He ascended to send the Holy Spirit to dwell with us. We not only belong to God, but He fills us with His Spirit so we are never alone. Something is very wrong if you doubt your salvation, for if you are His you should sense His presence within. Let us add the next great truth that **HE PRODUCES GROWTH**. In Gal. 5:22 we are told *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.”* The Holy Spirit reveals the things of God as we read them in God’s Word. Nothing should come by private interpretation. He strengtheneth us in the inner man. Like a new born baby the newborn child of God develops

under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. Have you grown and developed into a faithful servant of Christ? You will as you follow God's Word and follow His directions. There are five more works of the Spirit. **HE MAGNIFIES CHRIST.** In I John 4:2 we read "*Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God:*" The Holy Spirit constantly exalts Christ. Repeatedly scriptures tell us in spiritual power of the things of Christ The Holy Spirit constantly glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He speaks not of Himself but of the Savior. I am so thankful for the Spirit's next work. He **ASSISTS US IN PRAYER.** Romans 8:26 & 27 says "*The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what to pray for as we ought: but the Spirit maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*" Knowing the will of God, the Holy Spirit assists us to pray. Many things we are sure are the will of God but the Spirit takes our faltering words and shapes them into words measured by the will of God. We believers are told to "*Pray always in the Spirit,*" Eph. 6:18. The Holy Spirit empowers our cry, translating our petitions into that which is presentable to God. There are three more works for which the Holy Spirit is noted. **HE GUIDES IN THE WORD.** In John 14:26 Jesus said, "*When the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me; And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*" I personally pray as I prepare to read the Word for the Spirit to enlighten me. Our puny earthly brain cannot grasp all the eternal truths we read in the Divine Word. But as we meditate on the meaning, the Holy Spirit will shine the light of God's power upon us. That is why the Bible

never gets old but new truths pop out as we are led deeper and deeper into the Scriptures. That is why I Cor 2:14 says clearly as we read the things of God, "*they are spiritually discerned.*" Then He personally **DIRECTS THE BELIEVERS LIFE.** "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God," Rom. 8:14. In Nehemiah 9:20 "God gave "*the good Spirit to instruct them.* What a glorious truth to know He is directing the life of every believer day by day. The Bible is our compass and the Spirit lines it up properly to lead us in that path that will be best for us. Don't ever feel alone or deserted for the director stands near by. Very important in the making of every movie is the director. He directs cameras and the actors to present the very best picture. The Holy Spirit directs our steps, prepares the best path and will lead us successfully. He is so very important we are told in I Thess. 5:19 to "*Quench not the Spirit.*" Lastly, the Holy Spirit **EMPOWERS FOR SERVICE.** Jesus told His disciples in Acts 1:8 "*Ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me.*" Every teacher and preacher needs to remember we are "led by the Spirit of God." The quickest way to fail is to flail about in the energy of the flesh. It is our constant prayer for the power of God and the witness of His Spirit to guide our words in truth with power. Oh dear believer, claim His power and walk up to a lost soul tomorrow trusting the Spirit to give you the words to testify. He will never let you down and you will be thrilled to see the difference when you claim His power.

I pray these ten works of the Holy Spirit will become very real to you. They have been very special to me in the 66 years I have been serving the Lord in evangelism. Praise God!