

Work of the Holy Spirit

Inspired Biblical Writers: The Holy Spirit inspired the human writers as they wrote the Scriptures. Its content is authoritative and trustworthy. The Holy Spirit also inspires and illuminates us as we study the Bible.

Leads to Salvation: His work is to lead persons to conviction of their sin, their need for Christ's righteousness as their only hope, and the fact of impending judgment if they do not repent. The convicting work of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to salvation; no one is saved apart from the work of the Holy Spirit.

Indwells the Believer: The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not an experience that is apart from salvation. At the moment of conversion, every believer is indwelt by the Spirit. Jesus promised that this indwelling provides power and direction for life, guidance for developing as a disciple of Christ, and results in Christlike living.

Leads the Church: The Book of Acts could be referred to as, the "Acts of the Holy Spirit," rather than "The Acts of the Apostles." As we read Acts, we are overwhelmed by the direction the Spirit gave to the early church. The Holy Spirit is an administrator. If we are open to His guidance and power, He reveals to us what gifts and ministries are needed, what fields of service that we are to enter, and ways to develop our gifts and ministries to prepare for entering those fields.

Serves as our Counselor: The Holy Spirit is with the believer always. He aids our ailing spirits, helps us through times of difficulty, guides and directs us in making day-to-day decisions, both great and small. Jesus is our advocate with God, while the Holy Spirit is God's advocate with us.

Provides our Strength: The believer does not have to do the work of Christ in his own strength. The Holy Spirit provides power for the Christian life and service. Some Christians are slow to discover the power of the Spirit. The true test of the Holy Spirit's power is whether the life is lived with power, joy, and surrender to God. The Holy Spirit helps us communicate with God. He leads us in prayer, and even when we do not know what to say because of unclear thoughts and emotions. He communicates our deepest feelings. (Romans 8:26-27).

Teaches God's People: The Holy Spirit does not teach of Himself but of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:3.) The Holy Spirit is our teacher as we learn more of Christ, the nature of His ministry, and His plans for the world. The more we learn of Christ, the more we see the world through His eyes and commit ourselves to His work.

The Holy Spirit teaches us how to live like Christ. The Holy Spirit reveals to each of us the gift(s) He has given us and how to minister with that gift. Every believer is gifted and is a minister, even though many do not understand that this is true.

Provides Our Assurance: One of the blessings Christ bestowed on us is the knowledge that Christ will keep us safe in salvation (2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5 and Ephesians 1:14.) Although Christians sometimes doubt salvation, it can be a healthy exercise. Doubt that plagues the mind and heart needs to be resolved. The Holy Spirit constantly confirms our salvation so we can live victoriously.