

Biblical Theology

Unit 6: Doctrine of The Holy Spirit – Lesson 3: Works of the Holy Spirit, Part 2

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church

The work of the Holy Spirit glorifies Christ as to manifest the active presence of God in the world, specifically in the church.

1. The Holy Spirit empowers the believer.

- Power for Service
 - Carryout gospel call
 - **Acts 1:8** - *will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,*
 - **Romans 15:19** - *by the power of the Spirit of God... I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;*
 - **1 Thessalonians 1:5** - *because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit...*
 - Supernatural gifts to equip for ministry and give evidence of God.
 - **1 Corinthians 12:7-11** - *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*
 - Overcoming spiritual opposition.
 - **Matthew 12:28** - *But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons,*
 - **Ephesians 6:12; 17** - *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*
- Empowered Prayer
 - Partner in prayer
 - **Romans 8:26** - *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

2. The Holy Spirit purifies the believer.

- Sanctifies the believer from sin.
 - **John 16:8-10** - *he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness*
 - **1 Corinthians 6:11** - *you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*
- Produces holiness in believer.
 - **Galatians 5:22-23** - *But the fruit of the Spirit is...*
 - **2 Corinthians 3:18** - *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

3. The Holy Spirit brings revelation to and from the believer.

- Illumination of understanding
 - **John 14:26** - *he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*
 - **1 Corinthians 2:14-15** - *The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God...*

- **Ephesians 1:17-19** - *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened...*
- Glorifies Christ
 - **John 16:14** - *He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it*
 - **John 15:26** - *he will bear witness about me.*
- Works signs and wonders to display God's presence
 - **Hebrews 2:4** - *various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit*
 - **Romans 15:19** - *ower of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God*
- Guides the believer in their ministry
 - **Matthew 10:20** - *the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*
 - **Acts 8:29** - *And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."*
 - **Acts 10:19-20** - *the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you..."*
 - **Acts 13:2** - *the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul..."*
 - **Acts 16:7** - *but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.*
 - **Romans 8:14** - *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*
 - **Galatians 5:18** - *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

4. The Holy Spirit brings about unity in the lives of believers.

- Unity via the salvation of God
 - **Acts 1:4-8** - *you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit ... "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"*
 - **Acts 2:16-18** - *... I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.*
 - **Acts 2:44-47** - *And all who believed were together...*
- Unity within the body of Christ
 - **Philippians 2:1-2** - *any participation in the Spirit... full accord and of one mind.*
 - **Ephesians 2:18-22** - *built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

Cooperation with the Holy Spirit

As the Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers, the Holy Spirit's works are only affective when the believer walks in step and in cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

- Believers can minimize and even eliminate the effectual nature of the Holy Spirit's works by choosing to walk in a way that is contrary to the Spirit..
 - Resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51)
 - Grieving the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)
 - Quenching the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
 - Disobeying the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - Blaspheming the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31-32)
- Believers can experience the full blessing of the Holy Spirit's work when we walk in cooperation with him.
 - Walking in the Spirit
 - **Galatians 5:16-17** - *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh...*
 - Living in the Spirit
 - **Romans 8:13** - *For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*