

# The Work of the Holy Spirit

## Introduction:

A thorough study of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit enables the believer to see just how active He was and is in all areas of the workings of God.

We will consider the various areas of work and ministry of the blessed Holy Spirit of God.

## I. The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Creation of the Universe

### A. He was Co-Active with the Father and the Son.

See: Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 40:12-13

Each Person of the Holy Trinity is seen in Genesis 1:1-3

- Verse 1 — “In the beginning GOD created...” — Father
- Verse 2 — “...the SPIRIT of God created...” — Spirit
- Verse 3 — “...and God SAID...”(The Word) — Son

### B. He is Currently Active in Continual Creative Works.

See: Psalm 104:29-30

## II. The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Giving of the Scriptures

### A. He is the Divine Author of Them.

1. The Old Testament — II Peter 1:20-21
2. The New Testament — John 16:13-14

### B. He is the Interpreter of Them.

See: Ephesians 1:17; I John 2:20, 27

## III. The Work of the Holy Spirit in Relation to the Son of God

### A. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

See: Luke 1:35

The Holy Spirit conceived a human body for the Son in the womb of Mary. Since He was able to create a human body out of dust in Genesis 1, we know He was able to accomplish this miracle, mysterious as it is the human mind.

### B. Jesus Christ was Anointed By the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:38

The act of anointing is one of recognition and designation for the particular task.

### C. Jesus Christ was Led by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 4:1

### D. Jesus Christ was Filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:1, 14, 18

The Filling of the Holy Spirit is essential for effective service in the work of God: if the Lord Jesus Christ needed this filling, how much the more do we?

### E. Jesus Christ Sacrificed Himself Through the Holy Spirit.

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Hebrews 9:14

- F. Jesus Christ was Raised from the Dead by the Holy Spirit  
Romans 1:4; 8:11; I Peter 3:18

### IV. The Work of the Holy Spirit in Relation to Mankind in General

It is vital for every soul winner to understand the absolute necessity for the work of the Holy Spirit in the salvation of precious souls. When this is done, the only conclusion is that we must depend entirely upon Him if we are to see fruit and not just results.

- A. He Strives with Men.  
Genesis 6:3

It will not be our pleadings that will turn men to Christ — but the striving, wooing, and pleadings of the Spirit of God.

- B. He Restrains Evil.  
II Thessalonians 2:7

- C. He Convicts Men.  
John 16:7-11

The word “reprove” means “to bring to light.” The Holy Spirit brings out into the light the sin and sins of men. This in turn results in conviction — a heartfelt acknowledgement of one’s true (lost) condition before a thrice holy God.

True conviction involves three things. First, the thorough testing of the real nature of the facts. (John 3:20; Ephesians 5:13;) Second, the application of the truth thus ascertained to the particular person affected, (James 2:9; Jude 15; also see Matthew 18:15; John 8:9; II Timothy 4:2;) and Third, the possibility of a manifest rebuke for the purpose of convincing that person of the reality and enormity of his sin, and in the erring believer restoration, (I Timothy 5:20; Titus 1:9, 12, 13; 2:15; Hebrews 12:5; Revelation 3:19.)

In His work with the lost the Holy Spirit will convict men of the following:

1. Of Sin. — The sin of unbelief -of Christ refection.
2. Of Righteousness. — The holy standard of God in Christ.
3. Of Judgment. — Satan is fudged, and II who follow him will be fused also.

Thus we can expect the conviction work of the Holy Spirit to cause a lost man to say three things; “I have done wrong” (sin); “I have not measured up” (righteousness); “I am deserving of hell” (judgment).

- D. He Points Men to Christ Crucified and Risen Again.  
John 15:26; Acts 5:30-32

- E. He Invites Men to Receive Jesus Christ.  
Revelation 22:17

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- V. The Work of the Holy Spirit in Relation to the Believer
  - A. With Regard to his Salvation.
    - 1. He Regenerates — John 3:5-6; 6:63; Titus 3:5
    - 2. He Liberates — Romans 8:2
    - 3. He Indwells — Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 6:19
    - 4. He Seals — Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30
    - 5. He Assures — Romans 8:14, 16
  - B. With Regard to his Christian Labors.
    - 1. He Fills and Empowers — Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18; I Thessalonians 1:5
    - 2. He Calls and Commissions — Acts 13:2, 4
    - 3. He Guides — Acts 8:29; 16:6-7
  - C. With Regard to the Christian Life.
    - 1. He Illuminates — I Corinthians 2:12, 14
    - 2. He Comforts — John 16:7
    - 3. He Intercedes — Romans 8:26-27
    - 4. He Produces Christlikeness — Galatians 5:22-23
      - As the believer yields to the Holy Spirit, He produces the fruit (singular) of Christlikeness in that life.
      - a) In Relation to the Inner Self (Inward): Love, joy, and peace.
      - b) In Relation to Outer Men (Outward): Longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness.
      - c) In Relation to God (Upward): Faithfulness, meekness, and temperance.
    - 5. He Enables, — The spiritual Christian will:
      - a) Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit — Jude 20; Ephesians 6:18
      - b) Worship in the power of the Holy Spirit — Philippians 3:3
      - c) Praise God in the power of the Holy Spirit — Ephesians 5:18-20