

God's Empowering Presence

“I Believe in the Holy Spirit”

Work of the Holy Spirit

“to manifest the active presence of God in the world, especially in the Church”

John 14:15-17

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,^[a] to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be^[b] in you.

The Holy Spirit Empowers

The Spirit Gives Life

- Ezekiel 37:14
- John 3:6-7*

The Spirit Empowers for Service

- Joshua – Numbers
27:18/Deut 34:9
- Jesus – John 1:32
- Ministry gifts – I Cor. 12:11*

⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5-6

¹¹ All these are **empowered** by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. I Cor 12:11

The Holy Spirit Purifies

Convicts of Sin

➤ John 16:8-11

Cleansing

➤ I Corinthians 6:11*

Continual Cleansing

➤ Gal. 5:22-23*

¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

I Cor. 6:11

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

The Holy Spirit Reveals

Holy Scripture

- 2 Peter 1:21*

Assurance of Salvation

- Romans 8:16*
- 2 Cor 1:22*; 5:5

Guidance

- dramatic - Acts 8 & 10 & 13
- day-to-day – Rom. 8:14

Illumination

- 1 Cor. 2:12

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. **2 Peter 1:19-21**

²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. **2 Cor 1:21-22**

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons[f] of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

Romans 8:14-16

The Holy Spirit Unifies

Fellowship with the Spirit

- Philippians 2:1-2 & Acts 2-4

Unity of the Spirit

- Ephesians 4:3

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any *participation in the Spirit*, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Philippians 2:1-2

³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Ephesian 4:3

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Don't Fear the Holy Spirit

Pursue the Holy Spirit