

# *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

**Gen 1:1 & 2**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

*Holy Spirit is misunderstood, mis-represented, insulted, dis-honored, neglected, rejected even blasphemed. Often, He is left out of the church and left out of our lives.*

Do not speak against the Holy Spirit: **Ex 20:7, Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30-31, Acts 7:51**

**1. The Holy Spirit's names and titles are useful in helping us understand His many manifestations. All that He does for us, and His magnificent role in the Trinity.**

**Job 33:4 -The Spirit of God, Hebrews 9:14 The Eternal Spirit, Psalm 51:12 Generous Spirit, Psalm 143:10 Good Spirit, Hebrews 10:29 Spirit of Grace, 1 Peter 4:14 Spirit of Glory, Psalm 51:11 Holy Spirit, Roman 8:2 Spirit of Life, Acts 1:4 & 5 Spirit of Promise, Romans 8:15 Spirit of Adoption, Romans 1:4 Spirit of Holiness, 2 Cor. 4:13 Spirit of Faith, Romans 8:9 Spirit of Christ, Matthew 10:20 Spirit of Father, Romans 8:9; Spirit of the Son, Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Spirit of Counsel and Might, Spirit of Knowledge, John 14 & 15 Spirit of Truth, Romans 1 Spirit of Holiness, 1 Peter 4 Spirit of Glory, John 14 Comforter, John 14:26 He Convicts us of sin, Luke 1:35 He is The Power of the Highest, Romans 8:26-27 Intercessor, John 16:14 Advocate – Paraclete -Helper, 1 Cor. 6:11 / 2 Cor. 3:18 Makes us holy, John 14:26 / 16:7 Teaches, directs us & guides**

**As part of the Trinity – They are inseparable**

**One Minister said,**

“We should never be satisfied until all three persons lie level in us, that they have equal place in our lives. We sit in the midst of them while they all manifest their love to us.”



## 2. Ways that the Holy Spirit Transforms our Lives:

Jesus said in John 16:7 that it was to our benefit that He would go away, so we would receive the Holy Spirit: “But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.”

### A. The Holy Spirit makes us more like Christ

**Sanctification** is the process of the Holy Spirit stripping away our sinful habits and bringing us into holiness.

**Gal. 4:19** Paul says I labor until Christ is formed in you.

### B. The Holy Spirit gives us power to witness

He gives us power, love, and self-discipline.

#### **Acts 1:8**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” This power that comes from the Holy Spirit allows you to stand strong for the things of God.

### C. The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth

#### **John 16:13**

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.” (**He illuminates the dark areas of our lives**)

### D. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin

The conviction also comes before the sin happens.

### E. The Holy Spirit reveals God’s word to us

**Timothy 3:16** says that “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

### F. The Holy Spirit brings us closer to other believers

**Acts 4:32** “All the believers were united in heart and mind.



### 3. What is our responsibility to the Holy Spirit?

#### **Galatians 5**

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you.

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, [murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God

### 4. How do we know when the spirit is working?

(When we see love at work) Read: **Galatians 5:22–26**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



**Application:**

- 1. What is the Holy Spirit to you right now?**
- 2. What do you need the Holy Spirit to be to you?**
- 3. In what way are you allowing the Holy Spirit to flow through you to other?**
- 4. What attitudes stand in the way of living a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit?**
- 5. To live the kind of life described in Galatians 5, what kind of choices would you have to make every day?**