



The Holy Spirit

His Person and Work

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His Role in Sanctification

Questions

What does the Holy Spirit do in a believer's life after salvation?

- *Indwelling*
- *Sealing*
- *Anointing*
- *Teaching*
- *Leading*
- *Filling*
- *Sanctifying*

Spirit Filling - Eph 5:18ff

1. The act in which a believer is controlled by the Holy Spirit in daily living.
 - “Filling” is not the act of gaining something new, but being controlled by that which is already present.
 - Used of wisdom, envy, rage, power, grace, fear, sorrow, and wine.
2. A continuous submission to the person of the Holy Spirit as He reminds us of Jesus’ teaching and forms within us the character of Christ.

Spirit Filling

3. A control that produces specific external results including:

- Interpersonal spiritual communication
- Internal praise to God
- A spirit of gratitude for all things
- A submissiveness of heart that leads to healthy relationships
- A focus on the Word of God for spiritual conflict and growth (see Col 3:16-17)
- A fervent prayer life
- The fruit of Christlike character

Spirit Filling

4. An act that is synonymous with “walking,” “being led,” “live,” and “keeping in step with” the Spirit (Gal 5:16-25).
5. A choice that can be rejected by:
 - Quenching the Spirit - 1 Thess 5:19
 - Grieving the Spirit - Eph 4:30
 - Submitting to the control of the flesh - Gal 5:16-17

Sanctification

Three Biblical Aspects of Sanctification

1. Definitive/Positional - 1 Cor 1:2, 30; 6:11
2. Active/Progressive - 2 Cor 3:18; Col 3:1-5

The process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to transform believers into the holy image of the Son of God.

3. Final/Perfective - Romans 8:30

Myths about Sanctification

1. Optional for believers: Free Grace (Eph 1:4; 5:25; Titus 3:5)
2. Limited to some believers: Second Work of Grace (Eph 2:10)
3. Fully completed by some believers: Wesleyan Perfectionism (1 John 1:8-9)
4. Passively completed for “trusting” believers: Consider, surrender, faith - “Let go and let God” (Eph 6:10ff)
5. Personally secured by laws/discipline: Self-empowered legalism (Gal 3:3)

The Goal of Sanctification

Holiness is, in a word, God-taught, Spirit-wrought Christlikeness, the sum and substance of committed discipleship, the demonstration of faith working by love, the responsive outflow in righteousness of supernatural life from the hearts of those who are born again.

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Biblical Principles of Sanctification

1. The nature of holiness is transformational through relationship.
 - *Hagiasmos* - Sanctification includes the relationship of being set-apart to God.
 - *Hosiotēs* - Sanctification's goal is intrinsic moral purity before God.

The substance of our holiness is the active expression of our knowledge of the grace of God that separates me unto God and empowers me to reject sin and be transformed in true righteousness and holiness.

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2. The context of holiness is justification through Jesus Christ.

- It is our union with Christ by the Holy Spirit (Rom 3-5) that serves as the entire foundation for a sanctified life of holiness. (Rom 6-8)
- Being “in Christ” is the position through which the Holy Spirit provides freedom from sin. (Rom 8:1-8)

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3. The power for holiness is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Resurrection power is available to believers. (Rom 6:4-9)
- Resurrection power enables believers to be spiritually victorious. (Eph 1:19; 3:20-21; 6:10)
- Resurrection power guarantees final sanctification. (Rom 8:11)

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4. The experience of holiness is one of conflict. (Rom 7)

- The world, flesh and devil war against and within our mortal bodies. (Eph 6:10ff)
 - a. Flesh - Inner disposition of the heart that is inclined toward sin.
 - b. World - An ordered conspiracy that seeks to allure the natural desires of our eyes, our flesh, and our pride into selfish action.
 - c. Devil - A powerful foe who seeks to detract worship away from God.

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5. The agent of holiness is the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit frees us from the law of death. (Rom 7:6; 8:2)
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to say no to our old disposition (flesh) and yes to Christlike character. (Gal 5:16ff)
- The Holy Spirit provides weapons for successful warfare.
 - a. Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6)
 - b. Baptism into the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12)
 - c. Praying in the Spirit (Rom 8)

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