

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

If you are struggling with sin and ungodly habits the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin (John 16:8-11), washes us (1 Cor 6:11), refines us like fire (Matt 3:11). He Brings life (Gen 1:2, Ps. 104:29) and puts to death the deeds of the body (Romans 8:13, Phil. 1:19). He sanctifies us (2 Thess 2:13, 1 Peter 1:2), helps us not to gratify the desires of our flesh (Gal 5:16-26) and produces fruit in our lives that reflects the character of God – love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23).

If you are feeling destitute and orphaned the Holy Spirit reminds us we are children of God, we belong to God – that we have been adopted (Rom 8:15-16, Gal. 4:5-6) and He enables us to cry “Abba, Father” (Gal 4:6). He gives us assurance of our salvation (1 John 3:24, 1 John 4:13) and is the down payment /deposit for our future fellowship with him in heaven, the first fruits of our inheritance) (2 Cor 1:1, 5:5).

If you feel stagnant in your walk it is the Holy Spirit that changes us into Christ’s likeness from one degree of glory to another (2 Cor 3:18), he teaches us (John 14:26), imparts truth and guides us in all truth (John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13, 1 John 5:7).

If you are unsure what direction to go be assured that He leads us day-by-day (Rom 8:14, Gal 5:16), guides us (Acts 8:29, Acts 10:19-20), leads us to particular places (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1) and prevents us from going where we shouldn’t (Acts 16:6-7). He also gives guidance through prophecy (1 Cor. 14:29-33) and reveals future events to us (Acts 11:28, Acts 21:11).

If you feel powerless and inadequate He equips and empowers us (Acts 1:18, 1 Cor 2:4, 2 Tim 1:7), places us in the body (Rom 12:5), establishes us in various ministries and roles (Acts 13:2, Acts 20:28), and gives us gifts (1 Cor. 12:11).

If you are struggling with people around you the Holy Spirit pours God’s love into our hearts (Romans 5:5, Col. 1:8) and brings unity in our relationships (Eph 2: 18, Eph 4:3).

If you feel insecure and worthless remember He has made your bodies temples of the living God (1 Cor 3:16, 6:19-20).

If you are persecuted He is there to assist us and is present with us in times of oppression (Luke 12:12, 1 Peter 4:14).

If you feel down and depressed he brings joy that’s beyond our circumstances (Romans 14:17).

If you are discouraged he brings encouragement (Acts 9:31).

If you feel hopeless He gives us hope (Rom. 15:13).

In decision making he gives wisdom (Deut 34:9, Isa. 11:2).

If you feel bound and oppressed He brings freedom (2 Cor. 3:17).

If you are confused he helps us to understand (1 Cor 2:14-15)

If your mind is troubled He gives us a peaceful mind (Rom. 8:6)

If you feel weak He is there to help you (Rom 8:26) and He is interceding for us (Rom 8:26-27).