

opening passage:

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What did the Apostle Paul teach about the role of Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit leads (Rom. 8:14) - “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

B. The Holy Spirit assures (Rom. 8:15-16) - “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.”

C. The Holy Spirit helps us in our limitations (Rom. 8:26) - “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

D. Believers partially determine their level of interaction with the Holy Spirit

3 commands concerning our participation with the Holy Spirit

* Be continually filled with Him - “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.” - Ephesians 5:18

* Do not grieve Him {who He is} - “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” - Ephesians 4:30 -32

* Do not quench Him {what He does} - “Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

E. The Holy Spirit thinks & communicates (Rom. 8:27 – mind) - “And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

F. The Holy Spirit imparts spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-11) - “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.”