

**Theology 2**  
**The **W**ork of the Holy Spirit**  
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*When speaking of the Holy Spirit's work, it is evident that He was at work in the Old Testament, during the ministry of Christ, at the inception of the early church, and that He has continued to work within the Body of Christ to this day. He will also work to usher in the Kingdom of God.*

**The Work of the Holy Spirit in the OT**

1. Creation – Gen. 1:26, Job 26:13
2. Giving of prophecy and Scripture – Ezekiel 2:2, 2 Pet. 1:21
3. Conveying certain skills for various tasks – see list on p. 277
  - a. It should be noted that the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of OT individuals seems to be **temporary** more than permanent. The OT looked forward to a lasting presence of the Spirit (Joel 2:28-29).

**The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus**

- It would be **impossible** to find some point at Jesus' ministry that the Holy Spirit wasn't present (conception, upbringing – Luke 2:52, baptism – Matt. 3:13ff, temptation - Mark 1:12, ministry – Luke 4:1, 14, death/burial/resurrection, etc.).

**The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer's Life**

- **Beginning** of the Christian Life
  - Conversion – Turning to God by the Spirit's convicting power (John 16:8)
  - Regeneration – Made alive to God (John 3:5, Titus 3:5)
- **Continuation** of the Christian Life
  - Indwelling (Baptism) – John 14:16-17, Rom. 8, Gal. 3-4, 1 John 2:20, 27
  - Empowering – John 14:12
  - Teaching/Illumination – John 14:26, 16:13
  - Interceding – Rom. 8:26-27
  - Sanctifying – Eph. 5:18, Gal. 5:22-23
  - Gifts – 1 Cor. 12-14

**The Holy Spirit and the Rise of Pentecostalism & the Charismatic movement**

- The Genesis of the Second Blessing heresy – pp. 281-282
- What of the believers in Acts who received the Spirit after their conversion to Christ?
  - Acts 2, 8, 10, and 19
  - These were **the last of the OT believers** – the Spirit was given to them following conversion as a sign of the new covenant
  - It's not how much of the Holy Spirit you have but how much the Holy Spirit has of you!
- What about speaking in tongues and the other "spectacular gifts?" – seek not, forbid not