



## **The Work of the Holy Spirit: Part 1**

### **I. REVIEW**

To know the person of the Holy Spirit is to know him as:

- A person of the Trinity
- Fully God (Eternal)

“The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the Church” (Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 634).

### **II. THE HOLY SPIRIT’S WORK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

#### **A. Creation**

- God creates by the power of His Word and His Spirit (*Genesis 1:1-3*)
- What the Father planned, the Son accomplished, and the Spirit brings to completion.

#### **B. Prophecy and Scripture**

*“24And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25And I told the exiles all the things that the Lord had shown me.”*

*- Ezekiel 11:24-25*

*2 Peter 1:19-21*

#### **C. Skills**

*Exodus 31:1-5*

#### **D. Anticipation of the Spirit**

*Ezekiel 36:21-27*

*“26Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” 29But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” 30And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.”*

*- Numbers 11:26-30*

*“And it shall come to pass afterward,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
29Even on the male and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.”  
- Joel 2:28-31*

### **III. THE HOLY SPIRIT’S WORK IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST**

#### **THREE STAGES:**

##### **1. Conception**

*“18Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”  
- Matthew 1:18-21*

*Luke 1:35*

##### **2. Baptismal Anointing**

*Luke 3:21-22, 4:1*

##### **3. Resurrection & Ascension**

*“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”  
- Romans 8:11*

*“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit”  
- 1 Peter 3:18*

## V. THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN THE CHRISTIAN

### 1. The Promise of the Spirit

*“16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever; 17even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.*

*You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”*

*- John 14:16-17*

*“26But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”*

*- John 15:26-27*

*“And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”*

*- Luke 24:49*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

*- Acts 1:8*

### 2. The Gift of the Spirit

*Acts 2:1-4*

### 3. Regeneration and Conversion

*“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of him”*

*- 1 John 5:1*

*“One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.”*

*- Acts 16:14*

*John 3:1-8*

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Sometimes we confuse the results of being born again with the act of being born again. But, we must remember the Lord's Sovereign work precedes our faith. He opens the eyes of our hearts, and then gives us the faith to believe.

Regeneration: "Regeneration means that one has been born again or born from above" (Tom Schreiner)

Conversion: "Conversion occurs when sinners turn to God in repentance and faith for salvation. . . Sinners are converted when they repent of their sins and turn in faith to Jesus Christ, trusting in him for the forgiveness of their sins on the Day of Judgment." (Tom Schreiner)

\* "The turning from sin is called *repentance*, and the turning to Christ is called *faith*." (Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 709).

"Regeneration, which is the communication of spiritual life, is the act of God; conversion, which is a turning from sin to God, is our act, in consequence of the divine influence exerted on our minds." (Archibald Alexander)

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Resources:

<https://www.9marks.org/article/does-regeneration-necessarily-precede-conversion/>