

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE CHURCH**

**Romans 8:14-17**

**(Not entirely original with me)**

**Introduction:** Among Christians, even some pastors, there is some confusion about the Holy Spirit, who He is, what He does, where He stays and such. Some call the Holy Spirit "it" and some call the Holy Spirit "He, Him, His," and some refer to the Holy Spirit as "the Spirit of God." The Holy Spirit is not as familiar a topic in sermons and studies as are other topics because of so much lack of knowledge and confusion about the Holy Spirit. Without a doubt the Holy Spirit is invaluable in the Church.

### **I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NECESSARY FOR ONE TO BE SAVED**

1. The Holy Spirit must be present whenever a person believes in Jesus and becomes a Christian.  
- *Romans 8:16*
2. Upon belief in Jesus, the Holy Spirit immediately indwells that person. (*Romans 8:9; John 14:17*)
3. The Holy Spirit helps the believer realize just how real Jesus Christ really is.

### **II. THE HOLY SPIRIT EQUIPS THE BELIEVER TO LIVE THE LIFE HE/SHE SHOULD**

1. When a believer prays, the Holy Spirit helps the believer to pray as he/she ought. (*Ephesians 6:18*)
2. The believer's life should reflect the work of the Holy Spirit within his/her life. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)
3. Every believer is indwelt immediately upon believing in the Lord Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, but the believer must also be "filled" frequently with the Holy Spirit for enablement to do what the Holy Spirit wants done. (*Ephesians 5:18*)
4. The Holy Spirit will help the believer withdraw from the world's ways and sin's hold on him/her.  
- *Romans 8:13*

### **III. THE CHURCH IS LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. The Holy Spirit unites all believers into being ONE body, ONE Family of God.  
- *1 Corinthians 12:3-14*
2. The Holy Spirit's leadership is the key factor in a Church being evangelistic and without His presence and leadership a Church will not be very "soul-minded."
  - Sadly some Churches have become so ritualistic that the Holy Spirit has no place.
  - Everything within the Church is to seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit. NOTHING is to be done without His guidance.
  - Only the presence of the Holy Spirit can make a Church familyloving, thoughtful and caring.
  - Whenever the Holy Spirit is present within a Church service, there is a special atmosphere.
3. Anytime the Holy Spirit is left out of a Church, that Church becomes useless and idle for the Lord.

#### **IV. WHAT JESUS DID WHEN HE WAS HERE, THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES**

1. Jesus cast out evil spirits and demons and today evil spirits and demons are cast out by the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 12:28*)
2. The Holy Spirit convicts the unbeliever and then leads that person into belief, salvation, the grace of God and then on to an active life of service for the Lord Jesus. (*Acts 2:1-47*)
3. It will be by the power of the Holy Spirit that one day all the bodies of dead believers will be raised from the graves to be rejoined to their souls. (*Romans 8:11*)

#### **V. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AN EQUAL PART OF GOD**

1. When Jesus gave His great commission to His Church just before ascending back into Heaven, He called out the names of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit/Ghost. (*Matthew 28:19*)
2. The Holy Spirit is a person as Jesus said, "HE..." (*John 16:14*)
3. The Holy Spirit is also called "the Comforter-Helper." (*John 16:16*)
4. The Holy Spirit has feelings and can be hurt, grieved as Jesus was grieved and as God the Father can be grieved. (*Ephesians 4:30*)
5. The Holy Spirit enables each believer to be of service to the Lord Jesus. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)
6. The Holy Spirit is the instructor/teacher of the believer about the things of God. (*Luke 12:12*)
7. The Holy Spirit literally guides the believer who will listen and obey His voice. (*Acts 8:29*)

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. The Holy Spirit is as real and alive as Jesus Christ is and as Almighty God, the Heavenly Father.
2. The Holy Spirit is the One who brings conviction to the unbeliever and then leads the unbeliever into belief of Jesus Christ.
3. The Holy Spirit actually indwells every single true believer in Jesus Christ, sealing that person for all eternity as a child of God.
4. The Holy Spirit equips and enables the believer to be of service to the Lord Jesus.
5. The Holy Spirit is the guide for the Church, nothing, nobody else.
6. Christian! Listen to the Holy Spirit who resides within you!
7. Church! Listen to the Holy Spirit and not to anybody or anything else!