

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART IN SALVATION

John 16:7-14

Introduction: Salvation is from the Heavenly Trinity to mankind with no expense or cost to us at all. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit each are involved in securing eternal, permanent, salvation for lost mankind. It is said that the Holy Spirit is sort of a "down payment" of what all the believer is to have. Just what part does the Holy Spirit have in our salvation?

I. THE NEW BIRTH IS IRREVERSIBLE AND IS THE WORK OF THE HEAVENLY TRINITY

1. *John 1:12;; 3:3-6; Titus 3:4-6; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 3:9*
2. Just as there is no reversal of the creation process, there can be no reversing of the new birth process.
3. The new birth is accomplished by God and not by people. It is entirely done on the principle of GRACE - God's GRACE!

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS THE BELIEVER PERMANENTLY

1. *John 7:37-39; Romans 5:5; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 6:19; 1 John 2:27*
2. Preceding Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not stay with believers permanently, even though they were secure in their salvation.
3. Today, the body of the believer, even though sinful and corrupt, is the temple of God, convincing proof of the unswerving purpose of God to finish what He has begun in saving forever those who believe in Jesus Christ.
4. *Ephesians 4:30* - The Holy Spirit may be grieved by unconfessed sin, but does not leave the believer, thus salvation is not lost.
5. The Holy Spirit may be quenched when His voice is resisted, but again, He does not leave the believer and thus salvation is not lost.
6. The fact of being still saved and the Holy Spirit is still present to convict and point out sin, makes the believer want to return to the right fellowship with God.

III. THE BELIEVER IS BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND IS JOINED TO JESUS CHRIST PERMANENTLY AND ETERNALLY

1. *1 Corinthians 6:17; 12:13; Galatians 3:27*
2. The believer actually becomes a part of the body of Jesus Christ, thus becomes "in Christ."

3. When one is "in Christ", old things pass away (condemnation), and all things become new (rebirth) and are of God (caused by God). **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**
4. The believer is as secure as the one of whom he/she has become a part.

IV. THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS THE BELIEVER THROUGHOUT ALL ETERNITY

1. **2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14**
2. The sealing by the Holy Spirit within the believer is the work of God, alone.
3. The Holy Spirit preserves and presents the believer faultless before the throne of God the Father in Heaven.

CONCLUSION:

1. The eternal security of the believer rests upon the nature of salvation.
 - It is a work of God, not a work of people.
 - It rests upon the power and faithfulness of God, not on strengths or faithfulness of people.
 - If salvation were by works or were a reward, it is understandable how a person's security might be doubted or in danger.
 - However, our salvation rests upon grace and promise and the works of God and the believer can be assured of his/her security - "**...confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ...**" **Philippians 1:6**
2. It may be concluded that the eternal purpose of God which is for the preservation of His own, can never be defeated. To this very end God has met every possible hindrance.
 - Sin - might otherwise separate us but it has been borne by a Substitute, who, in order that the believer may be kept, pleads the paid penalty by His death, before the throne of God.
 - The believer's will is under the divine influence of the Holy Spirit. **Philippians 2:13**
 - Every testing and temptation is tempered by the infinite Grace and wisdom of God. **1 Corinthians 10:13**
3. Therefore, according to Scripture, there is no salvation purposed, offered, or undertaken under Grace which is not infinitely perfect and that does not abide forever.
4. Believer in Jesus Christ, you have eternal salvation!