

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER

Romans 8:9

Introduction: Thankfully the believer is not left up to his/her own to become Christlike and to know the will of God and then to be able to fulfill the role in his/her life that God has planned. As in salvation God has things already worked out and a person's part in salvation is to believe, repent and call upon Jesus to save him/her, so God has things worked out for the believer to become all God intends and that is through the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit who is given to the believer upon his/her belief. Just what does the Holy Spirit do in and for the believer?

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES THE BELIEVER

1. New Christians know very little of the things of God:
 - Salvation experience is about all the new believer knows about.
 - The nature and difficulty of living the Christian life is unknown.
 - The deceitfulness and wickedness of the human heart is unknown.
 - The devices of Satan are unknown.
 - Little is know of God's armor of protection for him/her and is certainly unskilled in it's use.
 - The Holy Spirit teaches the new believer as He reveals all these things and more.
2. God's complete or full plan for him/her will be taught.
 - God's covenant with mankind and His desire to fellowship with people will be taught.
 - God's covenant with Christ for mankind's salvation will be explained.
 - Christ's covenant with man which ends in Heaven will be taught and explained.
3. The Holy Spirit unfolds these things to the believer:
 - That His (the Holy Spirit) instruction supercedes anyone else's instructions.
 - That He enables the believer to see the deep, dark mysterious things of God.
 - That only by Him can the soul ever see the things of God.
4. The Holy Spirit teaches the believer things he/she never even heard of before:
 - Different perspectives, truths of God's wisdom.
 - God's goodness, His holiness and His truth.
 - The sufficiency of God for all he or she is going to ever need.
 - How one cannot help but believe after knowing all these things.

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT SANCTIFIES (MAKES HOLY) THE BELIEVER

1. He reveals that Christ is actually in him/her who will give more knowledge of Himself.
2. He reveals to the believer that he/she can be changed into Christ's likeness.
3. He enables the believer to know the deep things of God that he/she might be filled with His fullness.

4. He increases the believer's knowledge which increases spiritual perception, which increases spiritual appetite, which increases spiritual attainment, which continues until complete obedience to Christ is gained.
5. He works from grace to grace, victory to victory, leading the believer always up the road to maturity in Christ: a babe, a child, a young person, then a parent and grandparent.
6. He seals, baptizes and fills the believer

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS THE BELIEVER

1. He speaks peace to one's troubled conscience.
2. He enables the believer to rejoice even in difficult times.
3. He gives access to God in prayer.
4. He helps in the believer's infirmities.
5. He makes intercession for the believer.
6. He brings assurance of salvation.
7. He lifts up, humbles, stirs up, sustains where and when needed.
8. *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"*

CONCLUSION:

1. If you have experienced the working of the Holy Spirit and have come to Christ, then watch and pray that you do not grieve nor quench the Holy Spirit.
2. If you have experienced the working of the Holy Spirit but have yet to receive Christ, do so now, *"...for the Spirit of God shall not always strive with man..."*
3. No one can be saved without the Holy Spirit.
4. The Holy Spirit keeps all those who are saved.
5. It will be the Holy Spirit who presents you to God the Father.