

The Christian life in all of its aspects-intellectual and ethical, devotional and relational, upsurging in worship and outgoing in witness-is supernatural; only the Spirit can initiate and sustain it. So apart from Him, not only will there be no lively believers and no lively congregations, there will be no believers and no congregations at all.

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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part 2

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

Creates: Job 33:4-*The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

Renews: Isaiah 32:12-15- *People shall mourn upon their breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. On the land of my people will come up thorns and briers, yes, on all the happy homes in the joyous city: because the palaces will be forsaken, the bustling city will be deserted, the forts and towers will become lairs forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks-until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted as a forest.*

Convicts: John 16:8-11-**“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE

Speaks to Prophets: Acts 28:25-*So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: “The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, saying, ‘Go to this people and say: “Hearing you will hear and shall not understand; and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.”’*

Speaks to Psalmists: Acts 1:16,17-*“Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.”* [see Psalm 41:9]

Is the Source of All Scripture: 2nd Timothy 3:16-*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God [theopneustos or God-breathed] and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...*

Is the Sword of God, which is the Word of God: Ephesians 6:17-*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE

Regenerates: John 3:5-*Jesus answered, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

Indwells: Romans 8:11-*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

Anoints: 1st John 2: 27-*But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.* 1st John 2:20-*But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

Baptizes: Acts 2:17-21 & 38-41- *‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young men shall see visions. Your old men shall dream dreams and on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.’* Then Peter

said to them, "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Guides: John 16:13-However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever he hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Empowers: Micah 3:8-But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD and of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

Sanctifies: 2nd Thessalonians 2:13-But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth....

Bears witness: Romans 8:16-17-The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Helps: John 14:16-17-*"And I pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper; that He might abide with you forever-the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."*

Gives joy: Romans 14:17-...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Bears fruit: Galatians 5:22-23-But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Gives gifts: 1st Corinthians 12:8-11-...for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings

by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Invites: Revelation 22:17-*And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

Fills: Acts 2:4-*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Baptizes: 1st Corinthians 12:13-*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

Appoints officials: Acts 20:28-*Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

Sends out missionaries: Acts 13:2-*As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

Directs missionaries: Acts 8:29-*Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."*

Comforts the church: Acts 9:31-*Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*