

**THE SUFFICIENCY  
OF THE**



**HOLY SPIRIT**

**Must begin with  
a study of His  
nature.**

**Exists in the spiritual realm**

**Not some emotional feeling or  
power because personal  
pronouns are used of Him.**

**“Can be grieved” as any person  
(Isa. 63:10-11; Eph. 4:30).**

**He “groans” to express the  
yearnings of the Christian’s  
heart (Rom. 8:26, 27).**

**His personality  
is affirmed by  
His attributes  
of Deity:**

**All agree that the term  
“Jehovah” is a title of  
deity. That title is given  
the Holy Spirit:  
(Isa. 6:8-9 Acts 28:25).  
Associated with the  
Father and the Son on  
equal terms (Matt. 28:19)**

**Holy Spirit is eternal  
(Heb. 9:14)**

**The Spirit is omnipresent  
“Where can I go to escape your  
Spirit?” (Psa. 139:7-10)**

**The Spirit is omnipotent  
(Gen. 1:2; Matt. 12:28).**

**The Spirit is omniscient  
(I Cor. 2:9-10)**

**THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE  
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**CONVERSION OF SINNERS**

# Two Views Regarding the Work of The Holy Spirit's Work in the Conversion of a Sinner

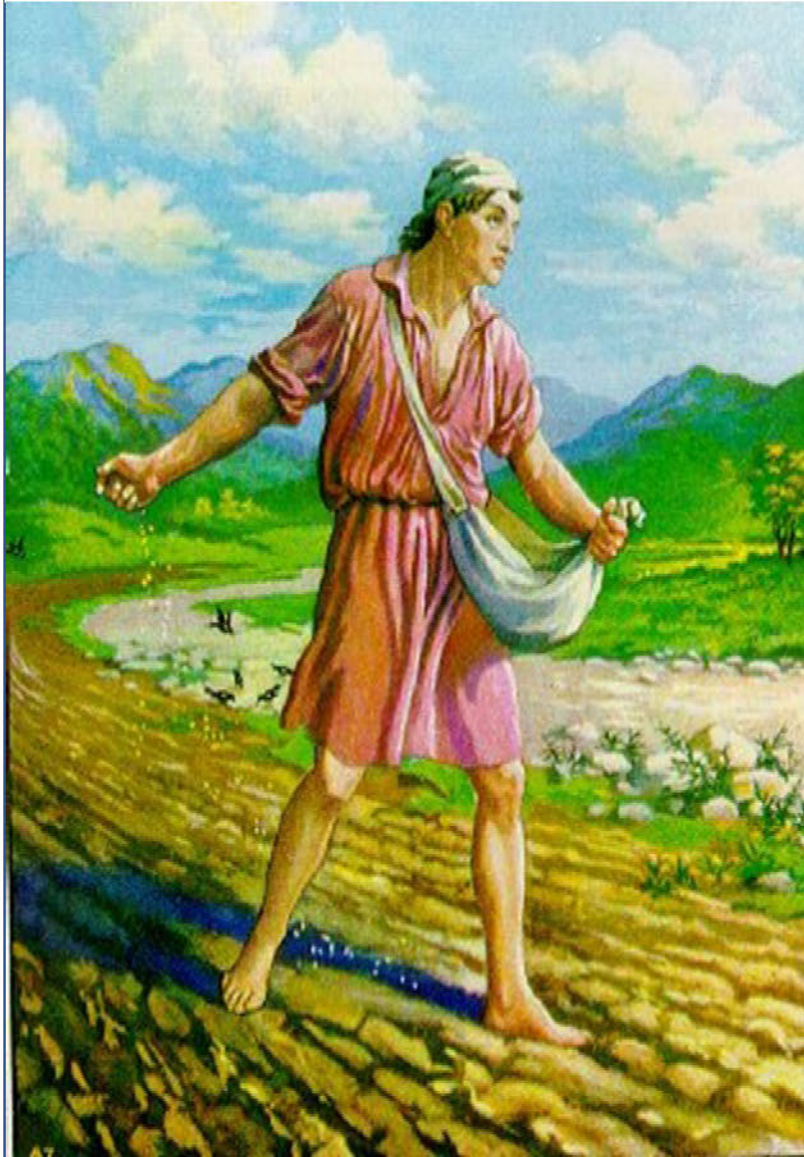
**Man is so spiritually dead: only a miraculous intervention of the Holy Spirit can produce salvation:**

The Spirit converts the sinner through the medium or agency of the word of God.

**“Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them”**  
(Acts 2:4).

**“When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”** (Acts 2:37).

**Jesus shows us the way the Spirit works in conversion  
with the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-15).**



**“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached to you”**  
**(I Pet. 1:23-25)**

**The Holy Spirit's Mission is to “convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment” (John 16:8).**

- 1. He convicts the world of its sin (Rom. 3:23) and sinners as enemies of God (Rom. 5:10).**
- 2. He convinces the world of the righteous Savior and His righteous standard to live by (John 8:24).**
- 3. He informs mankind that all will stand before God in Judgment (2 Cor. 5:10).**

**Accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel  
2 Thess. 2:14 Rom. 1:16**

## The Physical Element of Water and the Power of the Holy Spirit Combine to Bring About the New Birth.



Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.... “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God **unless they are born of water and the Spirit”** (John 3:3,5)



**This explains Paul's statement to the Corinthians about their baptism.**

**“For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink” (I Cor. 12:13).**

**The Holy Spirit works in conversion as God's gift, God's pledge and God's seal for His new child.**

**And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)**

**God gives the Spirit to those who obey him (Acts 5:32)**

**God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, (Gal. 4:6)**

**God has given us the Spirit as a deposit (2 Cor. 5:5)**

**You are God's Temple, His Spirit dwells in you (I Cor 3:16)**

**THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE  
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**WORK IN THE CHRISTIAN**

# The Holy Spirit is Given to Every Christian so, How Does He Help the Christian?

He does not work in a miraculous way today:

There is no promise -- There is no such need --  
There is no such evidence.

## Christianity is Promoted by Teaching and Learning

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: **And they will all be taught by God. Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to me**" (John 6:44-45; Matt. 28:18-20)

The Holy Spirit is the source, and the Word of God is His instrument He uses to accomplish **Much of His work.**

<b>Holy Spirit</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Word of God</b>
<b>Gen. 1:2</b>	<b>Creation</b>	<b>Job 33:4</b>
<b>John 16:13</b>	<b>Instructs</b>	<b>2 Tim. 3:16,17</b>
<b>John 16:8</b>	<b>Convicts</b>	<b>Titus 1:9</b>
<b>2 Cor. 3:6</b>	<b>Begets</b>	<b>James 1:18</b>
<b>Titus 3:5</b>	<b>Saves</b>	<b>James 1:21</b>
<b>2 Thess. 2:13</b>	<b>Sanctifies</b>	<b>John 17:17</b>
<b>Rom. 8:11</b>	<b>Dwells in</b>	<b>Col. 3:16</b>
<b>Acts 9:31</b>	<b>Comforts</b>	<b>Rom. 15:4</b>
<b>Rom. 15:13</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>Hebrews 1:3</b>

## **The Work of the Holy Spirit Through the Word of God is Easiest to Identify For Three Reasons.**

- 1. All we can know about the Holy Spirit is through the Word of God.**
- 2. The Holy Spirit is the “inspirer” of the Word of God.**
- 3. Because the Word of God is physical and visible.**

**What the Spirit does through the Word does not negate what He does in addition to the Word.**

**It is important to understand that the scriptures do not give much information concerning HOW the Holy Spirit dwells in a Christian.**

**Do you understand how the spirit of a person dwells in you? (James 2:26)**

**Two Ways Christians Can Know the Spirit dwells in Us:**

**The promise of the Scriptures  
(I Cor. 6:19).**

**The fruit of the Spirit that is manifested in one's life  
(Gal. 5:22)**

## Paul Prayed For the Holy Spirit to Work in the Saints

“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 **Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us**, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. (Eph. 3:16,17,20,21; cp. Col. 1:9-11)

# 1. The Spirit Provides Assurance So the Christian Does Not Have to Wallow in the Mire of Despair and Doubt

**“For all those led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons.**

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” <sup>16</sup> **The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children” (Rom. 8:14-16).**

**Being a Christian is not determined by what you feel.**

For I know Whom I have believed” (2 Tim. 1:12),  
“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments” (I Jno. 2:3);  
“He who loves his brother abides in the light”  
(I Jno. 2:10).



## **2. The Holy Spirit Gives Christians a Higher Motive to Abstain From Immorality**

**“Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. 19 Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body” (I Cor. 6:18-19)**

**God the Father created our bodies,  
God the Son redeemed them, and  
God the Holy Spirit indwells them.**

**This makes our body the very temple of the Spirit of God.**

**Our bodies are the shrine, or the sacred place, in which the Spirit not only lives, but is worshiped, revered, and honored.**

**How we behave, think and speak becomes critically important as well, for every thought, word and deed is in the Spirit's view.**

**“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*”**  
**(1 Cor. 10:13).**

### **3. The Holy Spirit Helps Christians to Produce Fruit**

**“I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16,17).**

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.[g] 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal. 5:22-23)**

**“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.... for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5).**

# Four Ways The Spirit Works in Christians to Produce Fruit

1. **Reading and meditating on the Word of God** (Psa. 1:2-3)
2. **Spending time in prayer.** Every relationship needs time
3. **Obedience:** “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love (John 15:10)
4. **Through pruning.** Every branch that bears fruit the Father prunes, that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:2)

## 4. The Holy Spirit Works in Providence

**“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.... 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Rom. 8:28, 31,32).**

**In ways we cannot always understand:**

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (Eph. 3)**

## **5. The Holy Spirit Helps Us by Interceding For Us**

**How can fallible man commune with an infallible God?**

**First, we have Jesus to mediate for us (I Tim. 2:5,6). His mediation aids us in approaching God to worship but the Holy Spirit is also involved in our worship.**

**“Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Rom. 8:26, 27).**

## Eph. 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> **Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.** <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;** <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

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