

The Holy Spirit and the Word of God

Introduction:

1. The work of the Holy Spirit:
 - a. Animation
 - b. Revelation
 - c. Confirmation
2. The last two of these works were miraculous and have ceased (Jude 1:3; 1 Corinthians 13).
3. The Holy Spirit is still active in giving life to those lost in sin who obey the Gospel.
4. But, how does He perform this work?
5. The tool which the Spirit uses to influence man is the Word of God.

I. Options of Operation

- A. There are two classes of accountable people on earth – the lost and the saved (cf. 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Thes. 1:6-7; Hebrews 4:2; 1 Peter 4:17).
- B. God wants the lost to be saved (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9).
- C. There are only two options as to how the Holy Spirit influences the alien sinner to be saved – directly or indirectly.
- D. In the past, the Spirit has exercised both options.
 1. Directly – Mark 13:11; Acts 2:4; etc.
 2. Indirectly – Acts 2:37; etc.
- E. Obviously, the Holy Spirit still influences indirectly today.

II. The Spirit's Operation in Conversion and Sanctification

- A. Everything that the Holy Spirit does, the Word of God does also.
- B. Born of (John 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23)
- C. Quickened by (John 6:63)
- D. Testifies (John 15:26; 5:39)
- E. Reproves (John 16:8; 2 Timothy 4:2)
- F. Comforts (Acts 9:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- G. Makes elders (Acts 20:28; 2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 1:5)
- H. Frees from sin (Romans 8:2; 6:17-18)
- I. Leads (Romans 8:14; Psalm 119:105)
- J. Bears witness (Romans 8:16; 1 John 2:5)
- K. Gives hope (Romans 15:13; 15:4)
- L. Has power (Romans 15:13; 1:16)
- M. Washes (1 Corinthians 6:11; John 15:3)
- N. Sanctifies (1 Corinthians 6:11; John 17:17)
- O. Justifies (1 Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 2:16)
- P. Instructs (1 Corinthians 12:3; Romans 10:17)
- Q. Changes (2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:3-5)
- R. Walk in (Galatians 5:16, 25; 2 John 6)
- S. Produces fruit (Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:5-6)
- T. Strengthens (Ephesians 3:16; Acts 20:32)
- U. Enlightens (Ephesians 3:16-19; 3:3-5)
- V. Dwells in (Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16)
- W. Fellowships (Philippians 2:1; 1 John 1:3, 7)
- X. Speaks (1 Timothy 4:1; 4:6)

- Y. Saves (Titus 3:5; James 1:21)
- Z. Calls (Revelation 22:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:14)

III. How Does the Holy Spirit Save?

- A. Preaching of men (John 6:44-45; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16)
- B. Consider the examples from the book of Acts:
 - 1. Acts 2:37, 40-41 3000 on Pentecost
 - 2. Acts 4:4 5000 Jews
 - 3. Acts 6:7 Company of priests
 - 4. Acts 8:12-17 Samaritans
 - 5. Acts 8:26, 29-38 Ethiopian Eunuch
 - 6. Acts 9:3-6; 22:16 Saul of Tarsus
 - 7. Acts 10:44; 11:13-18 Cornelius
 - 8. Acts 16:14 Lydia
 - 9. Acts 16:29-34 Philippian Jailer
 - 10. Acts 17:10-12 Bereans
 - 11. Acts 18:8 Corinthians
 - 12. Acts 19:5-7 Ephesians
- C. Power of the Gospel (Romans 1:16; James 1:18, 21; 2 Peter 1:3)
- D. The Holy Spirit saves sinners by the Gospel of Christ preached by Christians.

Conclusion: *In order to be saved, one must hear, believe, and obey the Gospel.*