

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: OVERVIEW OF THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER.

TEXT: JOHN 14:25-26; 16:12-14, I CORINTHIANS 2:10-11, EPHESIANS 1:17-18

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit is the executive of the Godhead and therefore knows and can reveal the mind of God to those who seek His friendship. The Holy Spirit is known by many names and titles, most of which denote some function or aspect of His ministry.

1. The Spirit of Truth – John 14:16-17; 16:13

2. The Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding – Isaiah 11:2; Ephesians 1:17.

Q: In what way does the Spirit of Wisdom manifest in our lives?

3. The Spirit of Counsel and Power – Isaiah 11:2.

Q: How do we recognise the Spirit of Counsel and Power in our lives?

4. The Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord – Proverbs 9:10.

5. The Spirit of Life – Romans 8:2

Q: In what way is the Holy Spirit depicted as the Spirit of Life?

6. The Spirit of Grace – Hebrews 10:29

What does the Holy Spirit do in the life of a Believer?

The Holy Spirit is the promised Divine helper who proceeds from the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit is God's presence and power in the world and indwells believers. By the Holy Spirit, God inspired and illuminates the Scriptures; convicts and regenerates sinners; sanctifies, teaches, comforts, guides, and preserves believers and empowers them for service. Evidence of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life are faith in Christ, obedience to God, and the spiritual fruit of love.

1. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and Judgement... John 16:8

The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin with the express purpose of reconciling them to God; while the devil brings condemnation with the express purpose of shaming people into running away from God.

2. The Holy Spirit bears witness to Jesus Christ – Ephesians 3:16-19

"But when the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor – Counsellor, Strengthened, Standby) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, He will testify and bear witness about Me...." – **John 15:26-27.**

3. The Holy Spirit Forms Christ within us

The primary work of the Holy Spirit is to form in us the very image and stature of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. To be Holy Spirit formed is to be part of the ongoing work of creation. Without the Spirit, we are subject to sin, decay, and death. But life in the Holy Spirit, is righteousness, peace, and joy – **Romans 14:17.**

4. The Holy Spirit as Teacher

The Holy Spirit is a Teacher who desires to lead us into a deeper understanding of Scripture and to a joyful appreciation of the Word. He brings the truth of God's Word to our attention and gives us fresh insights into those truths so that our lives can be characterized by faithfulness and a loving obedience to God's will. **John 14:26; John 16:12-14.**

5. The Holy Spirit guides the believer in Prayer & Thanksgiving.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express – **Romans 8:26.**

The Holy Spirit inspires worship on the part of the believer. There is no true and acceptable worship except that which the Holy Spirit prompts and directs" – **John 4.23-24, Ephesians 5:18-20.**

6. The Holy Spirit's anointing over the believers life.

When you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people – **Ephesians 1:13b-14a**

7. The Holy Spirit gives Power and Gifts to His Followers – 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are unique skills and abilities given by the Holy Spirit to faithful followers of Christ to serve God for the common benefit of his people, the church. They are simply God empowering faithful Christians to do what He has called us to do – **2 Peter 1:3.**

Conclusion

Just as the Spirit inspired the writers of Scripture to record the truth, so He promises to guide believers to know and understand the truth – **John 16:13.**

The full extent of the Holy Spirit's teaching is deep and multifaceted. Not only was He sent to us to impart knowledge and facts, lessons from Scripture, and theological truths, but He also teaches us how to live our Christian lives with divinely artistic skill.

The gifts of the Spirit were given "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ – **Ephesians 4:12-13.**