



Sermon Notes August 11, 2019

The Holy Spirit's Work on the Heart of the Unbeliever

(Seeking God With All Your Heart Series Part 4)

INTRODUCTION: We have looked at our intellect and what we put into our minds, affects what we believe to be right or wrong.

We have seen that our conscience prompts us, but does not have the capacity to make us do what we believe to be right.

Last week we looked at how the Holy Spirit operates in relation to the heart and specifically how the Holy Spirit operates on the heart of the unregenerate sinner.

This week we are going to look at the Holy Spirit and how he operates in relation to the heart of the believer.

- Before a person comes to Christ, the Holy Spirit works through the word of God to bring a person to **faith** and **repentance**.
- When a person comes to the point that he wants to give his life to Christ, the Holy Spirit regenerates and renews him. Instead of working **exclusively** outside a person, He moves to working **inside** a person.

Verse spoken to Christians about the Holy Spirit in us:

2 Corinthians 4:16 - Philippians 2:13 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 - Hebrews 6:4

I. When does a person become a partaker of the Holy Spirit?

- ✓ Water **baptism** is not means by which you receive the Holy Spirit, **faith** is the means by which you receive the Holy Spirit when you **submit** to God in baptism. Acts 2:38, Acts 5:32
- ✓ No other baptism than baptism in **Jesus Christ** will result in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 19:1-5, Titus 3:4-5
- ✓ Jesus spoke of a **future** time when the Holy Spirit would flow from **within**. This would happen after Jesus ascended. John 7:38-39
- ✓ **Christ** in you is spoken of as a mystery of the past that now has been revealed to us. Colossians 1:25-28, Ezekiel 36:26-27

II. How does the Holy Spirit work in the Christians life?

- He works at **sanctifying** us.

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Sanctification is to be **set apart** – Spiritually set apart from the world and set apart for the work God. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 3:11-13

- He helps us in our **prayers**. Romans 8:26
- He gives us **power** over sin. Romans 8:12-13, Galatians 5:16,17
- He **strengthens** our inward man. Ephesians 3:14-16
- He keeps us in **tune** with the Father. Romans 8:14-15
- He gives us the **want** to and the **will** to. Philippians 2:13

III. How is the Holy Spirit treated by the backslidden?

- They **quench** Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- They limit His work in their lives by **distressing** Him. Ephesians 4:30, Psalms 78:40-41
- They **insult** him by lacking appreciation for the sacrifice of Christ. Hebrews 10:29

Final thoughts:

Have you been renewed and regenerated as shown in the scriptures?

Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to work in your life?

Have you lost touch with God because you are slowly squeezing His Spirit out of your life?

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