

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART II

I. INTRODUCTION

II. THE SPIRIT AT WORK IN THE BELIEVER

1. Conviction

(John 16:7-11; Acts 2:37)

What is conviction *not*?

Conviction means “to convince someone of the truth; to reprove; to accuse, refute, or cross-examine a witness.”

2. Union with the Messiah

(John 14.20; John 16.14)

The central role of the Spirit is to reveal the Messiah and to unite us to him, and to all those who participate in his body.

1 Corinthians 12:13 “For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink.”

3. Sanctification

Sanctification means *to make holy* or *to set apart*.

1 Corinthians 6:11: “*And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the King, Jesus, Messiah, and by the Spirit of our God.*”

In sanctification **God** is at work:

2 Peter 1:3 *“His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”*

And, in sanctification **we** are at work:

2 Peter 1:5 to write, “For this very reason (namely because God’s power has given you everything [position]), make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness...”*

4. **Intercession**

Romans 8:26–27 *In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us, with inexpressible groanings. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

5. **Assurance**

(Eph. 1:13-14, Rom. 8:9)

Romans 8:16 *“The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children.”*

III. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

(Acts 20:28, Acts 9:31)

1. **Inspiration and Illumination of Scripture**

(Jn. 14:26-26; 2Tim 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:21, 1 Cor. 2:10-11)

2. **Raising up Leaders to Teach the Scriptures**

(Acts 20.28; Acts 9.31)

* See also Philippians 2:12-13, 1 Corinthians 15:10, Colossians 1:28-29