

What exactly does the Holy Spirit do for the Christian



A Bible Study Outline

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What exactly does the Holy Spirit do for the Christian?

Either the Holy Spirit is simply an obscure little presence that merely operates as a bit of a prayer help, or He is the most critical part of the entirety of Christianity, the primary power of the new covenant, an incredibly powerful manifestation of the Person of God Who will transform every single area of the willing Christian's life—body, heart, & mind—in a very profound, supernatural way.

The overwhelming evidence of the New Testament Scriptures emphatically points to the latter.

I. The work of the Spirit can begin to be understood in His names.

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| John 14:16, 26 | The Helper (NASB) The Comforter (KJV) |
| Romans 8:9 | The Spirit of Christ |
| Philippians 1:19 | Spirit of Jesus Christ |
| Galatians 4:6 | Spirit of God's Son |
| Romans 8:10, Col. 1:27 | Christ in you |
| John 14:17, 16:13 | The Spirit of truth, "He" |
| I Cor. 2:16 | The mind of Christ |
| Romans 1:4 | The Spirit of holiness |
| Romans 8:9 | The Spirit of God |
| Romans 8:11 | His Spirit Who indwells you |
| Romans 14:17 | The Holy Spirit |
| Hebrews 9:14 | The eternal Spirit |
| Romans 8:11 | The Spirit of Him Who raised Jesus from the dead |

II. He facilitates your direct communication with God the Father.

Romans 8:26-27 intercedes in your prayers
v.26—The Spirit encodes our prayers and transmits them to Jesus. v.27—Jesus receives the Spirit's communication on our behalf and shares with the Father as our Advocate.

III. He teaches you, guides you, and gives you understanding in the Word regarding His will.

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| John 14:25-26 | teaches, brings to remembrance |
| Romans 8:14 | led by the Spirit |
| John 16:13-15 | guidance into truth |
| I John 2:27 | teaches you about all things |
| Heb. 10:15-16 | God's ways written on our hearts |
| I Cor. 2:9-16 | knowing the thoughts of God, answering the questions: What does <i>God</i> think about such & such? |

IV. He provides for your protection, comfort, and deliverance.

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| John 14:17-18 | with you, not alone |
| Galatians 4:5-7 | adoption as sons (and daughters: II Cor. 6:18) |
| Romans 8:15-17 | children of God, Spirit bears witness |
| Romans 5:5 | love of God poured out in us |
| Phil. 1:19-20 | deliverance through the provision of the Spirit |
| II Tim. 1:14 | guarded by the Spirit |
| I John 4:4 | "...greater is He Who is in you than he who is in the world." |
| Acts 9:31 | comforted by the Spirit |
| Philippians 4:7 | mind and heart guarded in peace |

V. He transforms your thinking and gives you a new conscience.

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| John 16:7-11 | convicts world of sin, righteousness, judgment |
| Romans 12:2 | transformation by renewing of mind |
| Eph. 4:21-24 | renewed in the spirit of your mind to be a new person |
| Titus 3:5 | renewing by the Holy Spirit |
| I Peter 3:21 | a good conscience (produces elevated awareness of good and evil) |
| Hebrews 9:14 | cleansing of your conscience |
| Acts 16:6-8 | directed by the Spirit |

VI. He gives you the power to not sin and be truly holy, living a completely different life.

(Definition of sin: I John 3:4, Romans 14:23, James 4:17 The world: I John 2:15-17)

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| Gal. 5:16-25 | fruit of the Spirit (supernatural character!) |
| I John 3:24 | ability to keep the Lord's commands through the Spirit |
| Romans 8:12-13 | partnership with your free will, dying to yourself by the Spirit |
| Romans 8:2, 4 | set free from the law of sin, walk by the Spirit |

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| Hebrews 9:14 | without blemish by the Spirit |
| II Thess. 2:13 | salvation through sanctification by the Spirit |
| I John 3:9 | “cannot sin” = “ <i>can</i> not sin” able to not sin if born of God |
| I Cor. 6:19-20 | glorifying God in your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit |
| II Cor. 6:14-7:1 | 6:16—temple of God, indwelt by God 7:1—perfecting holiness |
| II Cor. 3:18 | transformed into the very image of Jesus Christ |
| Galatians 3:3 | perfected by the Spirit |

VII. He provides you with the power to impact others in a supernatural way.

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| John 16:7-11 | convicts world of sin, righteousness, judgment |
| Romans 5:5 | love of God poured out in us |
| Eph. 3:16, 19, 20 | strengthened with power to accomplish the impossible, filled up with the fullness of God |
| Col. 1:27-29 | presented complete in Christ, with His power working in you |
| II Cor. 2:14-16 | an unseen “aroma” of Christ projected through us |
| John 14:12 | able to do greater things than Jesus |

Understanding how the Holy Spirit works in the
Christian's life is critical if one is to access and utilize
His transforming power.

If the Wright brothers hadn't been aware of lift,
they never would have known they could get off
the ground!