

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Christian

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- I. **Empowerment** (this is for evidence, not salvation and it's not granted to everyone).
 1. Miracles
 - a. Immaculate Conception (Matt 1:18-20; Luke 1:35)
 - b. Baptism of the H.S. (Matt 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5; 11:16); and Baptism in general (Matt 28:19; John 3:5-8; Acts 2:38 [although cf. Acts 8:15-17]; 19:2-3; 1 Cor 12:12)
 - c. Tongues and/or prophecy (Acts 2:4, 17-18; 10:44-47; 11:15; 11:28; 19:6)
 - d. Demon exorcisms (Matt 12:28)
 - e. Miracles which validated Jesus' ministry (Acts 5:32, He is given to those who obey him; Heb 2:4), as well as Paul's ministry (Rom 15:19; 1 Cor 2:4), and the Galatians' conversion (Gal 3:5)
 2. Filled with the Spirit
 - a. John the Baptist (Luke 1:15)
 - b. Elizabeth (Luke 1:41)
 - c. Zechariah (Luke 1:67)
 - d. Simeon (Luke 2:25-26)
 - e. Jesus (Luke 4:1, 14; Luke 10:21; John 3:34; Heb 9:14)
 - f. To those who ask (Luke 11:13)
 - g. The Apostles (John 20:22; Acts 1:8)
 - h. Peter (Acts 4:8)
 - i. Seven "deacons" (Acts 6:3), especially Stephen (Acts 6:5; 7:55)
 - j. Saul (Acts 9:17; 13:9)
 - k. Barnabas (Acts 11:24)
 - l. Disciples (Acts 13:52)
- II. **Guidance** (Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18)
 1. Physical movement
 - a. Jesus into the wilderness for temptations (Matt 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1)
 - b. Simeon into the Temple courts (Luke 2:27)
 - c. Philip to the Ethiopian (Acts 8:29) and then "whisked" away to Azotus (Acts 8:39)
 - d. Peter to the three messengers of Cornelius (Acts 10:19; 11:12)
 - e. Paul & Co hindered from going into Asia & Mysia (Acts 16:6-7) and Paul was "compelled" to go to Jerusalem (Acts 20:22)
 2. Specific instructions (Acts 13:2, 4; 15:28; 20:23 & 21:4, 11; 1 Cor 2:10-14; Heb 9:8) or Spiritual wisdom and revelation (Eph 1:17; 3:5; 1 Tim 4:1; 1 Pet 1:11; Rev 14:13; 22:17). "He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says . . ." (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)
 3. Preaching
 - a. Promise to the Apostles when they stand before authorities (Matt 10:20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12)
 - b. General preparation for preaching (Acts 1:8; 4:8, 31; 6:10; 1 Th 1:5-6; 1 Pet 1:12)
 4. Prophecy (Matt 22:43; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16; 4:25; 28:25; Heb 3:7; 10:15; 2 Pet 1:21)

5. Counselor — the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-17; 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15; Acts 1:2)
6. Provided encouragement to the church (Acts 9:31), strength (Eph 3:16), and help (Php 1:19; 2 Tim 1:14), especially through corporate singing (Eph 5:18-19)
7. Installs Elders in the church (Acts 20:28)

III. **Validation**

1. Of Jesus at his baptism (Matt 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32-33)
2. Of Jesus in his ministry and preaching (Matt 12:18 [cf. Isa 42:1-4]; Luke 4:18 [Isa 61:1-2]; Acts 10:38; 1 John 5:6-8) and resurrection/ascension (Acts 2:33; Rom 1:4; 1 Tim 3:16)
3. Of the Gentiles (Acts 15:8)
4. Of Paul's honesty (Rom 9:1) and ministry (2 Cor 6:5)

IV. **Transformation** of the Christian

1. Conversion (Rom 1:29; Gal 3:14; Titus 3:5) and sanctification (Rom 15:16; 1 Cor 6:11; Gal 3:3; Eph 4:12; 2 Thess 2:13; 1 Pet 1:2), Sealing us as God's possession (2 Cor 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13), so that our lives and confession align with the Spirit's (1 Cor 12:3; 1 John 4:2-3, 6)
2. New life (John 6:63; 7:38-39; Rom 8:11), even to Jesus at the resurrection (1 Pet 3:18), and refreshment (Acts 3:19; Isaiah 4:1-2; 44:1-5; 55:1-5)
3. We accept God's love and are filled with it (Rom 5:5; 15:30; Col 1:8)
4. We live by the Spirit and not by the law or the flesh (Rom 7:6; 8:1-16; 2 Cor 3:3, 6, 8; Gal 3:2-3; 5:16-18; 5:25), being transformed into God's spiritual nature (2 Cor 3:17-18), as opposed to fleshly men who live by natural instincts and not by the Spirit (Jude 1:19)
5. Confirmation that we are God's children (Rom 8:16-17; Gal 4:6) and thus grants us access to God (Eph 2:18)
6. Intercedes for us when we don't know how to pray (Rom 8:26-27; Jude 1:20)
7. The true nature of the kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the H.S. (Rom 14:17*; 15:13)
8. The Spirit indwells our bodies (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; Eph 2:22; Php 2:1; Heb 6:4; 1 Pet 4:14; 1 John 3:24; 4:13) and unifies the body of Christ (Eph 4:3-4); Through him we contact and worship God (Php 3:3)
9. He grants us spiritual gifts (Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4, 7-12; Eph 4:11-13), fruit (Gal 5:22-23), and armament (Eph 6:17-18)

V. **Miscellaneous**

1. Sins Against: Blasphemy of the H.S. (Matt 12:31-32; Mark 3:29; Luke 12:10; Heb 10:29); and lying to the H.S. (Acts 5:3, 9); resisting the H.S. (Acts 7:51), and grieving the H.S. through gossip (Eph 4:30); or putting out his fire (1 Thess 5:19)
2. Salutations: (2 Cor 13:14)
3. "In the Spirit" (Rev 1:10; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10)
4. Uncategorized (Rom 8:23; 1 Cor 7:40; Gal 4:29; 5:5; 6:8; 1 Thess 4:8)