

# The Holy Spirit

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# **Holy Spirit as Comforter**

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**WEEK 13**

# Review: Why should we study this?

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1. Important to understanding salvation
2. Vital to Christian life
3. See OT/NT relationship
4. To defend it from scorn and error

# Review: He Builds Up the Church

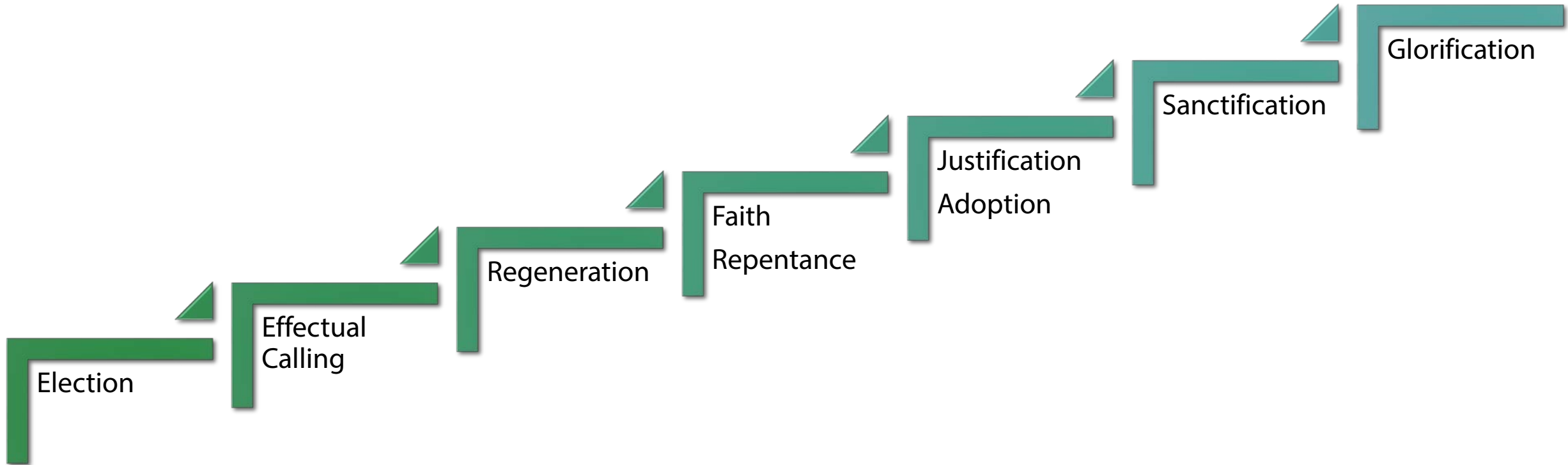
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- Supplying Himself in the absence of Christ
- Perfecting the OT work
- Supplying the means



# Review: Order of Salvation

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# Review: in Regeneration

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## The Spirit

- Enlightens our minds
- Renews our wills
- Sets right our affections

# Review: Sanctification

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- **God is the Author of sanctification**
- **Sanctification brings peace with God**
- **It is thorough/whole (all parts)**
- **It is complete (God will perform)**

# Review: Writing of Scripture

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- Giving knowledge of things communicated
- Suggestion of words to express
- Guiding their hands in setting down the words



# Review: What illumination does

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## The Spirit:

- Communicates spiritual light
- Frees our minds from corrupt influences
- Implants spiritual habits and principles

# Spirit is Given to ALL Believers

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- Being a disciple of Christ and having the Spirit are *inseparably* linked
- To put a wedge between is to deny the power of the gospel



# **Holy Spirit as Advocate**

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BUT THE  
HELPER,

*the Holy Spirit,*

WHOM THE FATHER  
WILL SEND IN MY NAME,

*he will teach you all things*



BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE  
ALL THAT I HAVE SAID TO YOU.

*John 14:26*

# Sent by Christ

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But when **the Helper** comes, whom **I will send** to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.  
(John 15:26)

# Sent by Christ

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Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, **I will send** him to you. (John 16:7)



# Holy Spirit is Our Advocate

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Not with God

- That is the role of Christ

In, with, and against the  
World

- For the Church
- For the believer

**AD·VO·CATE**  
*/verb: to plead in favor of/  
/noun: one who pleads the cause of another/*

# How is the Spirit our Advocate?

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1. By giving the witness of Christ pleas and arguments to the conviction of gainsayers
2. By communication of Spiritual gifts
3. By efficacy in the giving of the Word



# Convicting Gainsayers

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Acts 4:5-22

Matthew 10:18-20

Luke 21:15

Acts 24:25

# Helps Make Visible to World

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By the communication of His Spiritual Gifts, the Spirit makes the power of God's Kingdom and Church visible to the World



# Convincing the World

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## John 16:8-11

- Of sin
- Of righteousness (Christ's)
- Of judgment

## Results of conviction?

Yield to the truth  
(Acts 2:37-41)

**OR**

Fly into rage  
(John 8:48,59; 10:20, 31, 39; Acts 7:54-60)

# **Holy Spirit as Comforter**

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# Special Name for the Spirit

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Like “Jesus” for the Son (Matthew 1:21)

Combats the “accuser,” Satan  
(Revelation 12:10)

He is the One who comforts at the  
sorrow of Jesus going away

# General Properties of Office

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Infinite Condensation

Infinite Love

Infinite Power

Unchangeable – abiding forever

# We Need the Power of Spirit

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## INFINITE LOVE

- Consoling those in need
- Manner of the work expresses love (Isa. 66:13)
- Evidence that we are cautioned not to grieve Him (Eph. 4:30)

## INFINITE POWER

- Only omnipotence suited to our many disconsolations
- God declares that it is He who comforts His people (Isa 51:12-15)

# We Need Unchangeable Spirit

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Spirit abides forever  
(John 14:16)

- Supposes our troubles
- Does not depend on our experience
- Comforter to **all** believers at **all** times



# **Indwelling of Spirit**

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# What do we mean by indwelling?

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Distinct from Holy Spirit's  
general omnipresence

Person presence

Not a personal union



# Old Testament Promises

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And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Ezekiel 36:27)

If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. (Proverbs 1:23)

# Old Testament Promises

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“And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children’s offspring,” says the LORD, “from this time forth and forevermore.” (Isaiah 59:21)

# New Testament Fulfillment

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## ASK FOR IT!

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13)

John 14:17

John 16:13

Romans 8:9

2 Timothy 1:14

1 John 4:4

# Provision we need

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but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”  
(John 4:14)

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.  
(John 7:38–39)

*The End*

**THANK YOU!**