

Holy Spirit's Role in Salvation

Definition of the Paraklete:

Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words: "The Greek word for helper is Paraklete, literally it means "called to one's side," i.e., to one's aid, is primarily a verbal adjective, and suggests the capability or adaptability for giving aid. It was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, an advocate; then, generally, one who pleads another's cause, an intercessor, advocate, as in 1 John 2:1, of the Lord Jesus. In the widest sense, it signifies a succorer, comforter. Christ was this to His disciples, by the implication of His word "another (allos, another of the same sort, not heteros, different) Comforter," when speaking of the Holy Spirit, John 14:16. In 14:26; 15:26; 16:7 He calls Him "the Comforter.""

I. Holy Spirit Convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment

A. Holy Spirit's Ministry to the Unbelieving: John 16:8-10

1) He convicts the world of sin.

Example in Acts 2:36-37

2) Conviction of Righteousness – Rom. 3:21-26; 4:4-5

3) Conviction of Judgment

- It is possible that there is a logical order presented here to the convicting ministry of the HS in relationship to an unbeliever:

First: The sinner needs to see his state of sin from God's perspective.

Second: Then he needs to know that the righteousness of God demonstrated by Christ provides the basis for salvation.

Third: the sinner must be reminded that if he refuses Christ's provision, he faces certain judgment.

Question: Can unbelievers resist the HS conviction and keep on rejecting?

Acts 5:30-33; Acts 7:51-54

II. Holy Spirit in Regeneration

A. **Definition:** —The supernatural, instantaneous, and direct act of God whereby He imparts eternal life to all that trust in Christ

B. The agency of regeneration is the Holy Spirit. It is He who gives spiritual life.
John 3:3, 5-8
Titus 3:5

C. Holy Spirit uses the Word of God/Gospel to convict and save.

I Thess. 1:5; II Tim. 4:2; Heb. 4:12

D. Results of regeneration

z New Life: new birth implies new life

New creation (2 Cor 5:17): The regenerate walk by the Spirit (Rom 8:4; Gal 5:16) are led by the Spirit (Rom 8:14) and can be filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:18).