

**Discipleship:
An
Introduction to
Systematic Theology and
Apologetics**

Protestant Reformation Doctrines of Salvation

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The Work of the Holy Spirit (Review)

- In this study we will look at the activities delegated to the Holy Spirit by God the Father and God the Son.
- We will not primarily look at the work of the Holy Spirit in Salvation such as Effective Calling of the elect, Regeneration and Sanctification.
- Primarily we will look at the work of the Holy Spirit in manifesting the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church.”

The Work of the Holy Spirit (Review)

- There are about 76 references to the Holy Spirit in the OT and 234 reference in the NT. (namely Spirit is capitalized)
- There are four ways the Holy Spirit brings evidence of God's presence to bless the elect:
 1. The Holy Spirit empowers
 2. The Holy Spirit purifies
 3. The Holy Spirit reveals
 4. The Holy Spirit unifies

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Empowers

- There are at least five ways the Holy Spirit empowers:
 1. The Holy Spirit gives life to all animate creatures:
 2. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual life thru the new birth (regeneration).
 3. The Holy Spirit conceived Jesus in Mary's womb.
 4. The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise the elect from the dead at the second coming.
 5. The Holy Spirit Gives Power for Service

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Empowers

- The Holy Spirit Gives Power for Service
 - Old Testament Examples:

The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, (Exodus 31:3)

So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. (Numbers 27:18)

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 - Old Testament Examples:

But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. (Judges 6:34)

Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. (Judges 14:6)

And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. (1 Samuel 11:6)

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 - Old Testament Examples:

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah. (1 Samuel 16:13)

Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. (1 Samuel 19:20)

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 - Old Testament Examples:

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:1 – 2)

And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. (Ezekiel 2:2)

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 - Old Testament Examples:

At last Daniel came in before me--he who was named Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods--and I told him the dream, saying, "O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation. (Daniel 4:8 - 9)

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28)

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 - New Testament Examples:

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; (Matthew 3:16)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness (Luke 4:1)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

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 - New Testament Examples:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (Acts 6:5)

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 - New Testament Examples:

For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience--by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God--so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; (Romans 15:18 – 19)

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 - New Testament Examples:

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. (1

Thessalonians 1:4 – 7)

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- The Holy Spirit Gives Power for Service
 - New Testament Examples:

All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, (Ephesians 6:16 – 18)

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 - New Testament Examples:

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come."

And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. (Revelation 22:17)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Purifies

- The Holy Spirit does an initial cleansing of the new believer.

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

(1 Corinthians 6:11)

he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy

Spirit, (Titus 3:5)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Purifies

- The Holy Spirit produces growth in holiness in the new believer.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22 -23)

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Purifies

- What about being “*slain in the Spirit?*”
 - There are instances in the Bible where people fall to the ground in the presence of God, but the phrase *slain in the Spirit* does not appear in the Bible.
 - It is best to evaluate such claims on the basis of whether or not any lasting fruit results from such claims.

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Purifies

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

(Matthew 7:15 – 20)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

1. The Holy Spirit Reveals to Prophets and Apostles

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. (1 Peter 1:10 -11)

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

1. The Holy Spirit Reveals to Prophets and Apostles

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (John 16:12 -13)

2. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus

He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (John 16:14)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – – The Holy Spirit Reveals

3. The Holy Spirit bears witness to Jesus

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)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – – The Holy Spirit Reveals

4. The Holy Spirit also makes his own actions and words known.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. (Numbers 11:24 – 25)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

4. The Holy Spirit also makes his own actions and words known.

Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. (Judges 14:6)

And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. (Judge 14:19)

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4. The Holy Spirit also makes his own actions and words known.

When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. (Judges 15:14)

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4. The Holy Spirit also makes his own actions and words known.

And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'" (John 1:32 - 33)

And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:2 – 4)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

5. The Holy Spirit also makes his presence known in the lives of individual believers:

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 Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

5. The Holy Spirit also makes his presence known in the lives of individual believers:

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if **by the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are **led by the Spirit** of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have **received the Spirit** of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The **Spirit himself bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:13 – 17)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

5. The Holy Spirit also makes his presence known in the lives of individual believers:

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. (1 Corinthians 12:7 – 11)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

5. The Holy Spirit also makes his presence known in the lives of individual believers:

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (2 Corinthians 1:22 – 23)

He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. (2 Corinthians 5:5)

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (Galatians 4:6)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

“Although the Holy Spirit does glorify Jesus, he also frequently calls attention to his work and *gives recognizable evidences that make his presence known.*

Indeed, it seems that one of his primary purposes in the new covenant age is *to manifest the presence of God*, to give indications that make the presence of God known. And when the Holy Spirit works in various ways that can be perceived by believers and unbelievers, this encourages people’s faith that God is near and that he is working to fulfill his purposes in the church and to bring blessings to his people.”

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, page 641