

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

Protestant Reformation Doctrines of Salvation

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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 Reveals (Review)

- Last week we saw five ways the Holy Spirit reveals:

1. The Holy Spirit Reveals to Prophets and Apostles
2. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus
3. The Holy Spirit bears witness to Jesus
4. The Holy Spirit also makes his own actions and words known.
5. The Holy Spirit also makes his presence known in the lives of individual believers:

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Reveals

6. The Holy Spirit Guides and Directs God's People

"Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

(Isaiah 30:1 -2)

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6. The Holy Spirit Guides and Directs God's People

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. (Mark 1:10-13)

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And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." (Acts 8:29)

And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." (Acts 10:19 -20)

And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. (Acts 11:12)

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (Acts 13:2)

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7. The Holy Spirit sometimes physically moves God's People!

And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. (1 Kings 18:12)

And they said to him, "Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. Please let them go and seek your master. It may be that the Spirit of the LORD has caught him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send." (2 Kings 2:16)

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The Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the house of the LORD, which faces east. (Ezekiel 11:1)

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. (Ezekiel 37:1)

As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple. (Ezekiel 43:4 -5)

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And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:39 – 40)

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, (Revelation 21:9 – 10)

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8. Most of the time Holy Spirit leads God's people in less dramatic ways.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who **walk** not according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**. (Romans 8:3 – 4)

For all who are **led by the Spirit of God** are sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

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8. Most of the time Holy Spirit leads God's people in less dramatic ways.

But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the **desires** of the flesh.

For the **desires** of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the **desires** of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law. (Galatians 5:16 – 18)

- The implication is we should be responding to and actively following (**walk/led**) the **desires** (*epithymia** in Greek) of the Holy Spirit moment by moment.

* Means strong human desires not just intellectual decisions.

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For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: (Acts 15:28)

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While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (Acts 13:2)

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. (Acts 16:6 – 7)

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9. The Holy Spirit sovereignly leads God's people.

And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. (Acts 20:22 – 23)

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. (Acts 20:28)

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10. The Holy Spirit provides a Godlike atmosphere when He manifests his presence.

And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "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. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (John 16:8 – 14)

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More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit** who has been given to us. (Romans 5:3 – 5)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**. (Romans 14:17)

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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)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (John 14:16 – 17)

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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)

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied. (Acts 9:31)

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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)

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? (2 Corinthians 3:7 - 8)

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11. The Holy Spirit gives the “believing” elect assurance.

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 8:16 - 17)

Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. (1 John 3:24)

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (1 John 4:13)

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12. The Holy Spirit teaches and gives understanding.

But the Helper, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, he will **teach you all things** and **bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.**

(John 14:26)

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 16:13)

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12. The Holy Spirit teaches and gives understanding.

And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for **the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.**” (Luke 12:11 – 12)

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.** (1 Corinthians 2:10)

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13. The Holy Spirit sometimes reveals specific information to people.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the **Holy Spirit was upon him**. And it had been **revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (Luke 2:25 -26)

And one of them named **Agabus** stood up and **foretold by the Spirit** that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). (Acts 11:28)

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And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, **constrained by the Spirit**, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the **Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.** (Acts 20:22 – 23)

And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days.

And **through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.** (Acts 21:4)

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But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"-these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. (1 Corinthians 2: 9 – 10)

And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "**Thus says the Holy Spirit**, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" (Acts 21:11)

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Now the **Spirit expressly says** that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. (1 Timothy 4:1 – 3)