

The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer

**The Holy Spirit in the
Old Testament**

**The Holy Spirit in the
New Testament**

The Holy Spirit Today

**Panel Discussion about
the Holy Spirit**

Introduction

- **The work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was to supernaturally empower some people to accomplish a specific work for God.**
- **The new ministry of the Holy Spirit that began at Pentecost is to empower all believers to be like Christ in their words and actions so as to continue the work of Jesus in making disciples.**

Introduction

- **Not every manifestation of the Spirit that occurred in the early church must take place today.**
- **The connection between the forward movement of the Gospel and the role of the Holy Spirit, however, means that there must be continuity.**

**According to the New
Testament, the Holy
Spirit is active in the
lives of believers in a
variety of ways**

The Spirit revealed Truth

- **Acts 11:28; 20:23; 21:4, 11**
- **1 Corinthians 7:40**
- **Ephesians 3:5**
- **1 Timothy 4:1**
- **Hebrews 3:7; 9:8**

**The Spirit stills leads us to Truth,
but not longer reveals Scripture.**

The Spirit testifies to us

- **1 Corinthians 2:12-13**
- **Hebrews 10:15**
- **1 John 5:6**

The Spirit abides with us

- **1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19**
- **Ephesians 2:22**
- **2 Timothy 1:14**
- **1 John 3:24; 4:13**

The Spirit enables our prayer

- **Romans 8:26**
- **Ephesians 6:18**
- **Jude 1:20**

The Spirit fills us

- **Acts 4:8, 31; 6:5; 7:55; 9:17;
11:24; 13:9**
- **Ephesians 5:18**

The Spirit frees us from the Law

- **Romans 2:29; 7:6; 8:2**
- **2 Corinthians 3:6, 17**

The Spirit empowers preaching

- **1 Corinthians 2:4**
- **1 Thessalonians 1:5**
- **1 Peter 1:12**

The Spirit sanctifies us

- **1 Corinthians 6:11**
- **2 Corinthians 3:18**
- **Galatians 3:3**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:7-8**
- **2 Thessalonians 2:13**
- **Titus 3:5**
- **1 Peter 1:2**

The Spirit seals us

- **Ephesians 1:13; 4:30**

The Spirit is our inheritance

- **2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5**

The Spirit gifts us for service

- Acts 19:6; 20:28
- 1 Corinthians 12:3, 7, 8, 11; 14:2, 12
- Galatians 3:5
- Hebrews 2:4

The Spirit empowers us

- **Romans 15:13, 19**
- **1 Corinthians 2:4**

The Spirit leads us

- **Acts 8:29; 10:19; 11:12; 13:2, 4; 15:28; 16:6-7; 19:21; 20:22**
- **Romans 8:14**
- **Galatians 5:18**

The Spirit produces fruit in us

- Acts 13:52
- Romans 5:5; 14:17; 15:30
- Galatians 5:22
- Colossians 1:8
- 1 Thessalonians 1:6

The Spirit produces unity among us

- **1 Corinthians 12:13**
- **Ephesians 4:3**
- **Philippians 2:1**

The Spirit confirms our spiritual adoption

- **Romans 8:15-16**
- **Galatians 4:6**

The Spirit enables us to deny our flesh

- **Romans 8:4-9, 13**
- **Galatians 5:16, 25**

**All of these New
Testament statements
point to the reality that
the Spirit is very active in
our daily lives**

Is it Possible...

Perhaps much of our attitude regarding the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer has been tempered by our reaction to the charismatic movement which minimizes Scripture while emphasizing the Spirit, and by a rationalism and empiricism which resists any possibility of supernatural manifestation in modern times.

Pneumatic
Deism

The New Testament
teaches that the
experience of our
relationship with God
is impossible apart
from the work of the
Spirit in our lives

Because the Spirit fills us

**Ephesians 5:18 And do
not get drunk with
wine, for that is
debauchery, but be
filled with the Spirit**

Because the Spirit produces fruit in us

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

**Because the Spirit frees us
from sin**

**Galatians 5:16 But I say,
walk by the Spirit, and
you will not gratify the
desires of the flesh.**

Romans 8:1-13

Because the Spirit assures of our identity

Romans 8:15-16 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.

Because the Spirit assures of our identity

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

Because the Spirit leads us

**Galatians 5:18 But if you
are led by the Spirit, you
are not under the law.**

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

Conclusion

What are the implications of the Bible's portrayal of the Spirit's role in the life of believers today?

- **We should not doubt that the Holy Spirit continues to move in supernatural ways among His people today – especially where the Gospel is advancing for the first time**
- **We should be daily experiencing regular interaction with the Holy Spirit.**
- **We must be careful to avoid grieving or quenching the Spirit (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19)**