

Holy Spirit - Part 2, #2 of 2

E. The Work of Holy Spirit –

- His work in the universe
- His work among humanity
- His work in a believer
- His work through Scriptures
- His work in reference to Jesus Christ

1. In relation to the world

The creation of the world is ascribed to a work of the Holy Spirit –

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

- The word for “**hovering**,” also translated as “brooding” or “moving gently,” implies a protective and creative function. The Holy Spirit ensured that creation moved from void and emptiness to order and fullness. This introduces a profound idea: the Holy Spirit not only was present at the beginning of creation but is actively involved in organizing, animating, and infusing the creation with life and potential.

Active in the preservation of nature: Isaiah 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.

2. In regard to humanity

John 16:8-11 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Holy Spirit bears witness to the world:

- The sin of unbelief in Christ
- The fact that Jesus was righteous and true in all that He claimed to be.
- The power of satan is broken.

John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Acts 5:32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

3. Holy Spirit's work in relation to the believer –

- a. He **regenerates** the believer – John 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

- Sonship and membership in the kingdom of God can only come through the regeneration of Holy Spirit who quickens us to life.

b. The Spirit **indwells** the believer –

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Acts 3:16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Romans 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

- EVERY believer, no matter how weak or imperfect has the indwelling Holy Spirit to help them to be conformed to the image of Christ.

c. The Spirit **seals** the believer –

Eph 1:13-14 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is the guarantee [down payment of earnest money] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- Like the dowry paid for the bride

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Sealing implies two things:

1. Ownership

2. Likeness

2 Timothy 2:19-21 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”²⁰ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.²¹ Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

Holy Spirit works in us in the spirit of adoption by which we know we are His: **Galatians 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Romans 8:14-16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

- This “sealing” has to do with your heart and our conscience to settle the sonship question.

d. Holy Spirit **infills** the believer –

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

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

- Infilling happens at the moment a person receives Christ as Savior – regeneration – baptized into the body of Christ as His bride.
- But also, Holy Spirit takes up residence infilling the believer with the power and authority to live a victorious and witnessing life.
- The regeneration part is a one-time experience, where the infilling is a continuous experience.

Ephesians 5:18 “but be filled with the Spirit,” “**Be filled**” carries the grammatical emphasis of “continuously being filled.”

- There is one baptism, but many fillings with the Spirit.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

- All believers have the first baptism; not all have the second – even though its available to all.
- Ephesians 4:30 speaks of believers being sealed, and Ephesians 5:18 commands those same believers to “be filled” – experience he again and again infilling.

e. Holy Spirit **empowers** the believer for life and service –

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:9-11 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who

raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Romans 8:12-13 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ 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.

Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Christian life – Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Three groups of fruit of the Spirit:

- Love, joy, peace – Relation to God.
- Longsuffering [deals with people], gentleness, goodness – Relation to fellow man.
- Faith, meekness, self-control – Relation to the individual Christian.

f. Holy Spirit is the **guide of the believer –**

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Galatians 5:16 & 25 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

g. Holy Spirit **anoints the believer – for three things:**

1. **Knowledge & teaching – 1 John 2:27** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. **Holy Spirit teaches us truth – 1 Corinthians 2:9-14** “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² **Now we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom

teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

2. **Service** – Jesus was dependent upon Holy Spirit to enable Him to do the duties of life – Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; Act 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

3. **For consecration** – as prophet, priest and king, Jesus was anointed.

4. **Holy Spirit in relation to the Scriptures** –

a. **He is the author of Scriptures** –

Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by Holy Spirit:

2 Peter 1:20-21 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Revelation 2-3 tells us to “hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

b. **He is the interpreter of the scriptures** –

1 Corinthians 2:9-14 “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³ **These things we also speak**, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural

man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Ephesians 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

5. Holy Spirit in relation to Jesus Christ –

How dependent was Jesus on Holy Spirit? If He needed to depend solely upon the Spirit, can we afford to do less?

- a. He was conceived by Holy Spirit – born of the Spirit –
Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*”
- b. He was led by Holy Spirit – Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- c. He was anointed by Holy Spirit for service – Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
- d. He was crucified in power of Holy Spirit – Hebrews 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- e. He was raised by the power of Holy Spirit – Romans 1:4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- f. He gave commandments to His disciples and His church through Holy Spirit – Acts 1:2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,
- g. He is the bestower of Holy Spirit – Acts 2:33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

F. Offenses against the Holy Spirit –

There are two divisions of offenses against the Holy Spirit

- Those committed by the unbeliever.
- Those committed by the believer.

1. Offenses committed by the unbeliever –

- a. Resisting the Holy Spirit – Acts 7:51 “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you.
 - Those who resist the truth of Jesus Christ no matter what testimony is presented to them.
 - Acts 7:51-57 religious leaders resisted the testimony of Stephen even through convincing proofs.
- b. Insulting or doing despite to Holy Spirit – Hebrews 10:29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?
Luke 18:32 For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon.
 - Rejection of Holy Spirit is an insult to the work of Christ being offered as the sin sacrifice for mankind.
- c. Blaspheming Holy Spirit – Matthew 12:31-32 “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.
 - This is a denial of the working of Holy Spirit that once a person denies His working, they are denying the power of the Lord which is the means of salvation. Therefore, they can’t be forgiven or saved.

2. Offenses committed by the believer –

- a. Grieving the Spirit – Ephesians 4:30-31 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So, He turned Himself against them as an enemy, *and* He fought against them.
 - Grieving is to make sad or sorrowful, as Christ was in Gethsemane.
 - Holy Spirit is very sensitive and is easily grieved, mad, sad.
- b. Lying to Holy Spirit – Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

2 Kings 5:20-27 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the Lord lives, I will run after him and take something from him.” ²¹ So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw *him* running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, “*Is all well?*”

²² And he said, “All *is well*. My master has sent me, saying, ‘Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.’ ”

²³ So Naaman said, “Please, take two talents.” And he urged him, and bound two silver talents in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed *them* to two of his servants; and they carried *them* ahead of him. ²⁴ When he came to the citadel, he took *them* from their hand and stored *them* away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. ²⁵ Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, “Where *did you go*, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant did not go anywhere.”

²⁶ Then he said to him, “Did not my heart go *with you* when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? *Is it time* to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? ²⁷ Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever.” And he went out from his presence leprous, as *white* as snow.

- c. **Quenching Holy Spirit** – 1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit. The manifestation of Holy Spirit in the gift of prophecy was not to be quenched.

It is possible to quench Holy Spirit in our hearts, but also in the hearts of others by refusing to yield or cooperate with Holy Spirit.

Resisting has to do with the regenerating work of the Spirit.

Grieving has to do with the indwelling of Holy Spirit.

Quenching has to do with the enduement of the Spirit for service.