

Faith Formation – Week Eight
The Doctrines of The Holy Spirit and of Sanctification

The Person of the Holy Spirit

- He existed in eternity past with the Father and the Son, and with them created the universe: Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13
- He shares all of the attributes of God, lacking none: 1 Cor. 2:10-11; Heb. 9:14
- He is equal to, and of the same substance of the Father and the Holy Spirit: Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 5:1-9; 1 Cor. 3:16-17
- He is not an impersonal force, but a personal being: John 16:13-14
- He has an intellect: Acts 15:28
- He has a will: 1 Cor. 12:11
- He has emotions: Eph 4:30

The Work of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit completes some of His work in the life of the believer at conversion:

Sealing: The sign of God's ownership of the believer: Eph. 1:13

Baptizing: The work of the Holy Spirit bringing believers into union with the body of Christ: 1 Cor. 12:13

Regenerating: The work of the Holy Spirit giving the believer new life in Christ: John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5; Rom. 8:11

The Holy Spirit also has an ongoing, permanent ministry in the life of every believer:

Producing Fruit: Godly traits manifested produced by the Holy Spirit as the believer walks with God: John 15:5; Gal. 5:22-26

Giving Gifts: Special abilities given to every believer for the benefiting of others in the body: 1 Cor. 12:1-11

Filling: The work of the Holy Spirit to daily empower the believer to live the Christian life: Eph. 5:18

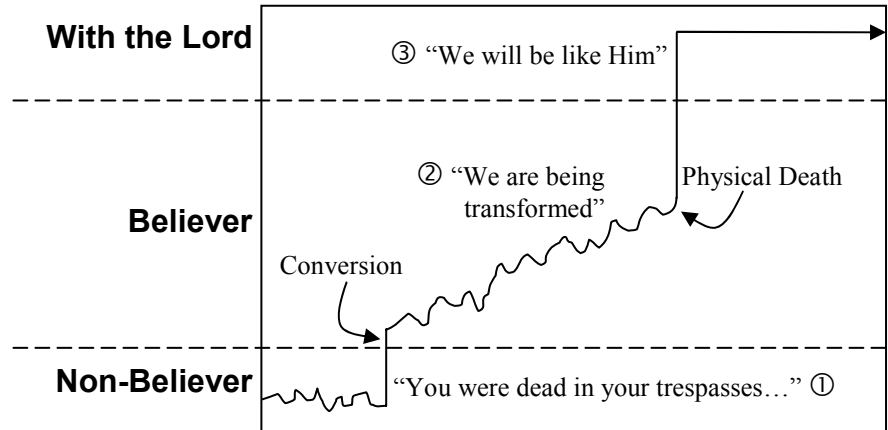
Power for Witnessing: The work of the Holy Spirit to use believers to draw people to faith in Christ: Acts 1:8

Illumination: The work of the Holy Spirit enabling the believer to understand and apply God's Word: John 14:26

Intercession: Aiding the believer in prayer Rom 8:26.

Sanctification

All people have been made in the image of God. The result of the fall, however, is that the image of God has been corrupted within each of us. Sanctification is the process by which the Holy Spirit begins to restore the image of God back in to the life of every believer. He supernaturally helps us to lives of increasing holiness, by living His life through us: 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Thess. 4:3



① Eph. 2:1; ② 2 Cor. 3:18; ③ 1 John 3:2

- Sanctification starts at conversion: 1 Peter 2:2
- It increases as the believer walks with God: John 17:17; Phil. 3:13-14
- It is completed only after the believer is with the Lord: 1 Thess. 5:23

Application:

- We can't live the Christian life on our own. The Christian life is lived by faith, not by works. We can only obey as we trust Him to live His life through us.

How To Walk In The Spirit



Sanctification is a cooperative, ongoing endeavor between believers and God.

- Philippians 2:12-13



Understand and believe God's Word.

- Col. 1:9-11; Eph. 5:17-20; Col. 3:16-17; Luke 6:45



Illuminates His Word and convicts of sin.

- John 16:13-14; John 14:15-18; 26; John 16:8



Obey God's Word by faith, being thankful and trusting in the Spirit's power to do His work through us!

- John 15:9-14; 17:17; Col. 2:6-7



Empowers our obedience, producing fruit.
Abide means to dwell, or to remain in.

- John 15:4-7; John 17:17; Gal. 5:22-25



Confess when we sin.

- 1 John 1:9



Restores our fellowship with Him.

- Psalm 51:12



Continue this process for a lifetime!
Be being filled!

- Eph. 5:18; Phil. 3:12-14