

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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◎ A man, an axe, and a tree

- The axe is the instrument used by the man to chop down the tree



◎ The Holy Spirit, the Word, and the sinner

- The gospel is the instrument used by the Holy Spirit to convict and to convert the sinner

◎ The word of God is the Spirit's instrument

- Ephesians 6:17



The Working of the Holy Spirit through the Instrument of the Word

The Holy Spirit	The Work or action	The Word – the instrument
John 16:8	Convicts the world	John 16:13, 14; Acts 2:14...37; Titus 1:9; 2 Timothy 4:2
John 3:5,8	Begets	1 Peter 1:22-23; James 1:18; 1 Corinthians 4:15
1 Corinthians 6:11	Cleanses by washing	Ephesians 5:25-27
1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13	Sanctifies	John 17:17; Acts 26:16-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13
1 Corinthians 6:11	Justifies	Romans 5:1 and 10:17
Revelation 22:17	Calls	2 Thessalonians 2:14
Titus 3:4-5	Saves	James 1:21
Ephesians 5:18-19	Dwells in	Colossians 3:16
Ephesians 3:16	Strengthens	Acts 20:32
Acts 9:31	Comforts	1 Thessalonians 4:18
Romans 15:13	Gives hope	Romans 15:4; Colossians 1:5; Titus 1:2-3
Acts 7:51-53	Is resisted	2 Timothy 3:8
Hebrews 3:7-11	Warns, Urges	Hebrews 4:7; Psalm 95:7ff
Romans 8:14	Leads	Psalm 119:105

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John 16:13, 14

- ⦿ “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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”
- ⦿ Who will do what?
 - _____ will _____ you [in the context] into all truth.
- ⦿ Who would be guided into all truth? _____
 - John 13:2; cf. Matthew 26:20

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Acts 2:14; 37

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 - cf. John 16:13
- ⦿ The Jewish audience _____ what he had to say.
- ⦿ The Jewish audience was _____.
 - This occurred when they had _____.
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2 Timothy 4:2

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Titus 1:9

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One is born of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God

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Ephesians 5:25-27

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- ⦿ The Ephesians, who were members of the household of God, were **cleansed** with the washing of water by **the word**.

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2 Thessalonians 2:13

- “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,...**”
- The Thessalonians were chosen for salvation through _____ by _____ and _____.

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Romans 10:17

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