

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

The Holy Spirit convicts through the Word

John 16:8

- “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment”

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.”

Acts 2:14; 37

- “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.’...Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’”

2 Timothy 4:2

- “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

Titus 1:9

- “...holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”

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

John 3:5-8

- “Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

1 Peter 1:22-23

- “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...”
- “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11)
- “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom” (Matthew 13:19)

James 1:18

- “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures”

1 Corinthians 4:15

- “For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.”

The Holy Spirit cleanses by washing by the Word

1 Corinthians 6:11

- “And such were some of you: but ye are **washed**, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and **by the Spirit of our God.**”

Ephesians 5:25-27

- “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and **cleanse** her **with the washing of water by the word**, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

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John 17:17

- “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;...”

2 Thessalonians 2:13

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Romans 5:1

- “Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”

Romans 10:17

- “So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**”

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