

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY #33:
Pneumatology (Part 2),
The Work of the Holy Spirit
Grace Community Church
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1. WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DEFINED: “We may define the work of the Holy Spirit as follows: *The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church.*”¹

2. WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DELINEATED

a. HE GIVES LIFE

i. Ps. 104:30, “When you send forth your Spirit, they are created.”

ii. Matthew 1:18, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”

b. HE SUSTAINS LIFE

i. Job 34:14-15, (14) If He should set His heart on it, If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, (15) All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.

c. HE GIVES ETERNAL LIFE

i. Jn. 3:6-7, (6) "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

ii. John 6:63, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and [they] are life.”

d. HE GIVES RESURRECTION LIFE

i. 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.”

e. HE GIVES POWER FOR SERVICE

¹ Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 634.

- i. **John 14:17, “The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for HE DWELLS WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU.”**
- ii. **There were occasions in the OT when the Holy Spirit INDWELT as well as FILLED believers**
 - 1. **Numbers 27:18, “And the LORD said to Moses: ‘Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom [is] the Spirit, and lay your hand on him’”**
 - 2. **Dan. 4:8-9, (8) But at last Daniel came before me (his name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him is the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, saying: (9) "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.**
 - 3. **John 7:39, “But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS NOT YET [GIVEN], because Jesus was not yet glorified.”**
- iii. **SOME OF THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OT:**
 - 1. **Numbers 27:18, “And the LORD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom [is] the Spirit, and lay your hand on him’”**
 - 2. **Deuteronomy 34:9, “Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.”**
 - 3. **Judges 6:34, “But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.”**
 - 4. **1 Samuel 16:13, “Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.”**
 - 5. **Ex. 31:2-5, (2) "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. (3) "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, (4) "to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, (5) "in cutting**

jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

iv. WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

1. **Matthew 3:16, "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him."**
2. **Luke 4:1, "Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness"**
3. **Luke 4:14, "Then Jesus returned IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region."**
4. **Lk. 4:18-19, (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; (19) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."**
5. **Jn. 3:34-35, (34) "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. (35) "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.**
6. **John 1:32, "And John bore witness, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.'"**
7. **Psalms 51:11, "Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me."**

v. After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came in the fullness of His presence

1. **Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**
2. **Acts 6:5, "And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch"**

3. Acts 6:8, “And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.”
4. Rm. 15:18-19, (18) For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— (19) in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
5. Acts 4:8, “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, [*began to preach unto them and*] said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:
6. 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.”
7. 1 Thessalonians 1:5, “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.”

f. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES BELIEVERS SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO EQUIP THEM FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

- i. 1 Corinthians 12:11, “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”
- ii. 1 Corinthians 12:7, “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit [of all]”

g. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS THE PRAYER LIVES OF BELIEVERS

- i. Ephesians 2:18, “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”
- ii. Romans 8:26, “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

h. THE HOLY SPIRIT ALSO EMPOWERS BELIEVERS TO OVERCOME THE WORKS OF SATAN

- i. Acts 13:9-11, (9) Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him (10) and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness,

will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? (11)
 "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

- ii. Ephesians 6:17, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

i. THE HOLY SPIRIT SANCTIFIES BELIEVERS FOR SALVATION

- i. 1 Peter 1:2, "elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ"
- ii. 1 Corinthians 6:11, "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD."

j. AT THE MOMENT WE ARE SAVED, THE HOLY SPIRIT TAKES UP RESIDENCE IN OUR LIVES

- i. 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?"
- ii. 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."
- iii. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives SEALS us
 - 1. Ephesians 1:13, "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"