

What does the Holy Spirit do?

Living in relationship with God- session 3

Introduction: The Spirit's job description

*"His ministry is both to reveal Christ to us, and to form Christ in us" **John Stott***

1. The Spirit brings us to know Jesus in the first place (John 3:1-8, p. 1065)

*"When the Spirit comes he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement" **John 16:8***

2. The Spirit brings us into fellowship with Jesus day by day

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"
Matthew 28:20

- a. He enables us to experience God's love (Romans 5:5-8, p. 1132)

- b. He gives us a deep assurance that God is our Father (Rom. 8:15-16, p. 1135)

3. The Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:16-18, p. 1160)

4. The Spirit empowers us to be witnesses for Jesus (Acts 1:8, p. 1093)

5. The Spirit equips us to serve Jesus' people (1 Cor 12:4-7, p. 1153)

Conclusion: The spot-light Spirit...

"A church that is filled with the Spirit is a church that is thrilled with Jesus."

Small Groups – Galatians 5:16–26

Next Time

Next week is the St Mary's evening. Please do join us for that if you can! The next time we meet together is October 16th. We'll be thinking about **'how God speaks to us'**

Main passages: 2 Timothy 3:10-17, John 5:39-40, Psalm 19

Bible-studies: We'll be doing something a bit different. We'll use 'explore Bible reading notes together, and chat through how we can make reading the Bible part of our daily routines.

Taking it further

Memory Verse

“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature”

Galatians 5:16

Further Bible-study

Romans 8:1-27

In a similar way to our study in Galatians, the sinful nature and the Spirit are contrasted in Romans 8. This is a wonderful chapter of the Bible, with a lot of wonderful truths within it! Don't worry if you don't pick all of them up- here are a few questions to help pick out a few of them.

- How many contrasts can you find between someone living by the Spirit, and someone living by the sinful nature?
- What future hope do those with the Spirit have? (v9-11) Why?
- What is our 'obligation' as Christians? (v12)
- How does the Spirit help us to experience our relationship with God? (v13-18)
- How does the Spirit help us in our prayer-lives? (v26-27)

For the book-worms

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| <i>Who on earth is the Holy Spirit?</i> | Tim Chester and Chris de la Hoyde | A short introduction to the person and work of the Holy Spirit |
| 'The ministry of the Holy Spirit' in <i>Evangelical Truth</i> | John Stott | This chapter is about 30 pages long, and is a great introduction to the work of the Holy Spirit. |
| <i>Keep in step with the Spirit</i> | Jim Packer | A much fuller, and denser book about the work of the Holy Spirit. Gold for those who can make time for it! |