

Biblical Foundations for Ministry

The Holy Spirit: Indwelling Presence

1. Convicting of sin

- a. The Holy Spirit's task
 - 1) To persuade sinners that they are wrong
 - 2) To convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11)
 - a) Sin: identifies what declares as wrong
 - b) Righteousness: shows the right way to live
 - c) Judgment: warns of God's Judgment
- b. Means of conviction
 - 1) The Word of God
 - a) Inspired by the Holy Spirit
 - b) With the power to convict sinful hearts (Heb. 4:12)
 - 2) The conscience
 - a) An internal moral compass from the Creator (Rom. 2:14-15)
 - b) Guilt feelings can be intensified by the Holy Spirit

2. Sanctifying sinners

- a. The Holy Spirit's task
 - 1) To help believers break old sinful habits (Rom. 8:9-14)
 - 2) To help believers develop new attitudes and behavior (Gal. 5:16-25)
- b. The work of sanctification
 - 1) Anticipated by the prophets (Ezek. 36:24-27; Joel 2:28-29)
 - 2) Promised by Christ (John 7:38-39)
 - 3) Delivered at Pentecost (Acts 2: 38-39)

3. Equipping for service

- a. The Holy Spirit's task
 - 1) To empower believers for service and ministry
 - 2) Our best efforts supplemented with the Spirit's power
 - 3) Every believer gifted to do something (1 Peter 4:10)
- b. Spiritual gifts
 - 1) Miraculous gifts
 - a) The ability to perform a supernatural act
 - b) Often used by select recipients (Prophets, Apostles, etc.)
 - 2) Ministry gifts
 - a) The ability to perform a service task
 - b) Broadly distributed throughout the church

