

# 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

