

The Supernatural Life
Sermon series: *Holy Spirit*, pt. 5
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Acts 1:8
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Introduction

Last week we saw how in Acts 2 the Holy Spirit, in fulfillment of Joel's prophecy (Joel 2:28-32), gave birth to the Church. We saw how the Holy Spirit enflames the Church with the presence of Christ, enables the Church to praise Christ, empowers the Church to proclaim Christ, and establishes the Church with the purpose to make disciples for Christ.

But how does the Holy Spirit function in the believer's life? What happens at the point of conversion and what do the Scriptures testify about the ongoing work of the Spirit in our lives? This morning we want to affirm seven truths about His ministry in the believer's life.

1. The Holy Spirit _____ you (I John 5:11-13, Titus 3:5).
2. The Holy Spirit _____ you (I Cor. 3:16).
3. The Holy Spirit _____ you (Ephesians 1:13, 4:30).
4. The Holy Spirit _____ your inheritance (II Cor. 5:5).
5. The Holy Spirit _____ you (I Cor. 12:13).
6. The Holy Spirit _____ you (Eph. 5:17-20).
7. The Holy Spirit _____ you for ministry (I Cor. 12:7)

Conclusion:

Post Script

The New Testament attributes many other functions to the Holy Spirit than the seven which we're emphasizing in today's message. For example,

- The Holy Spirit imparts power (I Thess. 1:5, Eph. 6:10-18).
- The Holy Spirit fuels inward joy (I Thess. 1:6).
- The Holy Spirit purifies us (I Thess. 4:4-8).
- The Holy Spirit secures our election (II Thess. 2:13).
- The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God (Romans 8:16).
- The Holy Spirit fosters intimacy – He allows us to call God our Father (Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6).
- The Holy Spirit assists us in prayer (Romans 8:26).
- The Holy Spirit cultivates within us the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
- The Holy Spirit inspired Scripture and illumines our understanding of the Word (He. 3:7, 9:8, 10:15, I Peter 1:11).
- The Holy Spirit fuels the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel (Acts 13:1-4, Hebrews 2:3-4).
- The Holy Spirit joins our voice in calling for the Lord's return (Rev. 22:17).

Three groups of interchangeable terms:

- Paul uses the following phrases interchangeably to point to the indwelling Holy Spirit: "Spirit of God", "Spirit of Christ" "Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead (the Father)" and even "Christ" (when from the context the name refers to how the Holy Spirit makes manifest within us Jesus) (Romans 8:9-10).
- What is more, the following phrases also are used interchangeably to refer to living the abundant life provided through Christ: "walking in the Spirit", "minding the things of the Spirit", "being in the Spirit" and "being in Christ." All of these phrases underscore that the Spirit produces the sphere in which the believer lives, a sphere of power and newness of life where "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death" (Ro. 8:2).
- It is because of the union between the Son and the Spirit, similar to the unity between the Son and the Father (John 17:20), that Paul often equates being "in Christ" with being "in the Spirit." The Risen Lord dwells in His church and works in the church through the Holy Spirit. Thus the phrase "in the Spirit" means the same as "in Christ".