

The Work of the Holy Spirit
Romans 8:9-11

(9) “But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit of God living in you. (and remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) (10) and Christ lives within you, so even though your body will because of sin (original sin), the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. (11) the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” (Romans 8:9-11, NLT)

The Holy Spirit brought Jesus back to life. Without the Holy Spirit, Jesus would not have come back to his flesh and blood nature. How powerful! Yet, the Holy Spirit is the most neglected companion of the believer. You and I must know the work of the Holy Spirit more.

1. (v10) - At the moment of regeneration, you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He gives life and guarantees life.

John 7:37-39 “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me (Jesus speaking) (38) Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, “Rivers of living water will flow from his heart. (39) When he said, “living water,” he was speaking of the Holy Spirit, who be given to anyone believing in him. (But the Spirit had not yet been given, because had not yet entered into his glory.”)

Gal. 5:25 – “The Spirit has given us life, He must also control our lives. (GNB)

2. (8:11) – The Holy Spirit brings the back dead to life at the time of rapture.

Spiritual resurrection must take place in order for the future bodily resurrection to happen! And even this is the work of the Holy Spirit!

3. (14-17) - The Holy Spirit assures the believers of sonship; that they belong to God. The Holy Spirit bears testimony to our human spirit that we are children of God.

Throughout this passage, Paul tells us the Spirit is indeed our Helper. He keeps us in the Kingdom of God.

- a) He helps us know what God desires for our lives (vs. 5)
- b) He can help me control my mind (vs. 6)
- c) He helps me have life and peace (vs. 6)
- d) He gives “life” to my mortal body (vs. 11)
- e) He helps me put to death my “misdeeds” – helps me control my sin (vs. 13)

Some visible signs that the Holy Spirit is at work in the believer’s life. You are under new management!

1. Increasing hunger to holiness - (8:12, 13) and Galatians 5:16
2. Growing evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 5:19-23
3. Worshipful and prayerful
4. Burning desire to witness
5. Increasing thirst for God’s Word

All believers have God in their heart, but, not all believers have given their whole heart to God! The question is not, ‘How can I have more of the Holy Spirit?’ It’s “how can the Spirit have more of me?”

We are filled by the Spirit when we yield our lives to the Spirit’s direction and power. If you wish to be filled with the Holy Spirit, you must yield your body, your total self, to Him that He might work in and through you.

WILL YOU LET HIM WORK IN YOUR LIFE?