

## Lesson Thirteen

### What Does the Bible Teach Concerning the Holy Spirit and His Work?

1. What happened ten days after the ascension of Christ?  
Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost, the beginning of the Church – Power Acts 1:8.
2. Who is the Holy Spirit?  
Matthew 28:19 the third person of the Trinity . . . He is fully God.
3. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?  
1 Corinthians 12:3 gives us the capacity to believe, gives faith points to Christ. Could be seen as the “silent partner.”  
Romans 6:12-14 (8:12-14) Sanctifier – individuals and the church.
4. Why is it necessary that the Holy Spirit work this faith in us?  
1 Corinthians 2:14 natural man cannot understand the gospel, sin, death, and eternal life.  
Ephesians 2:1 we were dead in sin.  
Romans 8:7 we are hostile, in fact we are enemies of God.
5. What does the Holy Spirit use to bring men to saving faith?  
Romans 10:17 hearing God’s Word about Christ, the Gospel.
6. Is every believer able to be sure of forgiveness and salvation?  
Acts 16:29-31 Yes  
Romans 8:38-39 Yes
7. What does the Holy Spirit do in us through the Gospel?  
1 Thessalonians 4:3 Sanctifies, It takes an instant to become a Christian and a lifetime to be shaped to be a Saint.  
2 Corinthians 5:17 Makes a new creation John 3.  
Ephesians 2:10 created us and prepares us to walk in Good Works.
8. What is a good work before God? (in distinction from a good work before men.)  
John 15:5 to abide in Christ and bear fruit.  
John 14:15 to do His will.  
1 Corinthians 10:31 to live to His glory and in faith.  
Matthew 7:21-27 What we do can look good, but when it is not in response to the death and resurrection of Jesus it is not a good work.

9. What is the final thing the Holy Spirit does in us?

1 Peter 1:5 Keeps us in faith.

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10. If the Holy Spirit wants to convert everyone, why are most people not saved?

Matthew 22:14 many are called but few are chosen.

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Matthew 22:37 most ignore the Spirit's work. 82% believe that man is basically good. That is the largest (greatest) impedance to the Christian Gospel. Unless we realize the ultimate depravity of mankind, we will find no comfort in vicarious satisfaction.

### **Review**

True/False

- 1)   T   The Holy Spirit alone converts people.
- 2)   F   Man cooperates with the Holy Spirit in his conversion.
- 3)   F   A person is converted only when he gives up all his bad habits.
- 4)   F   The Holy Spirit works saving faith in us by using the Ten Commandments.
- 5)   T   The Holy Spirit works saving faith in us by using the Gospel.
- 6)   T   Only a Christian can do good works before God.
- 7)   F   Any person can do good works before God.
- 8)   F   The majority of people have received Jesus as Savior and Lord.