

The Holy Spirit Series "Restraining the Spirit"

Introduction:

Currently our sermon series is on "The Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead, yet many Christians know little about Him. The Bible teaches that there is only one, living, and true God infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. (WSC#4&5) And in the Godhead there are three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these are one God, same in substance, equal in power and glory." (WSC#6)

The word "person" is used in Christian theology to aid us in understanding the role of the Father (as Creator/Sustainer), the Son (as Redeemer), and the Holy Spirit (as Comforter and Guide). The "person" is not meant to suggest that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are people but rather to distinguish their functionality together in oneness.

The Bible teaches that when a person believes in Christ, they immediately receive the Holy Spirit. The Spirit dwells in them.

After listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance. (Eph.1.13-14)

The promise of the Spirit is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." (Acts2.38-39)

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. (Rom.8.16)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? (1Cor.6.19a)

Indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. (Rom.8.9)

The scope of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is multifaceted. Let me list some of the wondrous works of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Works Salvation in Our Hearts

Jesus told Nicodemus, That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (Jn.3.6-8)