

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Chapters 5-8

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The Holy Spirit is not our. . . .

- A private genie
 - experience-generator
 - dream-filler and miracle worker.
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- David Garner, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-holy-spirit-agent-of-salvation/>

The Holy Spirit is . . .

- A Person
- A member of the godhead
- The Holy Spirit ministers across the ages—bringing Christ and his salvation to those living before and after his redemptive work.
- “The Holy Spirit’s work is to bring to completeness what the Father had planned to do through His Son. By this God is made known to us, and we are taught to trust him.”
 - John Owen, p. 25

The Holy Spirit is for who?

- All believers (not a special few)
- Brings to completion what the Father planned to do through the Son.

Human Nature of Christ and the Holy Spirit

- The human nature did not become omniscient and almighty
- “The human nature of Christ “is not in any way endowed with divine attributes.”
- “And so all that the Son does he does by the Spirit, including all that He does in his human nature.”

Special work of the Holy Spirit

- Miraculous conception of Christ
- Visited the Virgin Mary
- “The virgin shall conceive (Isa. 7:14)
- Holy Spirit created the human nature of Christ

Equipped Christ's Human Nature

- Christ grew up
- Christ grew strong
- Learned new things
- Able to live a life of grace as one made of woman and made under the law

Enabled Christ to Carry Out Duties

- Sent with Father's Authority
- Filled with all the powers and gifts of the Spirit
- Guided, strengthened, comforted Christ

Graces of the Spirit Revealed

- Love for mankind
- Compassion for sinners
- Trust in the Father

Task of Spirit after the Ascension

- The task of carrying on and completing the work of salvation
- Replaces Christ's bodily presence on earth
- Does everything Christ did for his disciples while on earth

Regeneration

- Actual regeneration of a person is done by the Holy Spirit
- But we must remember Father, Son, and Spirit involved in our salvation

Shorter Catechism on Work of the Spirit

- Q. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?
- A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.
- Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?
- A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Regeneration fulfils prophecy

- Circumcise your hearts
 - Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. Deut. 10:16
- Heart of stone to one of flesh
 - I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 11:14-21

Regeneration not just a reformed behavior

- New man; a new creation of God

Regeneration is

- Theologically speaking, regeneration and conversion are two sides of the same coin. **Regeneration is God's sovereign activity by the Holy Spirit in the soul of one who is spiritually dead in sin.** Regeneration is **the implantation of new life in the soul.** Regeneration gives the gifts of repentance and faith.
 - Steve Lawson
 - “Conversion”

Regeneration is

- On the other side of the coin, conversion is the response of the one who is regenerated. Esteemed British pastor D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones said: ‘**Conversion is the first exercise of the new nature** in ceasing from old forms of life and starting a new life. It is the first action of the regenerate soul in moving from something to something.’ Regeneration precedes and produces conversion. There is a cause-and-effect relationship between these two. Regeneration is the cause, and conversion is the effect. Put another way, regeneration is the root and conversion is the fruit.
 - Steve Lawson
 - “Conversion”