

## Soteriology Part 2

### The Holy Spirit Convicts, Converts and Confirms

- **How does the Holy Spirit guarantee the calling and redemption of all believers?**

The Holy Spirit convinces the sinner of his state of sinfulness and misery. The Holy Spirit brings life out of death, enlightening the mind to the knowledge of Christ, renewing the will to embrace the Savior, and converts the sinner to believe the Gospel.

#### The Holy Spirit **convicts** sinners.

“The Holy Spirit convinces the sinner of his state of sinfulness and misery.”

John 16:7-9 – Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And **when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe** in me.

#### The Holy Spirit brings sinners to **life** out of **death**.

Ephesians 2:1-10 – And **you were dead in the trespasses and sins** in which you once walked, **following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom **we all once lived in the passions of our flesh**, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind**.

**But God**, being rich in mercy, **because of the great love with which he loved us**, even **when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

**so that** in the coming ages **he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. **And this is not your own doing**; it is the **gift of God**, not a result of works, **so that no one may boast**.

For **we are his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## The Holy Spirit **enlightens** sinners' minds to the knowledge of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:10-13 – [T]hese things **God has revealed to us through the Spirit**. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Now **we have received** not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand** the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but **taught by the Spirit**, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

Ephesians 1:16-19 – I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation** in the knowledge of him, **having the eyes of your hearts enlightened**, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are **the riches of his glorious inheritance** in the saints, and what is **the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe**, according to the working of his great might.

Question: What might we understand is the content of the Spirit's 'revealing,' 'teaching,' and 'enlightening?'

Question: What is the result of the Spirit's 'revealing,' 'teaching,' and 'enlightening?'  
Hint: Look for the word "that" or "so that."

## The Holy Spirit **renews** the will and **converts** the sinner.

Deuteronomy 30:6 – And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, **so that you will love the LORD** your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **that you may live**.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 – And **I will give you a new heart**, and a new spirit I will put within you. And **I will remove the heart of stone** from your flesh and **give you a heart of flesh**. And **I will put my Spirit within you**, and **cause you to walk in my statutes** and be careful to **obey my rules**.

John 3:3-6 – Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God**. That which is born of the **flesh is flesh**, and that which is born of the **Spirit is spirit**."

Question: Who does the work on the sinner's heart to cause him to live and love the Lord (Deut. 30:6)?

**The Holy Spirit confirms sinners, guaranteeing ultimate redemption.**

Titus 3:4-7 – [W]hen the **goodness and loving kindness of God** our Savior appeared, **he saved us, not because of works done by us** in righteousness, but **according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **so that being justified by his grace** we might become **heirs according to the hope** of eternal life.

Ephesians 1:11-14 – In him [Christ] we have **obtained an inheritance**, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guaranteed of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Question: How does the indwelling Holy Spirit help Christians who may struggle with their assurance (those who sometimes wonder if they are truly saved or will be saved)?

Question: How does understanding one's assurance in light of the truth about God's Holy Spirit bring glory to God (rather than us) and cause us to trust in Him (rather than trusting ourselves)?