The Holy Spirit

Intro: There is a great deal of confusion today relating to the Holy Spirit. Yet, the Bible has a great deal to say concerning Him. Possibly some of the problems come from the term Ghost and Spirit, some thinking that He cannot be understood and that He is something mysterious. Thus, we have great confusion over the Holy Spirit. Our study deals with the Holy Spirit and as we study Him, we will correct many misunderstandings concerning Him.

I.  **WHO HE IS:**

   A.  **He is a Person.**

      1.  The language of the Bible is that the Spirit is a masculine personality. It uses personal pronouns, masculine gender, and singular number.

      2.  He has personal actions.

         a.  He speaks;

            (1)  1 Tim. 4:1 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”

            (2)  A part of that speaking involves teaching.

                (a)  This teaching involves all things that pertain to life and godliness

                (b)  John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

                (c)  2 Pet. 1:3-4 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

         b.  He guides; John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

         c.  He leads and forbids;

            (1)  Acts 16:6-7 “Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.”

            (2)  The type of forbidding shows purpose so the Spirit could lead Paul to another place; Acts 16:9 “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and pray him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.”

         d.  He searches;

            (1)  1 Cor. 2:10 “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

            (2)  The Spirit is searching God’s mind and then revealing it us.

                (a)  Eph. 3:4-5 “Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;”

                (b)  He kept things hidden prior to Christ’s time and only revealing them in prophecy and types.

                   (i)  1 Pet. 1:10-12 “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they
The Holy Spirit did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.”

(ii) This takes **intelligence, planning** and **intention**.

e. He comforts us
(1) Acts 9:31 “Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”
(2) He does this through the Word; 1 The. 4:18 “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

f. He intercedes; Rom. 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

3. He has personal traits.
a. Mind; Rom. 8:27 “And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

b. Knowledge;
(1) 1 Cor. 2:11 “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”
(2) As the Spirit searches the deep things of God, He learns and comes to a knowledge of these things and reveals them by inspiration to the apostles and by their written record to us.
(3) This type of knowledge is only found in persons.

c. Affections;
(1) Rom. 15:30 “Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;”
(2) Phi. 2:1 “If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,”

d. Will, the power of volition; 1 Cor. 2:11 “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

e. Goodness;
(1) The Levites rehearsed what God had done; Neh. 9:20 “Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.”
(2) David's remembrance; Psa. 143:10 “Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.”

f. We can have fellowship with Him;
(1) 2 Cor. 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”
(2) We can only have fellowship (in its true definition) with persons.
(3) Fellowship is associated with affections; Phi. 2:1 “If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,”
(a) Associated with consolation (exhortation) in Christ.
(b) Associated with comfort we receive because of the love one has for others and they have for us.
(c) Bowels is the seat of emotions and especially tenderness, kindness, benevolence, compassion, etc.
(d) Mercies is compassion or pity.
4. He suffers slights and injuries
   a. He can be grieved and vexed;
      (1) Eph. 4:30 "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."
      (2) Matthew Henry wrote, “By looking to what precedes, and to what follows, we may see what it is that grieves the Spirit of God. In the previous verses it is intimated that all lewdness and filthiness, lying, and corrupt communications that stir up filthy appetites and lusts, grieve the Spirit of God. In what follows it is intimated that those corrupt passions of bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, and malice, grieve this good Spirit.”
   b. He can be despised; Heb. 10:29 "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"
   c. He can be blasphemed;
      (1) Mat. 12:31 “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.”
      (2) Blaspheme is to slander, or speech injurious to another's good name; impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty. This shows He is a person and God.
   d. He can be resisted;
      (1) Acts 7:51 “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”
      (2) Since Stephen was being lead by the Spirit in what He said, they refused to hear his message, they resisted the Spirit.
   e. He can be lied to; Acts 5:3 "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"
   f. He can be quenched; 1 The. 5:19 "Quench not the Spirit."

B. He is God.
   1. He has all the traits and prerogatives of God.
      a. He is eternal; Heb. 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”
      b. He is omniscient; 1 Cor. 2:10-11 “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”
      c. He is omnipotent;
         (1) Mic. 3:8 “But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.”
         (2) Rom. 15:19 “Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”
      d. He is omnipresent; Psa. 139:7 "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?"
e. He is truth;
   (1) Jesus uses the phrase “Spirit of truth” three times referring to the Holy Spirit.
      (a) John 14:17 “17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”
      (b) John 15:26 “26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:”
      (c) John 16:13 “13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”
   (2) 1 John 5:6 “This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.”

2. He does the works of God.
   a. He had a part on creation
      (1) Gen. 1:2-3 “2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”
      (2) Job 26:13 “13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.”
   b. He had a work in revelation.
      (1) 1 Cor. 2:10 “10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”
      (2) 2 Pet. 1:20-21 “20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”
   c. He works in the affairs of man.
      (1) In overruling natural law—performing miracles.
         (a) Hebrew 2:4 “4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”
         (b) Paul declares the Spirit gives various miraculous gifts to men; 1 Cor. 12:4-11 “4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”
      (2) In controlling and using natural law—providence; (in discussing what God does for the beast); Psa. 104:30 “30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.”
   d. He has a part in salvation or regeneration;
      (1) Salvation of man from sin resides in God; Eph. 2:8 “8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”
      (2) Jesus certain played a major part by dying on the cross for man’s sins.
(3) The Spirit is also involved.
   (a) John 3:5 “5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”
   (b) Tit. 3:5 “5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”
   e. He is involved in the resurrection; Rom. 8:11 “11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

3. His name is used with God.
   a. At Jesus’ baptism; Mat. 3:16-17 “16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
   b. Mat. 28:19 “19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”
   (1) The definite article appears before each of the three—Father, Son and Holy Spirit showing that there are three distinct persons and not three manifestations of one person.
   (2) “Into the name” shows we have a relationship into which we are baptized. It would be inconsistent for Jesus to affirm that we are baptized into a relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, if all three do not possess the same nature.

4. Acts 5:3-4 “3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

II. THE SPIRIT’S WORK.
   A. The work of God.
      1. The Father is the Planner.
         a. Gen. 1:1 “1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
         b. Eph. 3:11 “11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:”
         c. 2 Tim. 1:9 “9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,”
      2. Christ is the Executor.
         a. Heb. 1:2 “2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”
         b. 1 Tim. 1:15 “15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”
      3. The Spirit is the Organizer.
         a. Gen. 1:2 “2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”
         b. Job. 26:13 “13 By his spirit he hath garnished [adorned—NKJV] the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.”
   B. Creator of the material universe.
      1. Gen. 1:2 “2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”
      2. Psa. 104:30 “30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.”
C. The Spirit’s work relating to man.
   1. Take the mind of God and make it known to man (revelation).
      a. 1 Pet. 1:10-12 “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who
          prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time
          the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings
          of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto
          themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by
          them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven;
          which things the angels desire to look into.”
      b. 2 Pet. 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of
          God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”
   2. Take the mind of God and make it known to man unmixed with error (inspiration).
      a. The first two are unified for you cannot have revelation without inspiration.
      b. Eph. 3:1-12 “For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have
          heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to youward: 3 How that by
          revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when
          ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was
          not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets
          by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of
          his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of
          the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less
          than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the
          unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the
          mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things
          by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly
          places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal
          purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access
          with confidence by the faith of him.”
      (1) The mystery (the salvation of man by Jesus Christ) was made known unto Paul by revelation.
      (2) They could understand by reading what he wrote (inspiration).
      c. 1 Cor. 2:7-15 “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which
          God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew:
          for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye
          hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God
          hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for
          the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things
          of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but
          the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of
          God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we
          speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing
          spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:
          for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually
          discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.”
      (1) The things are the things of the wisdom or mind of God.
      (2) The spiritual man is the man of inspiration.
          (a) One who has received the Spirit revealing God to man.
          (b) The natural man is the man who does not have inspiration.
          (c) The natural man does not receive the things of God (which only comes
              by inspiration) through normal channels whereby man comes to
              knowledge of things.
(3) The spiritual man speaks these things of God in words which the Holy Spirit
gives him.

(4) Comparing of verse 13 means “combining.”

(a) He is combining the things of inspiration with words which the Holy
Spirit gave.

(b) He was revealing the things of God by inspiration.

3. Confirm the truth as Divine revelation.

a. Since there was no written word, they had to have some way to know if one was
a false teacher.

(1) Mat. 7:15 “15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly
they are raving wolves.”

(2) 2 Pet. 2:1 “1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be
false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the
Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”

(3) 1 John 4:1 “1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:
because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

b. This confirmation was done by miracles which proved, verified, authenticated
the message was from God.

c. Mark 16:15-20 “15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to
every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall
be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out
devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any
deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So
then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right
hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them,
and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

d. Heb. 2:2-3 “2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and
disobedience received a just recompence of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great
salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them
that heard him;”

e. During the lifetime of Jesus and the apostles, the miracles were never denied;
they did on occasion attribute them to Beelzebub, but they did not deny them.

D. John 16:7-12 “7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away,
the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he
will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on
me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the
prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.”

1. Convict of sin.
2. Convict of righteousness.
3. Convict of judgment.

III. HOW THE SPIRIT DOES HIS WORK.

A. The Spirit does His work either directly or indirectly.

B. I affirm the Scriptures teach the Spirit does His work indirectly: by means of the Word.

1. Notice the verse showing the Spirit working by means of the Word in Acts 2.

a. Acts 2:4 “4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues,
as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

b. Acts 2:11 “11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works
of God.”
c. Acts 2:14 “14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:”

d. Acts 2:22 “22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:”

e. Acts 2:37 “37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

f. Acts 2:40 “40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.”

g. Acts 2:41 “41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

   a. Conviction of sin.
      (1) Acts 2:22-23 “22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:”
      (2) Acts 2:36 “36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”
   b. Conviction of righteousness.
      (1) Acts 2:37-38 “37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
      (2) Acts 2:40 “40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.”
   c. Conviction of judgment; Acts 2:40 “40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.”

3. Eph. 6:17 “17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”

4. Notice some comparisons:
   a. Eph. 5:18-19 “18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;”
      (1) The parallel is Col. 3:16 “16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”
      (2) There is no difference between being filled with the Spirit and letting the Word of Christ dwell in us.
   b. Acts 7:51 “51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”
      (1) Stephen's hearers were charged with doing what their fathers had done.
      (2) What had their father's done?
      (3) Neh. 9:30 “30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.”
      (4) They resisted the Spirit when they rejected the word preached by the prophets.
      (5) Stephen's hearers resisted the Spirit when they rejected the word preached by Stephen.
c. Some effects assigned to the Holy Spirit in one passage, then credited to the Word of God in another passage.

1. **Begets**
   a. Spirit; John 3:5 “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”
   b. Word; 1 Cor. 4:15 “For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.”

2. **Instructs**
   a. Spirit; Neh. 9:30 “Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.”
   b. Word; 2 Tim. 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

3. **Quickens**
   a. Spirit; John 6:63 “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”
   b. Word; Psa. 119:154 “Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.”

4. **Teaches**
   a. Spirit; John 14:26 “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”
   b. Word; John 6:45 “It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”

5. **Convicts**
   a. Spirit; John 16:8 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”
   b. Word; Tit. 1:9 “Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”

6. **Comferts**
   a. Spirit; Acts 9:31 “Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”
   b. Word; 1 The. 4:18 “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

7. **Gives love**
   a. Spirit; Rom. 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”
   b. Word; 1 John 2:5 “But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.”

8. **Saves**
   a. Spirit; 1 Cor. 6:11 “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”
   b. Word; Acts 11:14 “Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.”

9. **Washes**
   a. Spirit; 1 Cor. 6:11 “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”
(b) Word; Eph. 5:26 "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word;"

(10) Sanctifies
(a) Spirit; 1 Pet. 1:2 "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."
(b) Word; John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

(11) Makes free
(a) Spirit; Rom. 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."
(b) Word; John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

(12) Converts
(a) Spirit; John 16:7-8 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"
(b) Word; Psa. 19:7 "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."

(13) Strengthens
(a) Spirit; Eph. 3:16 "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;"
(b) Word; Deu. 11:8 "Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;"

(14) Dwells
(a) Spirit; Eph. 5:18-19 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"
(b) Word; Col. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

(15) Leads
(a) Spirit; Rom. 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."
(b) Word; Psa. 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

5. Thus, the Word of God, the Spirit’s revelation (the Bible) is all we need today.

a. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

b. 2 Pet. 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"

c. There is no leading, guiding, etc., by any other means (the Word of God) today.

IV. RESULTS OF THE SPIRIT’S WORK.

A. The fruit of the Spirit; Gal. 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

B. Leading man in the way of righteousness.

1. 2 Pet. 1:3-8 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence,
add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2. Eph. 5:8-10 “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.”

3. Gal. 5:16-17 “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”

4. Phi. 1:11 “11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.”

C. Giving man an eternal home with God.

1. Acts 20:32 “32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

2. Rom 6:22 “22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”

3. 2 Pet. 1:8-11 “8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Conclusion: While we have only been able to touch the hem of the garment, I believe that this gives us a good start to study and draw the proper conclusions concerning the Holy Spirit.