

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Romans 8:9-17**.
- B. This sermon is from the BQBox (#13). The question reads, "What is the work of the Holy Spirit in our life today? Does He work in the life of a sinner to bring him to the Lord?"
- C. Last Sunday: How the HS works in the life of a sinner to bring him to the Lord.  
Tonight: How the HS works in the life of a Xian.
- D. One preacher said the following about the HS in the Bible:
  - 1. In the OT there was the empowering of the Spirit.
  - 2. In the early church there was the baptism of the Spirit.
  - 3. In the NT there is the indwelling of the Spirit.
- E. Christians received the forgiveness of sins, and the indwelling of the HS when they are baptized (see Ac. 2:38; 3:19). This "gift of the Holy Spirit" is the Spirit Himself, and not a gift given by the Spirit.

## I. THE HS LEADS CHRISTIANS.

- A. See Rom. 8:14.  
*For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
- B. The HS will never lead us to do unholy things.
- C. Anyone who would lead us to follow the Law, is not a leading of the HS (Gal. 5:18).  
*But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.*
- D. The leading of the Spirit is found in the word (Jn. 16:13-14).  
*"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you."*

## II. THE HS SANCTIFIES CHRISTIANS.

- A. 2Thessalonians 2:13.  
*But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.*
- B. John 17:17.  
*"Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth."*
- C. 1Thessalonians 5:23.  
*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- D. Acts 26:18.  
*to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'*

## III. THE HS INTERCEDES FOR CHRISTIANS.

- A. Romans 8:26-27.  
*And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*
- B. 1Corinthians 2:11.  
*For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.*
- C. Galatians 4:6; Psalm 139:7.  
*(Psa 139:7) Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence?  
(Gal 4:6) And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

#### IV. THE HS PROVES THE SONSHIP OF CHRISTIANS.

A. Romans 8:16-17.

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

B. Romans 8:9-11.

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. **10** And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

#### V. THE HS EMPOWERS CHRISTIANS FOR A FAITHFUL LIFE.

A. Ephesians 3:14-19.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, **15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, **16** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **19** and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

B. Romans 8:6, 10, 26.

(Rom 8:6) For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

(Rom 8:10) And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

(Rom 8:26) And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

C. 2Corinthians 3:17-18.

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

D. Romans 15:13.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

E. See Rom. 5:5.

and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

#### VI. THE HS COMFORTS CHRISTIANS.

A. John 14:26.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

B. Galatians 4:6.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

C. Acts 9:31.

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

D. 1Thessalonians 4:13.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.

#### VII. THE HS DIRECTS CHRISTIANS TO ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP.

A. John 4:24.

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

B. Philippians 3:3.

for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

- C. Ephesians 6:18; Jude v20.

(Eph 6:18) With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

(Jude v20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith; praying in the Holy Spirit;

#### VIII. THE HS WILL RAISE THE CHRISTIAN'S BODY.

- A. Romans 8:11.

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

- B. Galatians 5:5; 6:8.

(Gal 5:5) For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.

(Gal 6:8) For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

- C. Romans 15:13.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. May we strive to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

- B. I may not always know the how, but I know who (the HS), and the what!

- C. Everyone can have these blessings of the HS, by becoming a Xian.

- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.