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- There is simply too much to cover in one sitting to discuss all of the work of the Holy Spirit
  - His work in Sanctification & Regeneration
  - His work in Leading the Christian
  - His work in Intercession

# Regeneration & Sanctification

Titus 3:5–7 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> **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**,  
<sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

# Regeneration & Sanctification

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (ESV)

**<sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

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1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. **But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and **by the Spirit** of our God.

1 Peter 1:2 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **in the sanctification of the Spirit**, for **obedience to Jesus Christ** and for **sprinkling with his blood...**

# Regeneration & Sanctification

John 17:17 (ESV)

**17 Sanctify them in the truth;** your word is truth.

Are we sanctified by the Spirit or are we sanctified  
by the Word?

The Answer: Yes.

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John 16:13 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,** for he will not speak on his own authority, **but whatever he hears he will speak,** and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 14:26 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> 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 have said to you**

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2 Thessalonians 2:13–14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, **through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.** <sup>14</sup> To this he called you **through our gospel**, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Regeneration & Sanctification

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (NASB95)

9 but just as it is written,

“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,

AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,

ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

10 For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

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1 Corinthians 2:11–13 (NASB95)

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.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,**

**13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.**

# Regeneration & Sanctification

**But Sanctification is an ongoing process:**

Hebrews 10:14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are **being sanctified.**

**That is why we must be led by the Spirit. But How?**

# The Spirit Leads Us

Romans 8:14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> For all who are **led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

Galatians 5:16–18 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> **For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh**, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

# The Spirit Leads Us

John 16:7–11 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> **And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:** <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> For **the word of God is living and active**, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,**

# The Spirit Leads Us

Romans 8:5–6 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, **but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.**

<sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, **but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

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Philippians 4:8–9 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, **think about these things.** <sup>9</sup> **What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**

# The Spirit Leads Us

Romans 8:16 (ESV)

**<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God**

Acts 7:51–53 (ESV)

**<sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”**

# The Spirit Leads Us

Galatians 5:24–25 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> **If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**

**What about those who say “the Spirit spoke to me” or “I just felt the Spirit leading me to ...” ?**

# The Spirit Leads Us

Hebrews 1:1–2 (ESV)

**1** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (ESV)

**33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.** As in all the churches of the saints,

# The Spirit Leads Us

Proverbs 28:26 (ESV)

26 **Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool**, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)

12 There is a way that **seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.**

# The Spirit Leads Us

Jeremiah 29:8–9 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you **deceive you**, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup> **for it is a lie** that they are prophesying to you in my name; **I did not send them**, declares the LORD.

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2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

**16 All Scripture is breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, **because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.** <sup>11</sup> **Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,** <sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

# The Spirit Intercedes For Us

Romans 8:26–27 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the **Spirit helps us** in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the **mind of the Spirit**, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.