

Ministries of the Spirit in the New Testament

I. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to Jesus Christ

1. Incarnation: Jesus Christ was born of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:20).
2. Preparation for His Ministry (Luke 1:15, 25, 41, 67-73; 2:52).
3. Baptism: He was anointed with the Holy Spirit for ministry (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:8-10; Luke 4:18; John 1:33; Acts 4:27; 10:38; Hebrews 1:9).
4. Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1, 14). Note that He was led of the Spirit (Luke 4:1; John 8:29).
5. Ministry: He was anointed or filled with the Holy Spirit for service and His mighty works were empowered by the Spirit (Matthew 12:18; Luke 4:1, 14, 15, 18, 35, John 3:34; 7:46; Acts 10:38).
6. Crucifixion (Hebrews 9:13-14).
7. Resurrection: He was raised by the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:4; 8:11; Acts 2:3; John 2:19; 10:18; I Peter 3:18).
8. Glorification (John 16:13, 14).

II. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to the Unbeliever

1. He convicts sinners of their sin (John 16:8, 9; Acts 2:37; Matthew 12:31).
2. He convicts sinners of righteousness and judgment (John 16:8, 10).
3. He convicts sinners of judgment (John 16:11; Genesis 3:15).
4. He hinders the work of the man of sin – the antichrist (II Thessalonians 2:6-7).

III. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to the Believer

1. He regenerates or quickens the believer bringing him to salvation (John 3:5, 8; Titus 3:5; Acts 2:38; Ephesians 2:1, 8, 9).
2. He sanctifies, setting him apart from the world (II Thess. 2:13; I Peter 1:2; 2:5, 9).
3. He incorporates everyone whom He regenerates into the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13).
4. He dwells within the believer as a Helper (Romans 8:9, 16; Galatians 4:6; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Ephesians 1:13, 14; 2:22; I John 4:13) and He will be with us forever (John 14:16).
 - He bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God (Romans 8:16).
 - He proves our adoption as the sons of God (Galatians 4:6).
 - He is the pledge of our entrance into heaven (Ephesians 1:14).
 - He teaches us and guides us into all truth (John 14:26; I Corinthians 2:12).
4. He seals the believer, denoting ownership (II Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).
5. He fills or controls the believer (Ephesians 5:18).
 - He can cause the believer to be victorious over sin (Galatians 5:16) and be able to resist temptation.
 - He guides the believer (John 16:13; Acts 8:29; 3:2, 4).
 - He gives to believers spiritual gifts for service (I Corinthians 12:7).
 - He helps us to appreciate, understand and discern the Word of God (I Cor. 2:9-12).
 - He prompts us to worship (Ephesians 5:18; 6:18; Jude 20).
 - He empowers us for the giving of our testimony and witnessing (Acts 1:8).
 - He helps those who teach and preach the Word of God (I Corinthians 2:4-5).
 - He is our comforter, assisting us in facing life's problems (John 14:16; 15:26; 16:7).
 - He helps us to pray (Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20; Zechariah 12:10).
 - He will quicken our mortal bodies from the grave (Romans 8:11, 32; Eph. 1:14).
 - Spiritual qualities of righteousness, peace and joy are available (Romans 14:17).