

# HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT AFFECTS OUR LIVES

***"Also, the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit Himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us with deep feelings that words cannot explain. God can see what is in people's hearts. And only He knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit speaks to God for His people in the way God wants"*** (Romans 8: 26, 27).

The Holy Spirit has the practical task of making us take the necessary steps for living the abundant life. The Holy Spirit has a really incredible function. Where would we be without the Holy Spirit? He is our Comforter, Teacher, Counsellor, and the best ever Partner. Working with Him guarantees success! But what is the Holy Spirit's function? His main function is to comfort and leads us into all truth. He is a Person who brings us to God. He is the Person who binds us and reconciles us to Heaven. He makes everything real. He unites us with the Godhead and with each other. He networks, builds bridges between people, opens doors and makes us a community. He's Heaven's "Life Coach," The Holy Spirit turns ordinary people into extraordinary ones. People filled with the Holy Spirit no longer fit any pattern because they are extraordinary! They become divine vessels - the light of the world. He turns the untalented into "natural talents," and turns simple workmen into artisans, (i.e. The artists of the tabernacle).

In Him the weak can say, *"I am strong!"* We don't need worldly accreditation, we just need our heart in the right place. And if the Holy Spirit is sitting on the throne of your heart, that's more than enough. God uses untalented, incapable people to do mighty things on His behalf. For example, David against Goliath. All he said was, *"I come in the name of the Lord."*

Holy Spirit-filled people are capable of much more than we give them credit for. Holy Spirit-filled people can do anything with our God! Holy Spirit-filled people have more favour than you can ever imagine. The Holy Spirit is like air, or water, He gets in anywhere and everywhere. He fits into any situation, and has a wonderful solution for every problem. He is our Helper. If you're in difficulties, and don't know which way to turn, the Holy Spirit will show you the way out. With Him you can be sure that you'll get out of troubled waters, no matter how deep or how strong the current is.

We need the blessed Holy Spirit! Trying to be a Christian without the Holy Spirit won't get us very far. He (the Holy Spirit) stands by us in our weakness, and is our heart's translator. It is He that moves our hearts. All you need to do is to let Him get hold of you and fill you afresh with His anointing. He wants us to work with Him so that we can reach those that appear unloveable. Love makes us all equals. God loves you as you are! Whether you're able to do certain things or not. Everyone is “accepted” in God’s Kingdom, and the Holy Spirit is the One who draws us all into that place of acceptance (in Christ).

So how does the Holy Spirit affect our lives? What can we expect from the Holy Spirit?

### (1) **His Presence**

Having a companion who is with you all the time gives you a sense of security. Psalm 139 reminds me of this. *“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast”* (verses 7–10).

## **(2) Identity**

The Holy Spirit reminds us of who we really are. On this planet, I am but one of more than six billion people. I'm nobody that special. But to God, I am somebody. The Holy Spirit tells me that I am a son of God (Romans 8:14–17). I am not here on earth to make up the numbers. I'm a child of the Ruler of the universe. I'm important, and I have an inheritance. The God who made me has promised me eternity because I'm His child. The Holy Spirit constantly reminds me of who I am. This self-identity is the foundation for true meaning in life.

## **(3) Power to develop**

Each person has unique potential. Every fingerprint is different. An eye can activate home security systems, because each iris is unique. We're much more than just a bunch of DNA. Each person has a unique purpose. The Holy Spirit gives us power to live a purposeful, positive life. The Holy Spirit gives strength and power to the inner being (Ephesians 3:16). This power is equated with the power that can raise people from the dead (Romans 8:11), and it's available to us. We all have the potential to fulfil our greatest expectations! The Holy Spirit even gives each follower of Jesus a special spiritual gift that enables us to develop ourselves so we can bless others. The Holy Spirit chooses the gifts that are best for us (1 Corinthians 12:4–11). The Holy Spirit's unlimited power enables us to be who we really want to be deep down inside!

## **(4) Direction**

Life is full of options, and it isn't always easy to decide what's best. The Holy Spirit offers us direction, guidance into truth. Sometimes, it is our limited minds, our bad behaviours and habits, that stop us from fulfilling the potential we have. The Holy Spirit reveals the obstacles that stand in the way of our living a better life.

These rebukes can be painful, but if we accept that we have issues in our lives, the Holy Spirit is willing to empower new thoughts, concepts, and behaviours until they become “good” habits.

Jesus said, ***“When the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth”*** (John 16:13). David wanted the Holy Spirit to search out all the evil within him so that he could be all that God wanted him to be. ***“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, / and lead me in the way everlasting”*** (Psalm 139:23, 24). If you are lonely, need a friend, feel stuck in a rut, are overwhelmed with life’s complexities, or need encouragement, the Holy Spirit is your best Companion. However, as a good Companion, the Holy Spirit cannot really be predicted. You never quite know how the Spirit will manifest Himself. He has appeared as a dove, in the wind, in silence, and as a sense of deep peace - it could be all of these.

The Holy Spirit will surprise you. He is spontaneous! Nothing He does is predictable. He has absolute creativity in all matters. Flowing with Him is the most exciting way to live. Never underestimate what you can do together! He is the resurrection power that can turn your body into a powerful vessel for God. He is the wisdom that can make your mind an astounding tool for His kingdom. And He can take your gifts and turn them into creative instruments for His love to be revealed.

The Holy Spirit is God, and His purpose is always to lead you to a closer understanding and connection with God and Jesus. He is a Companion and Friend who wants only the very best for you. What’s more, He will be with you and in you until Jesus comes back!