

The Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father, convicting us of sin, glorifying Christ, and teaching us to repent and trust in Jesus.

Scripture: John 14:26, John 16:8, Romans 8:9, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 4:6, Ephesians 1:13-14, Philippians 2:13, 1 John 1:9

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Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes the vital role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, highlighting that the Spirit is sent by the Father through the Son to dwell within us, revealing sin and glorifying Christ. The Holy Spirit not only convicts us of our sins but also comforts and empowers us, making the life and salvation of Jesus fully ours. Murray encourages believers to recognize the Spirit's presence as the light and fire of God, which unveils and consumes sin, while also teaching us to rely on Jesus for redemption and sanctification. He stresses the importance of daily seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance to live a life that reflects Christ's glory. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit is our assurance of God's presence and power within us, enabling us to live holy lives.

Transcript

"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father"
Galatians 4:6.

The great gift of the Father, through whom He obtained salvation and brought it near to us, is the Son. On the other hand, the great gift of the Son--whom He sends to us from the Father to apply to us an inner and effectual salvation--is the Holy Spirit.¹ As the Son reveals and glorifies the Father, so the Spirit reveals and glorifies the Son.² The Spirit is in us to transfer to us the life and the salvation that are prepared in Jesus--to make them wholly ours.³ Jesus, who is in heaven, is made present in us, dwells in us, by the Spirit. We have seen that in order to partake of Jesus two things are always necessary--the knowledge of the sin that is in us, and the understanding of the redemption that is in Him. It is the Holy Spirit who continually promotes this double work in believers. He reproves and comforts. He convicts of sin and He glorifies Christ.⁴

The Spirit convicts us of sin. He is the light and the fire of God. Through Him sin is unveiled and consumed. He is "the Spirit of judgement and of burning," by whom God purifies His people.⁵ There is no limit as to how deep repentance must be for the anxious soul who complains of not feeling his sin deeply

enough. He must come daily just as he is.

The deepest conviction often occurs after conversion. To the young convert we simply have to say let the Spirit who is in you always convince you of sin. He will make you hate sin, which formerly you knew only by name. He will make you know --and with shame confess--sin, which you had not seen in the hidden depths of your heart. He will point out to you sin, which you fancied was not with you, and which you had judged severely in others.⁶ With repentance and self-condemnation, He will teach you to cast yourself upon grace as being entirely sinful. In this way, you will be redeemed and purified from sin.

Beloved brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit is in you as the light and fire of God to unveil and to consume sin. The temple of God is holy, and you are this temple. Let the Holy Spirit in you have full mastery to point out and expel sin.⁷ After He makes you know sin, He will, at every turn, make you know Jesus as your life and your sanctification.

And then the Spirit, who rebukes, will also comfort. He will glorify Jesus in you, and will take what is in Jesus and make it known to you. He will give you knowledge concerning the power of Jesus' blood to cleanse,⁸ and the power of Jesus' indwelling to keep.⁹ He will make you see how literally, how completely, how certainly Jesus is with you every moment, so that He may do all his own Jesus-work in you. Yes, in the Holy Spirit, the living, almighty, and ever-present Jesus will be your portion. You will also know this, and have the full enjoyment of it. The Holy Spirit will teach you to bring all your sin and sinfulness to Jesus. He will teach you to know Jesus with His complete redemption from sin as your own. As the Spirit of sanctification, He will drive out sin in order that He may cause Jesus to live within you. ¹⁰

Beloved young Christian, take time to understand and to become filled with the truth--the Holy Spirit is in you. Review all the assurances of God's Word that this is so.¹¹ Please, do not think, for even a moment, of living as a Christian without the indwelling of the Spirit. Take pains to have your heart filled with the faith that the Spirit lives in you and will do His mighty work. It is through faith that the Spirit comes and works.¹² Have a great reverence for the work of the Spirit in you. Seek Him every day to believe, to obey, to trust, and He will take and make known to you all that there is in Jesus. He will make Jesus very glorious to you and in you.

Father, I thank You for this gift which Jesus sent to me from You. I thank You that I am now the temple of Your Spirit, and that He dwells in me. Lord, teach me to believe this with my whole heart, and to live in the world as one who knows that the Spirit of God is in him to lead him. Teach me to think on this with deep reverence and loving awe, that God is in me. Lord, in that faith I have the power to be holy.

Holy Spirit, reveal to me all that is sin in me. Holy Spirit, reveal to me all that is Jesus in me. Amen.

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