

The Functions and the Filling of the Holy Spirit

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WHO is the Holy Spirit?

The third person of the Trinity, through whom God acts, reveals His will, empowers individuals, and discloses His personal presence. (CSB Study Bible)

"Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away, the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send Him to you."

-John 16:7 CSB

WHAT are the Functions of the Holy Spirit? *This is not a complete list.

1. Constant Companion/Counselor - He never leaves you. John 14:15; 16:7
2. Teacher - He provides wise counsel, gives guidance, illuminates His Word. John 14:26
3. Advocate - He reminds you of the Truth; convicts you of sin. John 14:26; 16:8
4. Comforter - He provides comfort, peace, stability and strength. Ps 9:31
5. Divine Helper - He helps you in your weaknesses. Romans 8:26
6. Personal Guide - He guides you in all Truth; gives understanding. John 16:13
7. Intimate Intercessor - He prays for you. Romans 8:26
8. Gives Revelation - He reveals things to you by His Spirit. 1 Cor. 2:10-11
9. Gives Power - to be His witnesses and live the Christian life. Acts 1:8, Romans 8:2
10. Produces Fruit in you - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-26

HOW does the "filling of the Holy Spirit" happen?

The Holy Spirit fills (indwells) a person at the moment of conversion and never ceases. (CSB). Conversion: Becoming a Christian. Admit you are a sinner. Believe in Jesus. Confess that Jesus is Lord.

"A follower of Jesus empowered to live the life God intended for them by submitting to the Presence, Power and Purpose of the Holy Spirit in their lives." (CRU-formerly Campus Crusade for Christ Ministry)

What hinders the working of the Holy Spirit?

- Sin
- Sorrow
- Selfishness

"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." - Romans 15:13 (NKJV)