

Christian Doctrine

The Holy Spirit (Part 6)

Our Response to the Holy Spirit

Responding to the Work of the Holy Spirit

In our previous lessons we have seen how the Holy Spirit is at work today. In this lesson, let us look at how we should respond to the Holy Spirit's work and try to get a better perception of what He is seeking to accomplish in our lives.

Recognizing Our Need for the Holy Spirit

Understanding the Holy Spirit's role in our lives should bring us to a point where we willingly:

- Allow Him to work in and through us. If we want God to accomplish His will in our lives, we must depend on the Holy Spirit's work ([Col. 1:9-11](#)).
- Listen to Him. The Holy Spirit teaches and directs us. We must be willing to take steps of obedience as God leads ([I John 2:27](#); [Rom. 8:14](#)).
- Rely on Him for strength. The Holy Spirit enables us to do what God asks ([Rom. 8:13](#); [Gal. 5:22-25](#)).

Gaining a Proper Perception of His Work

Seeing what the Holy Spirit intends to do, we must have a correct view of His ministry:

- The Holy Spirit's presence in us should be both encouraging and transforming ([II Cor. 3:18](#)).
- The Holy Spirit points us toward Christ. Evidence of the Holy Spirit's work will result in a greater appreciation and love for Christ ([John 16:14](#)).
- The true test of one's spiritual maturity is not necessarily in experiences or manifestations of the Spirit, but in allowing the Holy Spirit to control us and change us ([Rom. 12:1-2](#)).

God has equipped us to live for Him. We may not know for certain what our future holds, or how God really wants to use us, or even what our spiritual gift is! But we must realize that through one step of obedience at a time, the picture will become clearer, and we will see God directing us and using us in ways we cannot imagine!