

The Holy Spirit and the Believer (cont'd.)

C Throughout the believer's life the Holy Spirit:

1. empowers him to be victorious over sin; sin is no longer master over him
 - He leads him in putting to death the deeds of the flesh
 - He is **the Spirit of holiness**
 (Gal 5:17; Rom 8:12-14, 1:4)
2. produces the fruit of a godly character
 - through Him the believer is strengthened in the inner man
 - He transforms him into the image of the glory of the Lord, from glory to glory
 (Gal 5:22-23; Eph 3:16; 2 Cor 3:18)
3. teaches the believer truths that can only be understood if the Spirit reveals them to him
 - He is **the Spirit of truth; He is the truth**
 (1 Cor 2:9-10; John 14:26; 14:17; 1 John 5:6)
4. guides and directs every step of the believer's life according to the will of God
 (Rom 8:14; Acts 8:27-29, 20:22-23)
5. helps the believer's prayer life
 - in Him he has access to the Father
 - He helps him in his weakness because he does not know how to pray
 - He intercedes for the believer according to the will of God
 (Eph 6:18, 2:18; Rom 8:26-27)

6. imparts to the believer

- joy
 - love
 - hope
- } peace
 (Rom 14:17; 1 Thess 1:6; Rom 5:3-5, 15:13; Gal 5:5)

7. comforts and builds up the believer

→ He is **the Helper** (Acts 9:31; John 14:16)

8. assures the believer that Jesus Christ lives (abides, remains) in him and he in Him

(1 John 3: 24, 4:13)

D Because of the Spirit the believer is exhorted:

1. to walk by (according to) the Spirit
 (Gal 5:16-17, 25)
2. to abound in hope by the power of the Spirit
 (Rom 15:13)
3. to set his mind on the Spirit
 (Rom 8:6)
4. to pray in the Holy Spirit
 (Eph 6:18; Jude 20)
5. to preserve the unity of the Spirit
 (Eph 4:3)
6. to take the sword of the Spirit, the word of God
 (Eph 6:17)
7. to put to death the deeds of the flesh by the Spirit
 (Rom 8:13)
8. to wait for the hope of righteousness through the Spirit
 (Gal 5:5)

9. to sow to the Spirit in order to reap eternal life from the Spirit
 (Gal 6:8)

10. to be filled continually with the Spirit
 (Eph 5:18)

E It is possible to sin against the Holy Spirit by:

1. grieving Him
 (Eph 4:30; Isa 63:10)
2. quenching Him
 (1 Thess 5:19)
3. insulting Him
 (Heb 10:29)
4. lying to Him
 (Acts 5:3)
5. putting Him to the test
 (Acts 5:9)
6. resisting Him
 (Acts 7:51)

F In the future

1. God will give life to the believer's mortal body through His Holy Spirit dwelling in him
 (Rom 8:11)
2. The Holy Spirit will be the agent of the regeneration of the multitudes saved during the tribulation
 (Rev 7:9-15)
3. Israel will acknowledge her Redeemer and Saviour by the ministry of the Holy Spirit
 (Zech 12:10)