

2. The Holy Spirit brings us to Christ

- When does the Holy Spirit come into our lives?
- Do we need to seek a filling/anoointing of the Holy Spirit?

1. **The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin – John 16:8-11**

- We are wilfully sinful, unwilling to admit our sin, unable to break free
 - a) The Holy Spirit convinces us of the problem – v9**
 - He brings it home to us that we are wrong, needy people
 - b) The Holy Spirit convinces us that our solution is inadequate – v10**
 - Jesus continually showed up the futility of self engineered righteousness, now the Holy Spirit does this task
 - c) The Holy Spirit convinces us of the futility of ignoring Jesus – v11**
 - Jesus looks like a nobody to the eyes of the world, the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see his triumph, and our inevitable defeat
- The Holy Spirit takes the truth and presses it home into our lives. Sin is no longer abstract and ‘out there’, it’s personal and real
- Don’t lessen the conviction the Holy Spirit is putting people under
- Give thanks to the Holy Spirit for bringing us to Christ
- If you are under conviction, run to Christ

2. **The Holy Spirit shows us Christ – 1 Thess 1:4-5**

- Not enough to see sin, Holy Spirit also illuminates the solution - Jesus
- Acts 2 – the Jews now saw that Jesus wasn’t an impostor, but the Saviour
- The Holy Spirit illuminates Christ’s work, Christ’s righteousness, Christ’s willingness to take your place
- If uncertain of your salvation ask the Holy Spirit to show you Christ

3. **The Holy Spirit gives us new life – John 3:5-8**

- We need more than redirection, we need resuscitation!
- The Holy Spirit brings us to Jesus for forgiveness.
- The Holy Spirit gives us new life. We can’t do it ourselves
- Don’t try to clean-up yourself before coming to Jesus, come as you are
- Don’t think you can leave it to later – the Holy Spirit doesn’t take lightly his work being scorned.

4. **The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian – John 14:17**

- A Christian is someone in whom the Holy Spirit is present – Rom 8:9
- There are not ‘2 types of Christian – Spirit-filled & those needing filled’
- The 2-stage incidents in Acts (8:14ff; 10:44-48; 19:1-7) are peculiar to the first coming of the Holy Spirit and are landmarks in the spread of the gospel as set out in Acts 1:8.



Notices

Sab	Evening Service at Mark & Judith's Dale Ralph Davis on Psalm 121	8pm
Tues	Meal for the fellowship and friends at Gleneany House	7pm
Thur 28th	John Cromie will give a talk in Keys Hotel, Stranorlar on the subject Nature - who cares? Enjoying & caring for our God-given earth an illustrated personal perspective by John Cromie, starting right here in wild Donegal.	8pm
Sab 31st	Mark and Rev Blair McFarland, minister of Bready RP Church are exchanging for this week.	

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- These are not a prescription for all Christians. The epistles tell us the norm – 1 Cor 12:13, Rom 8:9 – the Holy Spirit comes at conversion

Conclusion

- The Holy Spirit starts to work in us before we become Christians
- The Christian doesn’t need to get the Holy Spirit; they wouldn’t be a Christian without the Holy Spirit.
- You have Almighty God dwelling within you if you are a Christian.

Sabbath 7th - The Work of the Holy Spirit: Making us like Jesus: Rom 8:5-14, Gal 5:13-26

Opening Psalm: 83:1-7

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