

### 3. The Holy Spirit makes us like Christ

- A Christian is God's workmanship – but what is he making us into? And how?

#### 1. **The Holy Spirit assures you that you belong to Christ**

- The Holy Spirit as communicator
- “The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children” – Rom 8:16
- The Christian's awareness of God as *their* father is part of that witness.
- Assurance is the basis of obedience, not the other way round.

#### 2. **The Holy Spirit makes us increasingly like Christ**

- The Holy Spirit as craftsman
- God loves us as we are, but he loves us too much to leave us as we are.
- The Holy Spirit chips away at us with the chisel of God's word, other people, circumstances etc. Gradually we become what we should be

##### a. **He gives us new desires – Gal 5:16-18**

- We start to dislike what we once liked, and to value what we didn't.
- He challenges us, shows us our faults

##### b. **He gives us new power – Rom 8:13**

- The Holy Spirit gives us the power to change
- But we can't sit back – he works as we work: “*you* put to death the misdeeds of the body”
- No short cuts to victory – we battle with all his strength
- This means we can triumph – Almighty God is at work

##### c. **He develops new qualities – Gal 5:19-23**

- The Holy Spirit makes us like Jesus – fills us with new characteristics
- The command to “Be filled with the Spirit” (Eph 5:18) and the fact that we “have been given fullness” (Col 2:10) means that we are to push the transformation into every area.

- In what areas are you seeking to grow in Christ-likeness in?
- Don't try to put Point 2 before Point 1 – salvation comes before tidying up your life.

#### 3. **The Holy Spirit assists our communication with Christ**

- He helps us take in God's word – Eph 6:17
- He helps us in prayer – Rom 8:26
- He helps us praise – Eph 5:18-20
- As we do these things, both assurance and Christ-likeness come about
- If we ignore these things, then we fall into unChrist-likeness, and struggle with assurance.



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#### Notices

Sab Evening service in Milford 8pm  
The Holy Spirit Equips us to Serve Christ

Tues Bible Study (Preparing for Lord's Supper) – Stewart & Jean's 8pm

Sab 14<sup>th</sup> Lord's Supper at morning service - If you haven't joined with us to take part in the Lord's Supper and would like to take part please speak to Mark before next week.

There will be a lunch after the service.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Housing warming at Declan's! (Provisional date)

October

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Donegal Christian Women's Conference  
“Heaven Scent” – Linda Basdeo (Irish Bible Institute)  
Jackson's Hotel – Ballybofey  
Forms available – cost of day €35

Next Lord's Day: Meet the Twister - Gen 25:19-34

Opening Psalm: 83: 8-11

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