

BIBLE STUDY: Work of the Spirit

Purpose of study: To show that the work of the Spirit is to convict, confirm, and conform God's wayfaring children.

* Spirit of God works *on* you to bring you to conversion and *in* you to create transformation.

1. John 16:6-11 (Spirit convicts the *world* so that the world could believe.)
 - Acc to vs 9 *why is the world convicted of sin?* Because they don't believe. He convicts so that we will trust in Jesus, the only solution.
 - Acc to vs 10 *why does HS convict the world (global target) of righteousness?* Because Jesus was going away and was to be seen no more. The HS would now be needed to convict a person of what a righteous life would look like.
 - Acc to vs 11 *why does the HS convict of judgment?* Because the ruler of this world is judged. God doesn't allow Satan off the hook for sin, so we can be certain that without Jesus, we have the same judgment.
 - Better that Jesus leave b/c the Spirit was to come after Him. The intimacy we have with Jesus through the HS is = or > than His physical presence was on earth.
 - Important that they understand that it's not the Bible worker making them feel guilty, it's the Spirit of God.
 - **Transition:** Once you believe...

2. Ephesians 1:13,14 (Galatians 3:1-6, John 3:1-16, Acts 2)
 - Progression: Hear the gospel → believe → sealed with the Spirit of God
 - What is the function of a seal? To protect, preserve the content.
 - Acc to vs 14 *what does it mean that the Spirit seals us?* The Spirit is the *guarantee* of our eternal inheritance in the future. The Spirit is the guarantee that you're going to make it!
 - **Transition:** Once they believe...

3. Romans 8:14-16 (Galatians 3:26, Galatians 4:6)
 - *What does the HS do when it comes into the life?* It lets us know that we are the children of God.
 - Parents teach their children to be like them.

4. Romans 8:4-8
 - Spirit of God comes in and says "let me teach you to live as sons and daughters of God."
 - Vs 2- take out all the prepositional phrases (details) and you get "the law has set you free".
 - Two ways to relate to God's law: in the flesh or in the Spirit.
 - Vs 3- There is no condemnation for me because Jesus took my condemnation. The law no longer has a claim on me. Jesus has changed my relationship to the law.
 - Vs 4- Spirit of God begins to fulfill the righteous requirement of the law in my life.
 - Vs 5,6- mind on the flesh leads to death b/c it cannot submit to God's law (can't please God), but mind on the Spirit leads to life.

- The Spirit of God comes into your life to keep you from dying. It changes you from being a rebel against God's law to having God's law fulfilled in your life.
5. Hebrews 10:15-17 (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- God begins to teach you how to live as a son by writing His law on your heart.
 - Spirit of God writes his law on my heart and mind and forgets my sins.
6. Galatians 5:19-24
- Great place for an appeal: Life of the flesh is all these things (19-21), but life with the Spirit means a completely different life. These are only two lives available to humanity. The way to have a life with the Spirit is to surrender your life to Jesus Christ. When you believe in Jesus the Spirit comes in and begins to fulfill the law of God in your life and begins to fill you with all these good things. What would keep you from believing in Jesus Christ, that your life might be filled with God's Spirit?
7. John 14:15,16
- Vs 15- call to keep the commandments if we love Him. (everyone knows this part- legalism) With this part alone, you have the law without the Spirit which is a law of sin and death.
 - Vs 16- promise of the Spirit to abide in us.
 - Story illustration: Amelia Earhart. Flying across the Atlantic, blown off course, radioing for help. Last words "Fuel almost gone, position doubtful." How many people without spiritual fuel, and unsure of eternity. Spirit of God in the life gives fuel and secures ability to live eternally.