

# The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

## Acts 19:1-2

### Introduction:

- A. The Holy Spirit/Ghost mentioned often in the Bible – needs study.
- B. The Holy Spirit is better understood when we consider two aspects of the subject.

### Discussion:

#### I. The *Person* of the Holy Spirit.

- A. A person, not an “it.” (John 15:26; Rom. 8:26 [asv, nkj]; 1 Cor. 2:10, 13).
- B. One of 3 persons in one Godhead. (Gen. 1:26; 3:22; Mt. 3:16-17; 28:19)
- C. Like the Father and Son, Holy Spirit called by various titles and names.
  - 1. Holy Spirit/Ghost.
  - 2. Spirit of God.
  - 3. Spirit
  - 4. Spirit of truth.

#### II. The *Work* of the Holy Spirit.

- A. His work in creation.
  - 1. Material creation (Gen. 1:2; Job 25:13)
  - 2. Spiritual creation (Acts 2:1-14, 47)
  - 3. In both creations, began with miracle perpetuated by law.
- B. His work of revelation.
  - 1. Old Testament (2 Pet. 1:20, 21).
  - 2. New Testament (Eph. 3:3-5; John 14:25-26; 15:26; 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:9-13).
- C. His work of confirmation (Heb. 2:1-4).
  - 1. Miraculous power not for all – Apostles and those they laid hands on (Acts 8:14-18; Rom. 1:11; Acts 19:6,7).
  - 2. Miraculous power ceased (1 Cor. 13:8-13).
- D. His work of conversion.
  - 1. Born of Spirit / word (John 3:5; 1 Pet. 1:23-25)
  - 2. Convicted of Spirit / preaching (John 16:8; Acts 24:25)
  - 3. Word is the sword of Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
- E. His work of indwelling.
  - 1. Dwells in all Christians (1 Cor. 3:16; Rom. 8:9)
    - a. Not to teach, nor guide.
    - b. Teaches and guides through the word.
  - 2. Bears witness “with”, not “to” our spirits. (Rom. 8:16).
  - 3. Intercedes for Christians (Rom. 8:26) – Why we need Him in us.
  - 4. Furnishes incentive to live righteous lives (1 Cor. 6:18-21)

### Conclusion:

- A. The Holy Spirit is real, alive and working.
- B. The Holy Spirit dwells in us – can accept this by faith without controversy.
- C. The Holy Spirit’s work of revelation and guidance done through Apostles and prophets (Eph. 3:5)
  - 1. Completed in the first century (Jude 3).
  - 2. We must read their revelation for guidance.