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.
   2. Spirit of God.
   3. 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.
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.
   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.