

The Work Of The Holy Spirit

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The charts below were used in the lesson on “the work of the Holy Spirit” last Sunday and are reprinted here for your edification and for possible use as a reference in teaching others on the subject. Ephesians 6:17 is very instructional in understanding “the work of the Holy Spirit.” It says, “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Let’s notice now concerning the Holy Spirit that “the work He does...He does through His word.”

The Work He Does . . .
The New Birth.....John 3:5-8
Instructs.....Nehemiah 9:20
Leads.....Romans 8:14
Strengthens....Ephesians 3:16
Convicts.....John 16:8
Cleanses/Washes....1 Cor. 6:11

Comforts.....Acts 9:31

. . . He Does Through His Word
The New Birth.....1 Peter 1:22-23
Instructs.....2 Timothy 3:16-17
Leads.....Psalm 119:105
Strengthens.....Acts 20:32
Convicts.....Titus 1:9
Cleanses/Washes.....John 15:3;
Ephesians 5:26
Comforts...1 Thessalonians 4:18

Much confusion and uncertainty regarding the Holy Spirit and His work will be cleared up by appealing to these comparison charts. While many agree with “The Work He Does...” as listed in the chart on the left side, where they are weak and often misguided is in ignoring or denying the chart on the right side which establishes that the work He does “...He Does Through His Word.”

Always remember “the sword of the Spirit...is the word of God.” It’s not sometimes the word of God or it becomes the word of God under special circumstances or there are other means the Spirit uses to accomplish His work. It is an established fact from Sacred Scripture that “the sword of the Spirit...is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17). Think of how an understanding of this truth has the potential and power of strengthening the Christian as he or she grows and matures and of uniting a radically divided and confused religious world!