

**“LET GOD’S VISION BE SEEN IN 2017”**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Acts 1:1-8

**Bible Fact:** Jesus expects **all of His disciples** to demonstrate the power of **His kingdom** that He died and rose for.

**The Big Idea:** To get all Christians to **believe and to receive** power **to engage with God** to perform miraculous works that represent God and **so they can spread the good news all over the world.**

I. The **objectives** of the Holy Spirit dwelling in Christians:

 A. The **4 Holy Spirit’s** objectives in every believer:

 1. To exemplify His **person**

 2. To experience His **power**

 3. To elevate His **purpose**

 4. To execute His **plan**

B. **The Holy Spirit: His Way, His Work And His Witness**

 1. His **way,** the best **way** for spiritual believers to set **Christian standards** among unbelievers;

 2. His **work**, the best **work** for demonstrating **spiritual change** that **persuades unbelievers**;

a. **Readiness** for the Holy Ghost’s work (**His will**)

b. **Power** of His work (**His will)**;

**Neglecting the "Up-and-Outs"**

**Until eight years ago I didn't know there was anything in me that was valuable. I only thought about dollars and cents. I am not going up and down the country to get the shekels. God saved me when I had a million and a half dollars' worth of masonry work in Washington, D. C. He called out a business man, but I had a soul that was worth more than all the buildings I could possibly erect. There is such a thing as being "up and out." Not many people are going after that class. Folks usually concentrate on those who are "down and out." There are many today who, so far as material things are concerned, have everything they think they need, yet they are poor and naked and miserable because they have not yet been born again. You would never have heard of men in a Christian club if it had not been for this marvelous born-again experience in my life.**

**You can cultivate the soil for vegetable life, but unless you sow the seed there will be no results. The same principle applies in human life. A giver of life as well as a receiver is required. This is equally true in the spiritual realm. There has to be a Giver and He is still giving. That agency is the Holy Spirit. This Word of God is the Seed, and the minute a heart is opened to Him, God drops into it the Seed, and that person is born into the family of God. He gave the best He had in Heaven to save my soul.—*Gospel Herald.***

c.. Power of His work (**His will**) to **SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST (**Luke 19:9,10**)**

1. Salvation and the human change; Galatians 1:3-18; 2:20
* What happens when people are saved by grace through faith to Christ? Ephesians 2:8-10)
	+ The **MIND** is illuminated; (conversion)
	+ The **HEART** is motivated; (conviction)
	+ The **WILL** is captivated; (commitment)
1. The Holy Ghost **seeking** Saul; Acts 9:1,2
* He **seeks** out people in their present **reality zone**.
* He **seeks** out people when they have their own agenda of sin; (Romans 5:8)

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTROL LIFE**

**(By Bill Bright: The four spiritual laws.)**

**These two circles represent two kinds of lives:**

  

Which circle best represent your life?

Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

**THE MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NATURAL WORLD**

An other major area of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is **His work**

**in the natural world. This is His work among unbelievers**. **The main**

**ministry of the Holy Spirit among unbelievers is the work of**

**conviction.** The Spirit's work of **conviction** means, “to place the truth

of the case in such clear light so that it is acknowledged as truth even

if it is not accepted.” In reference to the gospel, **conviction** means to

place the gospel in such a clear light that the unbeliever understands

what the content of the gospel is and acknowledges the gospel as true

regardless of whether or not he accepts it personally.

The single, best passage describing the work of conviction is John

16:7- 11: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away;

for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send

him unto you. And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin,

and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of

righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold me no more; of judgment,

because the prince of this world has been judged.

According to this passage, the Holy Spirit's work of **conviction** will be

in three areas: sin, righteousness, and judgment. By the way, each area is

explained, it is possible to determine exactly of what kind of sin, of

what kind of righteousness, and of what kind of judgment the Holy Spirit

will be convicting the world.

**First,** the Holy Spirit will convict the unbelieving world in **respect of si**n.

What specific sin? The sin of unbelief: because they believe not on me. Man

is condemned before God, not because he is a sinner, but because he is

in a state of sin. He was born into the state of sin, a state of unbelief.

Being in a state of sin, he has refused to believe in the Savior.

**Secondly**, the Holy Spirit will **convict** in **respect to righteousness**. What

righteousness? The righteousness of the Messiah as was proved by His

Ascension to the Father. The Ascension and reception of Yeshua into

Heaven vindicated His righteousness. If He were not righteous, He

would not have been able to ascend into Heaven. Because of the sin

of unbelief, the sinner fails to receive the imputed righteousness of the

Messiah.

**Thirdly,** the Holy Spirit will convict the world **in respect to judgment**.

Which judgment? In this case, it is the final judgment: because the prince

of this world has been judged. If the prince of this world has been judged to

everlasting flames, so will his subjects. Failure to receive the imputed

righteousness of the Messiah will, in turn, result in this final judgment:

the Great White Throne Judgment.

The Holy Spirit's work of conviction, then, follows these logical steps.

He will convict them of the sin of unbelief. Because of their unbelief,

they fail to receive the imputed righteousness of the Messiah. Because

they fail to receive the imputed righteousness of the Messiah, they will

share in Satan's final judgment in the Lake of Fire.