

**“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)**;

**A World Question of Today**

**The famous publicist, H. G. Wells, writes in an issue of Pearsons:  
"The world is now a very tragic and anxious world and the desire for a peace of mind and a courage such as only deep and pure convictions can supply has never been so pure and so widespread. More people are asking today, and asking with a new intensity: 'What must I do to be saved?' The trouble with the Christian churches is that they give a confused, unconvincing, and unsatisfying answer."**

**Whatever criticisms befall Mr. Wells' grievous indictment of the church, it must be admitted that a "confused, unconvincing, and unsatisfying" answer is being given in many places to the exceedingly important and personal question, "What must I do to be saved?" But however much the "Christian churches" may be charged with "darkening counsel by words without knowledge," there is a BOOK which gives a clear, convincing, and satisfying answer. That Book is the Bible.**

**If it is true as Mr. Wells says: "More people are asking today, and asking with a new intensity: 'What must I do to be saved?'" it is due them to hear the original answer to the question. That answer is recorded in Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."—*Tract.***

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) Phillippians 2:5
  + The **HEART** is motivated; (conviction) Romans 10:10
  + The **WILL** is captivated; (commitment); Psalm 31:5

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)

1. The Light meets with darkness; Acts 9:3; John 1:4,5
2. The Holy Ghost investigates and interrogates Saul; vv.4-6
3. The Holy Ghost conceals what only He will reveal; vv.7-9
4. The Holy Ghost briefed and prepared (to trust) Ananias to meet Saul; vv.10-16
5. The Holy Ghost persuades Ananias to minister to Saul; vv.17-19

d. The roles of the Holy Ghost in Jesus:\*

* Salvation = preservation
* Demonstration = power
* Orchestration = participation
* Revelation = picture
* Coordination = punctuation
* Administration = process
* Proclamation = pronouncement

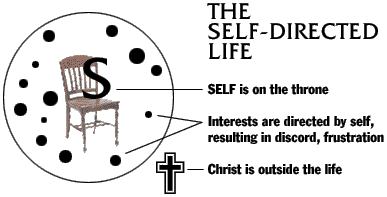
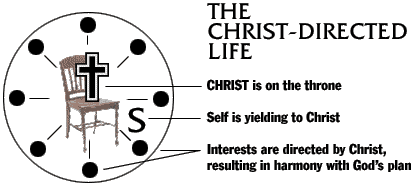
1. The Holy Ghost helps Saul with his first sermon; vv.20-22
2. The Holy Ghost gives Saul an escape plan; vv.23-25
3. The Holy Ghost connects Saul to Barnabas; vv.26-30
4. The Holy Ghost makes for peace by the call of Saul; v.31
5. The Holy Ghost and Peter working in Lydda; vv.32-35
6. The Holy Ghost and Peter working in Joppa; vv.36-43
7. The Holy Ghost visits a vision; Acts 10:1-4
8. The Holy Ghost coordinates visions; vv..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?

**Salvation Notes**

**Salvation** ([4991](http://studylight.org/lex/grk/view.cgi?number=4991)) ([**soteria**](http://www.preceptaustin.org/salvation-soteria_greek_word_study) from [**soter**](http://www.preceptaustin.org/titus_34-8#savior soter) = Savior in turn from [**sozo**](http://www.preceptaustin.org/titus_34-8#saved sozo) = save, rescue, deliver)

**Saved** ([4982](http://studylight.org/lex/grk/view.cgi?number=4982)) (**sozo**) has the basic meaning of rescuing one from great peril. Additional nuances include to protect, keep alive, preserve life, deliver, heal, be made whole. The context must be considered to determine whether preservation of physical life or spiritual life is in view.

**William Barclay**- In classical Greek **soteria** means 'deliverance' or 'preservation'. It can be used for a man's safe return to his own home or his own country after an absence and a journey. It can mean a 'guarantee of safety' or a 'security against danger'. In the papyri by far the commonest meaning of sottria is 'bodily health'. For instance, a member of the family writes home, 'Write me a letter about your soteria,' or, as we would say, 'Let me know how you are.'

**Salvation "refers to the religious concept that a Higher Power saves humanity from spiritual death or eternal damnation by providing eternal life."** (Wikipedia)

Salvation "in religion, the deliverance of humankind from such fundamentally negative or disabling conditions as suffering, evil, finitude, and death." (E. Britannica);

Three types of meanings to be saved:

1. **A physical deliverance =** rescue from danger deliverance, preservation, safety.
2. **A religious deliverance =** describing safety of the soul and so in a spiritual sense referring to salvation
3. **A Messianic deliverance =** at the end of this present age.

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

Another 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 sin**.

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.**