
The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part I (Conviction and Regeneration)

Growing in the Spirit of God

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Sermon: Growing in the Spirit of God: The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part I (Conviction and Regeneration)

Current Series Messages:

- Theme Scripture: John 14: ²⁶ **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**
- Subject: **Grow Up or Swell Up** (Perfected or Infected: Learn, Know, Use)
- Subject: **The Purpose of the Holy Spirit** (Introduction: Tarry, Receive, Demonstrate)
- Subject: **The Purpose of the Holy Spirit II** (The Move of God)
 - Moved by the Spirit of God
 - Moved by the Word of God
 - Moved by the Will of God

Lesson Text

John 16:8–11 (AV)⁸ **And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**

Titus 3:5–7 (AV)⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; ⁶ Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; ⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Introduction

In the previous two messages we dealt with the purpose of the Holy Spirit as defined by name “Holy Spirit”. Holy means to be set apart, separated, or sanctified. Spirit is wind or breath, an invisible power that causes movement and change. **So then the Holy Spirit is the invisible power of the Godhead that separates (sanctifies) us from the world of sin, and moves us to Christ so that we become like him.**

Let’s now expand the purpose of the Holy Spirit by looking at the various roles he plays in our lives. One way to understand these roles is to think of Him as a coach.

Illustration of Coach: Recognize you need him, Invite, Listen, Trust, and Follow him.

A coach will encourage and motivate you, he will communicate, teach, and train you. However, he will not do the work for you. That’s up to you to follow his instructions and do the work.

The Holy Spirit is our coach. If we listen to him and follow his instructions, we will become more like Christ and walk in the will and purpose of God.

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Over the next several weeks we want to specifically look at Seven Roles:

1. Conviction
2. Regeneration
3. Connection
4. Sealing
5. Indwelling
6. Controlling
7. Communication

Today we will look at his coaching roles of Conviction (to convict, sentence, and pass judgement), and Regeneration (to pay the penalty for conviction through the renewal or righteousness).

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“The Conviction of Sin and The Repayment for Sin”

I. The Conviction of the Holy Spirit

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One of the most important roles of the Holy Spirit is to bring the world conviction.

The Greek word for “reprove” is *elegchō* which means “to convict.” It is a legal term; when the Holy Spirit is come, He will convict the world in the way a judge or a prosecuting attorney presents evidence to bring a conviction.

The Spirit of God presents evidence in our heart to bring us to a place of conviction, and that, of course, means a place of decision.

There must be a conviction before we can turn in faith and trust to Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit Convict the world of three things: Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment.

Conviction of Sin:

What is the greatest sin? Murder? Fornication? Homosexuality?

Mark 3:28–29 (AV)²⁸ **Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: ²⁹But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:**

John 15:22 (AV)²² **If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin (No Guilt or Conviction): but now they have no cloke for their sin (They Now Have No Excuse).**

1 John 1:8–10 (AV)⁸ **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from**

all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The greatest sin is the rejection of Christ!

Conviction of Righteousness:

Righteousness of Christ is the payment for the Conviction of Sin. Anytime there has been a conviction, there must be a penalty or sentence passed to pay for the sin.

1 Peter 3:18 (KJV)¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 Peter 3:18 (ASV)¹⁸ Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

When He died on the cross, He died a judgment death. He took my guilt and your guilt and He died in our place to pay for our sin.

Romans 5:1–2 (AV)¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: ² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Conviction of Judgement:

The Conviction of Judgement is not about a judgment to come, but the fact that we have already been judged and found to be guilty.

Many people live their lives like a person on trial who says I'll take my chances and go to trial even though they know they are guilty. But God has already had the trial, and found us guilty.

Romans 6:23 (AV)²³ For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We live in a world that has already been judged and is like the man waiting in death row for his execution. We are literally a “Dead Man Walking”!

Without the Holy Spirit we couldn't be saved, because there would be no conviction to seek salvation. We wouldn't have any Conviction of Sin, no conviction of Christ's Righteousness to pay for our Sin, and no Conviction of Judgement that we are dead men and women walking.

II. The Regeneration of the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:5–7 (AV)⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; ⁶ Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; ⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The next role of the Holy Spirit we want to deal with is that of Regeneration

Becoming a Christian is not just about turning over a new leaf and doing good. You will find the same mess on the new leaf as was on the old leaf.

Become a Christian is not about making a New Year's resolution and promising to do better. Our righteousness, or doing good, does not make us save.

Isaiah 64:6 (AV)⁶ But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Titus 3:3–4 (AV)³ For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another. ⁴ But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

We cannot change ourselves, only the Holy Spirit can renew or regenerate us into new creatures

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AV)¹⁷ Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Our lesson text teaches both the Why and the How we become new creatures!

Why? Because of his endless supply of Mercy

Titus 3: ⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to his mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Because Christ died for us and paid the penalty for our sins, God is prepared to extend mercy to us; it is according to His *mercy* that He saved us.

And He is *rich* in mercy, which means He has plenty of it.

How? Because of the Regenerating Power of the Holy Ghost.

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To regenerate us, the Holy Spirit Washes us.

John 3:5 (AV)⁵ **Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Water is the Word of God; and it is the Holy Spirit that Washes and Cleanses us with the Word.

Ephesians 5:26 (AV)²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Psalms 51:10–12 (AV)¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part I (Conviction and Regeneration))

Study Tools:

- Sermon Video & Notes: <https://victoriouspraise.org/>
- Bibles, Commentaries, Dictionaries: <https://biblehub.com/tools.htm>
- Book Source: ["The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit"](#); Read the Following Chapters:
 - "The Role of the Holy Spirit"

Lesson Text

- John 16:8–11, Titus 3:5–7

Sermon Outline

- I. The Conviction of the Holy Spirit
- II. The Regeneration of the Holy Spirit

Questions

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. Which movie title best describes you and please share why?
 - i. Male: "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" / "An Officer and a Gentlemen" / "Superfly"
 - ii. Female: "Diary of A Mad Black Woman" / "Pretty Woman" / "Foxy Brown"
2. Imagine you're an inventor and you can invent anything... what would your invention be? Describe its use and its purpose.

II. Into the Bible

1. According to Mark 3:28–29, what does it mean to Blaspheme the Holy Spirit? Can we be forgiven for it today?
2. In John 3:17, Jesus said, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." In the lesson text at John 16:8, we read that the Holy Spirit will "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." Compare these two statements made by our Lord. Describe how they are the same or different and explain your answer.
3. Identify and discuss two passages of scripture, (*other than Titus 3:5-7*), that support the statement that the Holy Spirit is working in our lives to make us, as followers of Christ... new.

III. Life Application

1. Since the Holy Spirit is your coach in regenerating and renewing you, what active role will you play in this process? What will your mindset be?
2. In this world's system, we work to earn approval or rewards from others. From the sermon we've learned we can't earn God's approval by doing good works or righteous deeds. What will motivate you to live a godly life?

Prayer:

- **Prayer Request:**
- **Personal Prayer:**