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# The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part II (Connection and Sealing)

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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 II (Connection and Sealing)***

***Current Series Messages:***

- Theme Scripture: John 14: <sup>26</sup> **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** (Move of God: Spirit, Word, Will)
- Subject: **The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part I** (Conviction and Regeneration)
  - The Conviction of the Holy Spirit (Sin, Righteousness, Judgement)
  - The Regeneration of the Holy Spirit (Mercy & Power)

***Lesson Text***

1 Corinthians 12:13–14 (AV)<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body is not one member, but many.

2 Corinthians 1:20–22 (AV)<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. <sup>21</sup> Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; <sup>22</sup> Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

***Introduction***

Our working definition of the Holy Spirit is based on his name: Holy means to be set apart, separated, or sanctified; Spirit is wind or breath, an invisible power that causes movement and change. ***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.***

Continuing with our analogy of the a Coach; the Holy Spirit serves several roles in our life to teach us how to be separated from the world, and move towards being like Christ.

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The Seven Roles he serves in our life as a Coach:

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

Last message we looked at his coaching roles of Conviction and Regeneration; today we want to look at his roles of Connection and Sealing.

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“The Power to Connect, The Power to Seal”

***I. The Connection of the Holy Spirit***

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There are two things that Holy Spirit brings the body of Christ, the first is the power to connect, and the second is the power of connection.

**The Power To Connect**

One of the biggest problems within the body of Christ is the fact that too many of us are not connected. Although we were designed to be one body, the enemy uses the age-old strategy of divide and conquer to defeat us. He does this through our flesh!

1 Corinthians 3:3 (AV)<sup>3</sup> For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Galatians 5:19–21 (AV)<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit gives us power to overcome our flesh, and the lusts that the enemy uses to tear us apart.

Galatians 5:22–23 (AV)<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**The Power from Connection**

Not only does the Holy Spirit give us power to connect with each other, He also gives us power from the connection with each other.

Matthew 18:19 (AV)<sup>19</sup> **Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

The Power of the Holy Spirit is the Power of Agreement.

Romans 15:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

James 5:16 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

One can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight.

Matthew 18:18 (AV)<sup>18</sup> **Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

## ***II. The Sealing of the Holy Spirit***

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A seal serves two purposes; the first is identification or approval, and the second is certification or guarantee.

### **The Power of Identification**

The Seal of the Holy Spirit first and foremost is a seal of approval; identifying to all not only who we are, but whose we are.

2 Corinthians 1:<sup>22</sup> and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts ...

When the Holy Spirit puts his seal of approval on us, He identifies us to us (Who We Are)!

1 John 4:4 (AV)<sup>4</sup> Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Romans 8:37 (AV)<sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

The Holy Spirit also identifies us to the Satan and this World (Whose We Are)!

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (AV)<sup>9</sup> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, ... shall inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Isaiah 54:17 (AV)<sup>17</sup> No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

### **The Power of Certification**

A seal also is a certification. It means to attest or confirm; to verify or authorize.

2 Corinthians 1:22 (NLT)<sup>22</sup> and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts **as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.**

When we accept the Holy Spirit in our hearts, his presence certifies to us God's promises.

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2 Corinthians 1:<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

The Holy Spirit's seal on our life provides to us guarantee, warranty, authorization, and endorsement; backing up the promises of God for our lives.

Every time we feel hated, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees God's Love that conquers a multitude of evil

Every time we experience trouble, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees the Peace of God that passes all understanding

Every time we reach our end, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees that God shall supply all our needs

No matter what happens to us, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees all His Promises with a Yea and an Amen, unto the Glory of God.

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### Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part II (Connection and Sealing))

#### 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

- 1 Corinthians 12:13–14, 2 Corinthians 1:20–22

#### Sermon Outline

- I. The Connection of the Holy Spirit
- II. The Sealing of the Holy Spirit

#### Questions

##### I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Think about your initial encounter with the Holy Spirit upon salvation. Was your encounter an emotional experience, simply a change of mind towards God, or both?
2. If you could change your name, what would you change it to?

##### II. Into the Bible

1. Now that the Holy Spirit has connected us in one body, we must learn from God’s Word how to live out that connection day to day. Find and share as many passages of Scripture in God’s Word that tell us what we believers in Christ should do for and with “*one another*.”
2. Read and explain the meaning of Ephesians 1:13-14 in detail. In your explanation, compare these verses from Ephesians to the lesson text from this week’s sermon in 2 Corinthians 1:20–22.

##### III. Life Application

1. In your own words, give a definition on the Holy Spirit? How would you explain the Holy Spirit to a non-Christian?
2. The Good Housekeeping Seal provides a limited warranty on products that have been evaluated to perform as intended. If it proves to be defective within two years from the date it was first purchased, the product can be returned to refund the purchase price. Is the Holy Spirit’s seal on us the same or different than the Good Housekeeping Seal? How can this knowledge shape our attitudes? Does it condemn or confirm us?
3. What are some scriptures you can use when Satan attacks your identity in Christ?

#### Prayer:

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