
The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part III (Indwelling, Controlling, and Communicating)

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 III (Indwelling, Controlling, and Communicating)

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)
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 - The Connection of the Holy Spirit (The Power of Agreement)
 - The Sealing of the Holy Spirit (Certify, Confirm, Guarantee)

Lesson Text

1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (AV)¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? ¹⁷ If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

Ephesians 5:17–20 (AV)¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Romans 8:26–28 (AV)²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Introduction

In order for the Holy Spirit to perform his purpose in our lives, that is to separate us from a world of sin and moves us to be like Christ, we must allow Him to become our Spiritual Coach.

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.**

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

The last roles of the Holy Spirit we want to look at as our Coach is that of Indwelling, Controlling, and Communicating.

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“The Power of Help, Holiness, Being Filled, and Praying for Us”

I. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16 (AV)¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Because the Holy Spirit dwells in us, there are two things that this role plays in our lives. The first one of help, and the second is holy.

The Power of Help

Because of the instability and unreliability of people, many find themselves living with hurt, disappointment, mistrust, depression, bitterness, anger, and fear.

Even when people want to do good, they often disappoint us even with their good intentions. “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”.

Psalms 146: ³ Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

Not only can people fail to help us, they can actually hurt us; causing anger and fear.

2 Timothy 1:6–7 (AV)⁶ Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Psalms 56:11 (AV)¹¹ In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Hebrews 13:5–6 (AV)⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* ⁶ So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

The Power of Holiness

Secondly because the Holy Spirit dwells within us, He persuades us to live a holy life.

When you have special guest over to your house, you tend to be on your best behavior.

Well when we accept the Holy Spirit in our lives, our special guest is Holy.

Leviticus 11:44 (AV)⁴⁴ For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

But God is not just telling us to Be Holy, he's living in us to help us to Be Holy.

1 Peter 1:16 (AV)¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

II. The Controlling of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 (AV)¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

The next role of the Holy Spirit is to provide behavior control or spiritual influence to our lives. All our lives we have been controlled by our human spirit (the flesh), and influences by the lusts of this world.

Romans 7:18 (AV)¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

Paul declared that it was a law, that even when he wanted to do good, evil was present with him

1 John 2:16 (AV)¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

James 1:14–15 (AV)¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

The Power of Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

But the Holy Spirit comes into our lives to break the bonds and control of sin and lusts to our flesh, allowing the Spirit of God to bring supernatural influence to our lives.

Ephesians 5:¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

And like wine that can control and influence the flesh, when we allow ourselves to be filled with the Holy Spirit, he changes our behavior, changes our mind, changes our attitude so that we walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit of God.

III. The Communicating of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:26 (AV)²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The final role of the Holy Spirit we is that of Communicating on our behalf.

Because of the duality of the Christian of being both physical (led by the lust of the flesh), and spiritual (led by the Spirit of God), there are times when our communications with God can become conflicted.

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.

James 4:2–3 (AV)² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

Jeremiah 29:8 (AV)⁸ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that *be* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

The Power of the Holy Spirit Praying For Us

Jeremiah 29:11 (AV)¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Many times, we don't know the thoughts and plans that God has for our lives. There are two reasons why we need the Holy Spirit to Communicate with God, that is Prayer for us

First we many times get things wrong, we take the wrong path, or just we miss God.

Romans 8:²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The Holy Spirit just takes us out of the equation, takes us out the middle man, and just goes to God directly for us.

Romans 8: ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Finally we need the Holy Spirit to Pray for us, because we just don't know!

We know not what we should pray for.

Luke 22:31–32 (AV)³¹ And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: ³² But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when *thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.***

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part III (Indwelling, Controlling, and Communicating))

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"
 - "Obstacles to the Holy Spirit"

Lesson Text

- 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Ephesians 5:17–20, Romans 8:26–28

Sermon Outline

- I. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- II. The Controlling of the Holy Spirit
- III. The Communicating of the Holy Spirit

Questions

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. When making an entrance into a social event, do you make your presence known, do you slip in and look for someone you know, or do you sneak in quietly and look for a spot to be inconspicuous?
2. There is nothing too hard for God. Share a time when you thought, "God, can You really get me out of this?"

II. Into the Bible

Read [Romans 7:21-25](#) and [Romans 8:1-9](#) and answer the following questions based on those verses (and others that you find apply):

1. In Exodus 24:3 "*Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.*" However, the Old Testament record shows that the people did not obey the Law as God gave it to them through Moses. Why do you think they did not do what they said they would do?
2. What is Paul's problem described in Romans 7:21-25? Does that same problem affect believers today? If so, can you give an example.
3. What remedy or remedies has God provided to solve the problems discussed in questions 1 and 2 above in this section? What is our personal responsibility for making the remedy work in our lives?

III. Life Application

1. Some people have used the excuse, "The Devil made me do it," for not taking responsibility for the sins they commit. What are some scriptures you can use for the Holy Spirit's help so you won't give in to sin?
2. Name some things you can do daily to submit yourself to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer:

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