

G. Concerning The Church

1. He Helped Form It

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

2. He Directs Its Missionary Work

“Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.” (Acts 8:29).
See also Acts 13:2,4; 16:6-10

3. He Inspires Its Singing Service

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;” (Ephesians 5:18-19). See Hebrews 2:12.

4. He Anoints Its Preachers

“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:” (1 Corinthians 2:4).

5. He Chooses Its Preachers

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28).

6. He Warns Its Members

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;” (1 Timothy 4:1).

7. He Desires to Make Decisions for It

“For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;” (Acts 15:28).

8. He Speaks to It

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” (Revelation 2:7). See also Revelation 2:11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.

9. He Desires to Head Its Visitation and Evangelistic Program

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). Also read Revelation 22:17.

H. Concerning The Individual Believer

1. He Regenerates the Believing Sinner

“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;” (Titus 3:5).
See also John 3:3-7; James 1:18; and 1 Peter 1:23.

2. He Baptizes the Believing Sinner into the Body of Christ

“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.” (1 Corinthians 12:13). See also Galatians 3:27.

It is a spiritual baptism into the body of Christ that saves us, *not water baptism*.

3. He Indwells the Believing Sinner

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Romans 8:9).

See also John 7:37-39; 1 Corinthians 2:12 : 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 3:16; and 1 John 3:24.

4. He Seals the Believing Sinner

“Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” (2 Corinthians 1:22). See also Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30.

The word “seal” means “to stamp with a signet or private mark for security and preservation.” Compare Ezekiel 9:4 and Revelation 7:3; 9:5; 14:1; and 22:4.

5. He is the Earnest of the Believing Sinner

“Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” (2 Corinthians 1:22). See also Ephesians 1:14 and 2 Corinthians 5:5).

An “earnest” is a “pledge.” It is part of the purchase money or property given in advance as security for the rest.

Note: These first five points are a “done deal” that cannot be undone! They assure us of having peace *with* God.

6. He Desires to Continually Fill the Believer

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Luke 11:13). See also Ephesians 5:18.

New Testament Christians were filled often. There is one indwelling, but many fillings. Read Acts 2:4; 4:8; 4:31; 6:3; 7:55; 9:17; 11:24; 13:9; and 13:52.

This sixth ministry of the Holy Spirit assures us we will have the peace *of* God.

The filling of the Holy Spirit assures the believer of the following blessings:

a. He will pray for the believer

“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.” (Romans 8:26).

Read also Ephesians 6:18 and Jude 1:20.

b. He will guide the believer

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for

he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” (John 16:13).

See also Romans 8:14.

c. He will teach the believer

“But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things... But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.” (1 John 2:20,27).

d. He will empower the believer for witnessing

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8).

See also 1 Thessalonians 1:5.

e. He will impart the love of Christ to – and through – the believer

“And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” (Romans 5:5).

f. He will change the believer into the image of Jesus Christ

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

See also Galatians 5:22,23.

g. He will strengthen the believer’s inner man

“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;” (Ephesians 3:16).

See also 2 Corinthians 4:16.

h. He will reveal Biblical truth to the believer

“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10).

i. He will assure the believer of his or her salvation

“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:” (Romans 8:16).

See also 1 John 3:24.

j. He will give the believer liberty from sin

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:2).

See also 2 Corinthians 3:17.

k. He will give the believer words to say

“But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.” (Mark 13:11).