

## The Holy Spirit

### Lesson 3 Convicting and Converting Sinners

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## Inspiration, Revelation and Confirmation of The Word

1. Bible writers claimed to be inspired
2. New Testament process of inspiration
3. Product of inspiration – Divine revelation
4. Confirmation of Divine revelation - miracles

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## Introduction

- Commonly believed and taught that for a person to become a Christian, the Holy Spirit must act directly upon them in some way so they can understand and obey the gospel
- In convicting and converting sinners to salvation, does the Spirit have a role?
- Is His role direct upon the mind in some mysterious manner or indirect through His Word, the gospel?

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## Convicting and Converting Sinners

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## The Holy Spirit Convicts Sinners

Joh 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Joh 16:8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

Joh 16:9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

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## The Holy Spirit Convicts Sinners

Joh 16:10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;

Joh 16:11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Joh 16:12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

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## The Holy Spirit Convicts Sinners

Joh 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

Joh 16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

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## Convicting Sinners Done By The Spirit's Message

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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## Convicting Sinners Done By The Spirit's Message

Act 24:24 But some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him *speak* about faith in Christ Jesus.

Act 24:25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."

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## Convicting Sinners Done By The Spirit's Message

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead.

Rom 7:9 I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;

Rom 7:10 and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

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## Convicting Sinners Done By The Spirit's Message

Rom 7:11 for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

Rom 7:12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

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## Convicting Sinners Done By The Spirit's Message

Rom 7:13 Therefore did that which is good become a *cause of death* for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

Rom 7:14 For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

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## Convicting Sinners Done By The Spirit's Message

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all;

1Co 14:25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

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## How Does The Holy Spirit Convert The Sinner?

- Conversion means to turn around – turn from one thing to another – from sin to the Lord and righteousness
- Must have a child-like attitude of humility as we hear the Word that we might obey it
- Holy Spirit converts sinners through His Word, the gospel, God's only power to save

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## Humility Essential For Our Conversion

Mat 18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Mat 18:2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,

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## Humility Essential For Our Conversion

Mat 18:3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 18:4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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## The Gospel Message – God's Only Power To Save

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 10:17 So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 3:19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Act 3:20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

Act 3:21 whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

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Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Act 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 2:14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 2:23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

Act 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

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Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 8:5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming Christ to them.

Act 8:6 The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 9:6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."

Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 10:22 They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was *divinely* directed by a holy angel to send for you *to come* to his house and hear a message from you."

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Act 10:33 "So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 11:13 "And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;

Act 11:14 and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Act 10:43 "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

Act 10:48 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Joh 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

Joh 3:2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus \*said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Jas 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Jas 1:18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Jas 5:19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,

Jas 5:20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Tit 3:3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

Tit 3:4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

Tit 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Tit 3:6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Tit 3:7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

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## Obedience To The Gospel Essential For Our Conversion

1Pe 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

1Pe 1:23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

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1Pe 1:24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,  
1Pe 1:25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

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## Direct Operation of Holy Spirit Is False

- False teaching – in order to understand and obey the Word to be saved, the Holy Spirit must directly do something to your mind
- Error rooted in another error – hereditary depravity – we are born guilty sinners through no fault of our own
- Error appeals to misleading emotions of physical sensations

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## Direct Operation of Holy Spirit Is False

- This error appeals to a materialistic mind focusing on things instead of Scripture
- Appeals to those ignorant of Scripture – no need to seriously study the gospel in order to believe and obey the Truth
- Scriptures are clear – the Holy Spirit convicts and converts sinners only through the gospel as we believe and obey it from the heart

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