The Nature and Work of The Holy Spirit

Lesson 6
The Holy Spirit Convicts and Converts Sinners

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Introduction

• The first 5 lessons about the Holy Spirit focused on His work in Creation and revealing and confirming the Bible, especially the New Testament
• Confusion comes when people wrongly believe they are a part of the process of revealing and confirming the Word of God today
• But, the Holy Spirit has completely revealed and confirmed the Word of God

Introduction

• We are not a part of the process of revealing and confirming the Word but receive the benefits of His work through the gospel God’s only power to save and change us into the image of Christ
• These last 4 lessons will focus on how the Holy Spirit works through the gospel with both the lost and Christians
Introduction

• Almost all who call themselves Christians believe the Holy Spirit convicts and converts sinners
• But, they disagree on how He does this
• Does He do it directly by miraculously operating on the sinner’s heart in addition to the Word so that he is able to believe and obey the gospel?

Introduction

• To believe this we must also believe that we are born in sin and that God must make us willing and able to obey His will because we cannot do this on our own
• Or, does He do it indirectly through the gospel, God’s only power to save us?
• First, we look at the error of DOHS and its fruits
• Then, we look at the Truth, all who choose to obey the gospel can be saved!

DOHS On The Lost Explained

1. We are all born guilty of sin
2. Our inherited sinful nature prevents us from understanding and obeying the gospel
3. To be saved the Holy Spirit must directly miraculously act on our hearts
4. We are eternally saved without possibility of being lost

We Are All Born Guilty Of Sin

“We by this sin (eating the forbidden fruit) they (our first parents) fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.”
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“We being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed and the same death in sin and corrupted nature conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.”
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Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.
Psa 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.
Our Inherited Sinful Nature Prevents Us From Understanding And Obeying The Gospel

“From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.“
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“Man, by his fall into sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation . . . is not able, by his own strength, to convert himself or to prepare himself thereunto.“
-Presbyterian Confession of Faith, John Calvin

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Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
Eph 2:2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

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Eph 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

To Be Saved The Holy Spirit Must Directly Miraculously Act On Our Hearts

“Therefore, since God’s salvation has been planned for His people who are dead in trespasses and sins, then the Third Person of the blessed Trinity must come, and will come, to quicken (make alive) these dead souls and draw them unto Christ. This is exactly the work ascribed to Him in John 16:8-14…”
-The Work of The Holy Spirit In Our Salvation, L. R. Shelton, Jr.

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“You can’t save yourself! You can’t just will it done and it’s done! God must make you willing in the day of His power which He does for us by His Holy Spirit Who works His salvation in us, convicting and convincing us of our need to bow to the authority of Christ and crown Him King of our lives.”
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“The New Birth is not a decision you make; it is a feeling you get, nor is it something that you can produce by any work that you might perform. No! It is the operation of the Spirit of the living God in your heart and affections that produces this New Birth by using the Word of God, the Word of Truth.”

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1Co 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

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Joh 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

Joh 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

We Are Eternally Saved Without Possibility Of Being Lost

“Again, as the Holy Spirit is the source of the miracle of the New Birth, so the Holy Spirit is the Source of the believer’s spiritual life. Gal. 3:3 tells us that our spiritual life began in the Spirit, and Rom. 8:2 tells us that “The Spirit of life” continues this life in us.”

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It is His life that He continues to give us, for we are still of ourselves nothing and can do nothing; but He Who quickened us and made us alive in Christ also quickens us day by day to walk in newness of life.”

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Gal 3:1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?
Gal 3:2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?
Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Rom 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

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

1Jn 3:24 The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.
1Jn 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

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2. God is a respecter of persons
3. Emotions placed above obeying the gospel
4. God's desire to save all denied

### God Gave Free Will To Either Sin Or Obey Him

1Jn 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.
Jas 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

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Gal 5:3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.
Gal 5:4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you."
God Is No Respecer of Persons

Act 10:34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,
Act 10:35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

Obeying The Gospel Must Be Placed Above Emotions

Pro 28:26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered.
Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
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.

God Desires That All Should Be Saved

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
1Jn 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

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We Are Not Born Guilty Of Sin

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,
Deu 1:39 'Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.
Eze 18:18 "As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother and did what was not good among his people, behold, he will die for his iniquity.
Eze 18:19 "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced justice and righteousness and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live.

Eze 18:20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
Heb 2:15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Mat 18:2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,
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2Pe 2:14 having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;

Mat 13:15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.'
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Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though
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teaching to which you were committed,
Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin,
you became slaves of righteousness.

We Can Choose To Be Lost
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Heb 3:12 Take care, brethren, that there not
be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving
heart that falls away from the living God.
Heb 3:13 But encourage one another day
after day, as long as it is still called "Today,"
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- There is no evidence that the Holy Spirit acts miraculously and directly on sinners in order to save them
- Instead, the Scriptures clearly teach the Holy Spirit convict sinners of their sins and converts them, turns them to God, only through the gospel, God’s only power to save
- To be converted, saved, we must humbly choose to obey the gospel message

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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;
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Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; Joh 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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Eph 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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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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Rom 6:3  Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
Rom 6:4  Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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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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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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1Co 6:11  Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

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Act 2:1  When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
Act 2:2  And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
Act 2:3  And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.
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.
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Act 2:5  Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6  And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7  They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

Act 2:8  "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?

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.

Act 2:15  "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day;

Act 2:16  but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

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--

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.

Act 2:29  "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30  "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

Act 2:31  he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Act 2:32  "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.
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Act 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.
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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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