

The Holy Spirit In Soul-Winning

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: Soul-Winning 101

Text: Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit is vital to soul-winning. There is only so much we can do and He must do the rest. We are simply to preach the Word, the Holy Spirit will help those hearing to understand and apply the Word. **2 Timothy 4:2**

The purpose of the power given to us by the Holy Spirit is to help us witness.

We are to bring a testimony of Jesus. **John 15:26, John 16:13-15**

The Holy Spirit helps us communicate the truth. His job is to help with the 3 C's: Convince, Convict, Convert.

The first thing He empowered us with is the progression with which we witness.

Jerusalem = Jupiter

Judea = Palm Beach County

Samaria = Florida – USA

Ends of the earth = the world

The Holy Spirit helps us carry on the ministry of Jesus. **John 16:8-10**

Notice how many of the words are legal terms. (Witness, testify convict.) The Holy Spirit helps people understand the Law of God. **John 14:16-17, 26**

The word 'helper' is 'parakletos' in the Greek it means- one called along side, advocate, lawyer.

Law is not a bad thing. It helps us know and identify God's standard of right and wrong, of acceptable and unacceptable. The Law helps us know the terms by which we come to God. **Psalm 19:7, Psalm 119:1-3, James 2:10, Romans 3:23**

Jesus came to fulfill the law. **Matthew 5:17, Romans 8:1-6, Romans 10:10**

When we do come to Christ our salvation is a legal transaction. We give Christ the title deed to our life; we make a Spiritual covenant with Him. Actually we come into agreement with a Spiritual contract He has made with us.

Several ways the Holy Spirit empowers us and assists us in witnessing

- The Holy Spirit gives **power** to witness. He gives us divine miracle working power, strength and ability. The word power in the Greek is dunamis- where we get the word **dynamite**, mighty working power. Remember witnessing is a battle for souls. We better not fight with conventional methods.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to **speak** properly. **Mark 13:11**
- The Holy Spirit inspires **boldness**. All of us can lean towards being timid and fearful, the Holy Spirit fills us with expectation and fearlessness. Boldness is also **tactful**. Boldness is the rare combination of being as courageous as a lion and as gentle as a dove. **2 Timothy 1:7**
- The Holy Spirit **cooperates** with our witness. **Acts 5:32**
- The Holy Spirit brings **freedom** to chaos and liberty to the captive. He also brings organization to a scattered life. True freedom is not a lack of order but the careful direction of life. **2 Corinthians 3:17**
- The Holy Spirit breaks down **barriers** - spiritual, traditional, racial, financial. He helps people to relate and be accepted. He breaks through things that separate from Him. **Acts 10:9-28, Ephesians 2:14**
- The Holy Spirit **overcomes** satanic power. **Ephesians 6:12**
- The Holy Spirit will **direct** us to who we should witness to. **Acts 16:9-10**
- The Holy Spirit prepares the **heart** for salvation. **Acts 16:14**
If God does not open and prepare a heart, nothing we say or do can open it. Revival depends on the Holy Spirit not on our methods.
- The Holy Spirit gives **discernment**. He makes those who are witnessing the “master of the situation” (C.M. Ward) He helps us to touch hearts, heal hurts, confront sin and speak to situations. **Zechariah 4:6**