

The WORK of the Holy Spirit: the spirit of TRUTH

Who is He? Pneumatology, Parakletos, Glossolalia

The active, intangible force of divine life.

Intangible **like wind** (John 3) (Acts 2 rushing, mighty)

Manifested TO us, ON us, IN us, and through us.

1 Cor 12:7 - Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Mark 1:10 -Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him **like a dove**.

1 Kings 19:12 - After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came **a gentle whisper**.

Matt 3:11 -He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Some will seek his face (to know his mind)

Some will seek his heart (to know what he feels)

Others will seek his hand (to know what he wants to do)

WHAT does He want to do ?

1. Conviction - (begins our conversion)

John 16:8

Acts 2:37

Satan is an accuser, he wants to label you with guilt and shame that can not be remedied ...in the garden... who told you, you were naked?

Guilt - the fact of having committed a specified or implied offense or crime.

"it is the duty of the prosecution to prove the prisoner's guilt"

make (someone) feel guilty, especially in order to induce them to do something.

"Celeste had been guilted into going by her parents"

a "guilt trip" is manipulation

Conviction – focuses on the action, not the whole person.

a formal declaration that someone is guilty of a criminal offense, made by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law.

"she had a previous conviction for a similar offense"

More than a passive belief or opinion. One that you act on or live by.

"she is respected for her Biblical convictions"

Condemnation – permanent disapproval; censure as a whole person.

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death. – **2 Corinthians 7:10**

JOHN 9:31 - those who have no intention of changing (the act or the lifestyle)

Different types of guilt may be overlapping, but can be categorized into three basic kinds of guilt:

Normal guilt – a normal reaction and feeling of remorse over something we did or failed to do. This form of guilt passes quickly and could result from something as small as forgetting someone’s birthday and feeling bad for a short period.

Toxic guilt – comes from a sense of not being a good person, feeling like a failure or that you let other people down. This form of guilt may be associated with depression, and if it persists for more than two weeks can attach permanently to your identity.

Existential guilt – this is a negative feeling that may be associated with trauma and arise out of a perceived injustice in the world. A form of existential guilt would be survivor’s guilt and during the COVID-19 pandemic, it may affect people who survived the virus while others did not. This may affect health care workers on the front lines of providing care. This form of guilt may result in nightmares, insomnia, inability to function, social isolation, feelings of fear, emotional detachment, avoidance of usual activities, and could be a form of PTSD if it lasts more than four weeks. Treatment should be sought immediately if this persists for more than a few weeks

A guilt complex usually includes: (an neurotic obsession with feeling bad)

Paranoia, overreacting, passive aggressive humor, overcompensating,

Healthy conviction from the Holy Spirit...

1. John 8:8 “And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”

2. So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. – Romans 8:1 NLT

2. Comfort / counsel

John 14:26

John 16:7

1 cor 13 – God is Love! Love is comforting...

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails

GOD is patient with you, GOD is kind toward you. GOD does not envy, GOD does not boast, GOD is not proud. GOD will never dishonor you, GOD is not self-seeking, GOD is not easily angered toward you, GOD keeps no record of your wrongs.

GOD does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. GOD will always protect you, GOD always trusts in you, GOD always hopes the best for you, GOD always perseveres. GOD never fails you.

COMFORT gives ease and freedom from pain or constraint.

In this world you will have trouble... BUT...

To comfort is to contribute to your personal well-being.

"the low upholstered chair was one of the room's few comforts"

. "my father left us enough to live in comfort"

JOHN 11:35 - LUKE 19:41,42

God understands grief.

He understands ANGUISH.

Sometimes He cries with us.

Sometimes He cries FOR us.

We refuse His conviction, and we complain because we don't feel comforted.

3. Power – to be empowered

We are full of anxiety, fear, insecurities – WE NEED GOD's power in this life!

**POWER is the ability to do something or act in a particular way
the capacity and ability to direct the course of events.**

Steps to be empowered:

FIRST...

- a. we have to repent (convicted)
- b. we have to be healed (comforted)
- c. we have to give up control to be empowered (not for our selfish gain)