

What the Spirit Does

There is no part of the believer's life for which the Spirit is not needed.

1. He convicts and reveals Jesus Christ to men John 16:8-11
2. He restrains sin in the world, Gen. 6:3; 2 Thes. 2:6-7
3. He regenerates bringing new life. Titus 3:5
4. He baptizes into Christ, into the one body 1 Cor. 12:13
5. He gives each believer spiritual gifts 1 Cor. 12:11
6. He empowers and reproduces the character of Jesus Christ in those who submit to Him by faith. Gal. 4:19
7. He promotes spiritual maturity Gal. 3:1-3; 5:1-5
8. He teaches: gives understanding in the Word 1 Cor. 2:9-16; John 14:26; Eph. 3:16-18
9. He applies truth to our experience to give confidence and assurance of our sonship and therefore all that flows from that Rom. 8:16
10. He gives power and effectiveness to our prayer life. Eph. 6:18; Jude 20; John 15:7
11. He promotes meaningful worship John 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3; Eph. 5:18-21
12. He gives capacity, burden, and direction for witnessing Acts 1:8; 1 Thes. 1:5
13. He gives capacity for ministry and function within the body of Christ.
1 Cor 12-14 ; 1 Pet. 4:10

The fact that the Holy Spirit is our enablement for all these ministries demonstrates the importance of the ministry of the Spirit in our daily life as believers.