The Role of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Introduction: The Godhead, sometimes called the Trinity, is comprised of our Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the precious Holy Spirit. It is a mystery how these three are one and how each one of them works in our lives. It is impossible to completely separate their roles in our lives as they are one. We will explore the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives with this truth in mind!

Our main verse is: John 16:7-15 (read)

I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

A. **Counselor** (vs 7) – He helps us to see our sins and faults, to repent, to grow and to change our ways.

B. **One who convicts of sin, righteousness & judgment** (vs 8) – He exposes these areas of our lives and teaches us how to be godly.

C. **Guide into all truth** (vs 13) – He reveals God's Truth.

D. **Foreteller** (vs 13) – He tells us what is yet to come.

E. **Glory bringer** (vs 14) – He brings glory to Jesus.

F. **Mystery revealer** (vs 14 & 1 Co 2:10) – He takes truth from Jesus and reveals it to us.

G. **Helper & Intercessor** (Rom 8:26) – In all situations, He can give us the wisdom and direction we need.

H. **Life giver** (John 6:63 & 2 Co 3:5-6) – He sustains us in our inmost being.

I. **Sanctifier** (2 Th 2:13 & 1 Pe1:2) – He makes us holy.

J. **Fruit giver** (Gal 5:22-23 & 2 Ti 1:7) – As we seek after God, He works the character and actions of God into our lives.

K. **Gift giver** (1 Co 12:1-11) – He gives us supernatural abilities to meet whatever situation we experience.

L. **Our seal & deposit** (Eph 1:13 & 2 Co 5:5) – He is the guarantee of our salvation.

M. **Confirms our adoption as sons** (Rom 8:16) – We are adopted into God's household and the He speaks this to our spirits.

2. What was and is the Holy Spirit's role?

A. Old Testament

1. The "Spirit of the Lord" would come upon people in power for them to prophesy, to carry out God's will and to do miraculous feats.
   a) 1 Ki 18:46 – Elijah outruns a horse and chariot.
   b) 1 Sam 10:9-13 – Saul prophesies under the Spirit's anointing.
   c) Judges 16:34 – Gideon leads the nation of Israel in battle under the leading of the Spirit.

B. New Testament

1. Jesus gives each believer the Holy Spirit as a seal of our salvation when we receive Him as Lord and Savior. His Spirit becomes one with our spirits.
   a) Eph1:13 – We are marked with a seal.
   b) John 3:5 – We are born-again through the water and the Spirit.
   c) Acts 9:17 – Saul (Paul) is filled with the Holy Spirit.
   d) Acts 8:14 – Jesus gave us the Spirit of sonship.

2. Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit when we ask and seek Him for it.
   a. This baptism enables us to experience greater understanding of God and the Bible, a release of His power in us and to receive the gifts of the Spirit.
      1. Luke 11:13 – God will give the Holy Spirit if we ask Him.
      2. 1 Co 12:11 – Holy Spirit gives gifts as He determines.
      3. Acts 1:8 – Power is released in us.
      4. Acts 6:10 – Supernatural wisdom given to Stephen.

b. The purpose of Holy Spirit baptism is to be able to preach the Gospel boldly, to testify of God's mighty works, to operate in spiritual gifts to draw men to Him and to live godly lives.
    1. Acts 1:8 – The disciples received power for witnessing.
    2. Luke 24:45 – 49 – Jesus "opened their minds", proclaimed they are His witnesses and they would receive power.
    3. 1Peter 1:3 – We have been given all we need for godliness.

c. The baptism of the Holy Spirit typically manifests by the person being able to speak in tongues (a language of men or of angels unknown to the person).
    1. Acts 2:1-4 – first Baptism in the Holy Spirit
    2. Acts 19:6 – believers receive Holy Spirit at a time later than being baptized in water.
    3. Acts 10:44 – Holy Spirit is poured out on Gentile believers and is taken as a sign of God's acceptance of them into the Kingdom. They were water baptized afterward.

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