

Church on Fire: Benefits of the Spirit

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Romans 8:5-11

5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. 9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Jesus was...

- CONCEIVED by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)
- EMPOWERED & DIRECTED by the Holy Spirit (Matt 4:1)
- ENDURED THE CROSS by the Holy Spirit (Heb 9:14)
- RESURRECTED by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:11)

The Holy Spirit benefits the believer by...

1. CONNECTING US TO THE FATHER

Romans 8:26-27

26 ... We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

The Holy Spirit benefits the believer by...

2. PROVIDING US GIFTS

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Gal 5:22-23

... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...

The Holy Spirit benefits the believer by...

3. PROVIDING TRUTH & CONVICTION

John 14:16-17

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth...

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

John 16:8

When [the Counselor] comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

The Holy Spirit benefits the believer by...

4. PROVIDING US POWER

Luke 24:49

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:8

... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...

2 Timothy 1:6-7

6 ... I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.