

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHRISTIAN

II THESSALONIANS 2:13,14



A SPIRITUAL REALM

Ephesians 6:12 - “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

How does the devil work?

- # *I Peter 5:8* – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”
- # *I John 2:15-17* – “Lust of the flesh”; “Lust of the eye”; “pride of life”

How Does God work?

- # *Ephesians 6:13-17* – The armor of God.
 - # Waist girded with *truth*.
 - # Breastplate of *righteousness*.
 - # Preparation of the *gospel* of peace.
 - # Shield of *faith*.
 - # Helmet of *salvation*.
 - # Sword of the spirit – *word of God*
- # *Hebrews 1:14* – angels are ministering spirits for those who will inherit salvation.

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- # The Holy Spirit's work in the life of a Christian.
 - # Convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment – John 16:8.
 - # Baptizes – I Corinthians 12:10.
 - # Regenerates – John 3, 5.
 - # Makes overseers – Acts 20:28.
 - # Comforts the church – Acts 9:31.
 - # Sanctifies the church – Romans 15:16
 - # Intercedes for Christians – Romans 8:27.

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- # Regenerates – James 1:18.
- # Purifies – I Peter 1:22
- # Saves – Romans 1:16; James 1:21; I Peter 3:21.
- # Frees – John 8:32.



Conclusions

- # John 16:7 – “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”
- # The Holy Spirit works indirectly through His sword – the word of God.
- # The Holy Spirit works directly in some way to intercede for us in our prayers.

Conclusions

II Thessalonians 2:13, 14 – “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through *sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth*, (14) to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Conclusions

- # It is not the Spirit without the word, nor the word without the Spirit that brings us to salvation.
- # The word of God is alive and well (Hebrews 4:12) and is working in the life of Christians.
- # The Spirit of God is alive and well and is working in the life of the Christian



CONCLUSIONS

The Spirit always works according to the will of God – Romans 8:27.

The Spirit never contradicts the Spirit in the word. Those desires that are contrary to the will of God do not come from the Spirit. The Spirit interceding in us evermore melts our wills into the will of God. Not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matthew Henry)