

Lesson 11

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND EFFECTUAL CALLING



In Lesson #10, the question was asked why so many do not want God's gift of justification. The answer goes back to the fact that we are sinners and do not really want God's way, even when it helps us. But God is so wonderful that he still loves us. God loves us so much that not only did the Son of God die for us, but the Spirit of God comes to us to show us we are sinners so that we will believe God's promise and be justified.

1. The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Holy Trinity. He is infinite, eternal, unchangeable in his Being and is to be worshipped along with the Father and the Son. Because he is spirit and invisible, we know the Holy Spirit by what he **does** more than by what he **is**. Look up the Gospel according to John.
 - a. In John 1:33, John the Baptist said he baptized with _____, but Jesus (on whom the Spirit descended) would baptize with the _____.
 - b. In v. 3:5, Jesus taught that a person must be born of water and the _____ to enter the kingdom of God. In 3:8 he said the Spirit is like the _____.
 - c. In vs. 7:38,39, what did Jesus mean by rivers of living water coming from their hearts? _____

 - Who would receive the Spirit? _____

 - d. Even though the Holy Spirit had always been present, Jesus taught that he would give them the Spirit to live in them in a special way as he had not before. Just before he was crucified, Jesus taught us much about the Holy Spirit.
 - 1) In John 14:16, what is the Spirit called? _____

In 14:17 he is the Spirit of _____, whom the world could not receive because it did not _____ him or _____ him.

In 14:26 what will the Spirit do? _____

2) What will he do according to these verses:

15:26 _____

16:8 _____

16:13 _____

16:14 _____

2. One of the most important things the Holy Spirit does is to cause those who are dead in sin to be saved.

a. How do we take part in the redemption Christ bought? (S.C. #29) By the effectual _____

of it to us by his _____ .

Something that is **effectual** means that it works the way it is supposed to. Redemption works for us because the Holy Spirit is powerful enough to make it work.

b. How does the Holy Spirit work to apply redemption to us? (S.C. #30) By working _____

in us, and thereby uniting us to _____

in our _____ .

What does *effectual* mean? _____

c. What is effectual calling? (S.C. #31) It is the work of

1) *convincing us of* _____

2) *enlightening our* _____

3) *and renewing our* _____

This is how he persuades and makes us able to embrace _____ freely offered to us in the Gospel.

d. In effectual calling, the Holy Spirit makes us see how much we need Christ. He makes us want to believe in Jesus, and then He gives us the faith we need. Do you think anyone would want to believe in Jesus without the effectual calling of the Spirit? _____

e. Look up I Corinthians 1:22–24. When Paul preached about Jesus' dying for them on the cross ("Christ crucified"), what was that preaching to the Jews? _____

To the Gentiles (Greeks)? _____

But what was it to those whom the Holy Spirit was calling? _____

f. People respond differently to the gospel.

Imagine three people who sit near each other in a church. Jim is very smart and has read many books, Joy loves sports and doesn't like to sit still, and Susan is very good at music and wants to play in an orchestra. In church the speaker explains very carefully why Jesus died for them and how they can have him in their lives. Then he asks everyone who would like to believe in Christ to stay after church to talk some more about it. Jim goes out thinking that the talk was very boring. Joy jumps up to go play a game, glad the service is over, but Susan stays to talk to the speaker because she feels inside that having Jesus is more important than anything in the world.



Think about what you have learned about effectual calling and I Corinthians 1:22–24 and explain why Susan believed in Jesus while Jim and Joy weren't ready to.

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