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A.W. Pink wrote a series of 28-page booklets called “Studies in the Scriptures” from 1932 to 1953. They were mailed to whomever requested it. In that booklet, over the years from 1932 to 1937, he wrote a number of articles concerning the Holy Spirit. They were compiled into a book called “The Holy Spirit” that is available as a free pdf download. In that book, he devotes several chapters to the various work and activities of the Holy Spirit, including:

The Holy Spirit Regenerating -- The Spirit Quickening -- The Spirit Enlightening -- The Spirit Convicting -- The Spirit Comforting -- The Spirit Drawing -- The Spirit Working Faith -- The Spirit Uniting to Christ -- The Spirit Indwelling -- The Spirit Teaching -- The Spirit Cleansing -- The Spirit Leading -- The Spirit Assuring -- The Spirit Witnessing -- The Spirit Assisting -- The Spirit Interceding -- The Spirit Transforming -- The Spirit Preserving -- The Spirit Confirming -- The Spirit Fructifying -- The Spirit Endowing

The Work of the Holy Spirit

“The work of the Holy Spirit is to make manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church.” (Wayne Grudem)

It's not enough to just be saved and going to Heaven. The work of the Spirit guides our lives here and now until we get to Heaven.

The Spirit brings peace (shalom – everything is right, in ordered harmony).

Gal. 5:22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Eph. 4:1-3 -- Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing

tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The Spirit is God's guarantee:

Eph. 1:13-14 -- In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge (earnest) of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

2Cor. 1:21 -- Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

2Corinthians 5:1-5 – For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

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Holy Spirit purifies (He is Holy), reveals (teaches, guides), unifies, and gives evidence of God's presence.

God's creation is sustained, and life itself is dependent on, the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives life. Psalm 104:29-31 -- You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire and return to their dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground. Let the glory of the LORD endure forever; Let the LORD be glad in His works;

He preserves life. Job 34:12-15 -- "Surely, God will not act wickedly, And the Almighty will not pervert justice. Who gave Him authority over the earth? And who has laid *on Him* the whole world? If He should determine to do so, If He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath, All flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

He empowers the resurrection.

Romans 8:11 - But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

He gives power for service.

Judges 6:34 -- So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him.

Judges 15:14-15 -- When he (Samson) came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him. And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds dropped from his hands. And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he reached out and took it and

killed a thousand men with it.

1Samuel 16:12-13 -- So he sent and brought him (David) in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

1Sam. 19:18-24 -- Now David fled and escaped and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth. And it was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah." Then Saul sent messengers to take David, but when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing *and* presiding over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul; and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then he himself went to Ramah, and came as far as the large well that is in Secu; and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And *someone* said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah." And he proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and the Spirit of God came upon him also, so that he went along prophesying continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he also stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Ezek. 37:1 -- The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

Matt. 3:16 – 4:1 -- And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, *and* coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (4:1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

(in all four gospels).

Luke 4:13-15 -- And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. And He *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

Isaiah 61:1 & Luke 4:18 – The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

Then He drives out demons, demonstrating the dunamis power of Jesus by the Spirit of God.

Matt. 12:24-28 -- But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.” And knowing their thoughts He said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Then He promised power to His apostles.

Acts 1:7-8 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and ^cSamaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Paul to Romans – Rom. 15:18-19 -- For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Only by the power of the Spirit can Christians persevere and live by faith.