

The Holy Spirit also produces spiritual fruit within believers over time. As people continue walking with the Lord sincerely, the Holy Spirit gradually changes desires, attitudes, priorities, relationships, and behavior from the inside out.

The Bible says:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

Galatians 5:22–23 NKJV

True spiritual growth is not merely outward religious activity, but inward transformation that naturally begins affecting the way we live.

The Holy Spirit also gives spiritual gifts to believers for the strengthening and building up of the church and for serving others faithfully. These gifts are not meant to draw attention to ourselves, create confusion, or elevate certain people.

At the same time, the primary role of the Holy Spirit is not to become the “bells and whistles” of church life or the center of attention Himself. The Holy Spirit continually points people toward Jesus Christ.

For that reason, Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “Our Father,” reminding us that the Holy Spirit’s work is to help bring us into deeper relationship with the Father through the Son.

At Calvary Chapel Solid Rock, we believe believers should live in daily dependence upon the Holy Spirit through prayer, worship, obedience, humility, surrender, and continued exposure to God’s Word.

The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone or merely through human strength. God has given believers His Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, comfort, convict, and help them faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

If you have questions about the Holy Spirit, spiritual growth, or beginning a relationship with Jesus Christ, we would love to speak with you.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God Himself actively working in the world and in the lives of people today. He is not merely a force, feeling, emotion, or energy, but a Person who teaches, guides, convicts, comforts, strengthens, and points people to Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — each distinct in role, yet fully God and working together perfectly in the plan of redemption. For that reason, the Holy Spirit should never be referred to merely as “it,” but as “He,” just as Scripture speaks of Him. Jesus said:

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things.”

— John 14:26 NKJV

At Calvary Chapel Solid Rock, we believe the Holy Spirit is actively at work drawing people to Christ, convicting the world of sin, revealing truth, and transforming the lives of those who place their faith in Jesus.

Before salvation, the Holy Spirit works outwardly through conviction, opening people’s eyes to their sin and need for a Savior. Conviction is not meant to destroy people, but to lovingly draw them toward repentance, forgiveness, and new life in Christ.

After salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within believers, continuing the work of transformation from the inside out. Jesus said:

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.”

— John 14:16 NKJV



Jesus also said:

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

— John 12:24 NKJV

Through His death, resurrection, and the sending of the Holy Spirit, Jesus made it possible for His work to continue through the lives of His followers today.

Because of that, Christians are not left alone to live the Christian life through human effort or religious striving. The Holy Spirit guides, strengthens, teaches, comforts, corrects, and empowers believers as they learn to follow the Lord.

Believers must also learn to listen to and respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As He convicts, guides, corrects, prompts, and directs us through God’s Word, prayer, wisdom, and obedience, we learn to walk more closely with the Lord rather than simply following our own understanding.

There is also an important difference between conviction and condemnation.

Conviction is the loving work of the Holy Spirit, exposing sin in order to bring people toward repentance, healing, restoration, and greater dependence upon God. Condemnation, however, drives people away from God in hopelessness, shame, and despair.

The Holy Spirit does not simply expose what is wrong. He points people toward Jesus Christ, who alone is able to forgive, restore, save, and transform lives.

The Bible says:

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”

— Romans 8:1 NKJV

At Calvary Chapel Solid Rock, we believe the work of the Holy Spirit should always remain connected to and consistent with the Word of God. The same Holy Spirit who works in believers is the Spirit who inspired the Scriptures.

Because of that, we seek to avoid both spiritual deadness on one side and emotional extremes or confusion on the other. We believe God desires believers to worship Him in both spirit and truth as the Holy Spirit works through God’s Word to shape and guide our lives.