

### **Promises of the Holy Spirit**

– The Spirit helps us speak when we are in precarious situations and need to bear witness (Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12).

– The Counselor teaches and reminds us of what we need to know and remember. He is our comforter, our advisor, our encourager, and our strength. He guides us in the way we should go (Psalm 143:10; John 14-16; Acts 9:31; Acts 13:2; Acts 15:28; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; 1 John 5:6-8).

– From the Spirit we receive power to be God's witnesses to the ends of the earth. It is the Spirit who draws people to the gospel, the Spirit who equips us with the strength we need to accomplish God's purposes. The Holy Spirit not only initially draws people to God, He also draws believers closer to Jesus (Acts 1:8; Romans 8:26; Ephesians 3:16-19).

– The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin. He does this both before and after we enter into a right relationship with God (John 16:7-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:5).

– The Spirit brings us life and freedom. Where the Spirit is, there is freedom, not bondage or slavery. Seals our adoption as sons & daughters (Romans 8:10-11; Romans 8:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:17).

– As members of God's kingdom community, each of us is given a manifestation of the Spirit in our lives for the purpose of the common good. We all have something to offer because of what the Spirit gives to us (1 Corinthians 12:7).

– The fruit of being led by the Spirit of God includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These attitudes and actions will characterize our lives as we allow ourselves to be grown and molded by the Spirit. The Spirit is our sanctifier (2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:22-23).

– By the power of the Spirit we put to death the misdeeds of the body. The Spirit sets us free from the sins we cannot get rid of on our own. This is a lifelong process we entered in partnership with the Spirit when we first believed (Romans 8:2).