



The Westminster Abbey Church

To Connect People To Jesus Christ And To Each Other.

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Methodists have seemed to have lost the power and work of the Holy Spirit in the last decade or so but with the advent of the Global Methodist Church, we are starting to see Him work again in the life of the Church. But what is the work of the Holy Spirit? Volumes have been written on this very subject so we are only going to scratch the surface in this newsletter.

The Holy Spirit Transforms our Lives. The work of the Holy Spirit transforms us into people with different attitudes that we did not have before coming to Christ. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.” Galatians 5:22-23

The Holy Spirit Convicts Us Of Sin. “Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don’t go away, the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send Him to you. When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: About sin, because they do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.” John 16:7-11

The Holy Spirit Guides Us to the Truth. “I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.” John 14:25-26

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us To Proclaim Christ. “When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the Word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31

The Holy Spirit Gives Us Spiritual Gifts. “Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person. A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Worship. “And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit: speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.” Ephesians 5:18-21

The Holy Spirit Leads Us. The Holy Spirit often spoke to and directed His people in the New Testament. In Matthew 4:1, our Lord Jesus was “led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” In Acts 16, Paul and Barnabas were clearly led by the Spirit to go to Macedonia when they had no intention of going there. The point is that God often leads His people by His Spirit. We should be open to the gentle nudges and direction of the Spirit.

Grace and Peace,
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“God would first, by this inspiration of His Spirit, have wrought in our hearts that holy love without which none can enter into glory”- John Wesley