

How the Holy Spirit Saves Sinners

Introduction:

A. It is common for men to ascribe a direct, supernatural influence by the Holy Spirit in man's salvation.

*God has given us no means by which the conversion of sinners, or the general revival of religion, can be effected, irrespective of the **direct** agency of the Spirit. The gospel itself **will not do it** (J.W. Hayhurst, Baptist preacher, **The Baptist Pulpit**, as quoted by Z.T. Sweeney, **The Spirit and the Word**. 102).*

B. The Holy Spirit does indeed save sinners. - John 3:5

C. The question is **how**: (1) direct operation or (2) through the gospel

D. How does the Holy Spirit save alien sinners?

I. The Testimony of Jesus - John 6:44-45; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:45-48

II. The Testimony of the Examples in Acts - cf. Mark 16:20; Acts 1:8

A. 3000 on Pentecost - Acts 2:37,40-41

B. 5000 Jews - Acts 4:4

C. Great Company of Priests - Acts 6:7

D. Samaritans - Acts 8:12-17

E. Ethiopian Eunuch - Acts 8:26,29,35-38

F. Saul of Tarsus - Acts 9:3-6; 22:16

G. Cornelius - Acts 10:44; 11:13-14,17-18; 15:7-8

H. Lydia - Acts 16:14

I. Philippian Jailer - Acts 16:29-34

J. Bereans - Acts 17:10-12

K. Corinthians - Acts 18:8

L. Ephesians - Acts 19:5-7

III. The Testimony of Apostolic Statements

A. Paul - Romans 1:16; 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 4:15; 15:1-2

B. James - James 1:18,21

C. Peter - 1 Peter 1:22-23; 2 Peter 1:3

Conclusion:

A. The Holy Spirit saves sinners by the influence of the gospel. - John 3:5; 1 Peter 1:22-23

B. If you would be saved, you must accept this gospel. - Romans 1:16