

Introduction

1. The Holy Spirit is perhaps the most misunderstood of the Godhead or Divine nature (cf. [Ac. 17:29](#); [Rm. 1:20](#); [Col. 2:9](#)).
 - a. This is due in part to a **lack of sound teaching** on the Holy Spirit.
 - b. This is due in part to a **lack of personal study** on the Holy Spirit.
 - c. This is due in part to an **abundance of false teaching** on the Holy Spirit.
2. The Scriptures have much to say regarding the Holy Spirit.
 - a. The focus of this sermon is not an exhaustive study of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Our focus will be on the role of the Holy Spirit in sanctification.

I. The Godhead's Role in Sanctification

1. God the Father sent and sanctified His Son Jesus ([Jn. 10:36](#)).
 - a. The Father indeed sanctifies ([Jd. 1](#)).
2. The sacrifice of Jesus enabled sanctification.
 - a. His body was needed for sanctification ([Heb. 10:10](#)).
 - b. His blood was needed for sanctification ([Heb. 13:12](#)).
 - c. This brings a blessed unity ([Heb. 2:9-12](#)).
3. The Holy Spirit also sanctifies ([Rm. 15:16](#); [1 Cor. 6:11](#)).

II. Sanctification is Achieved Through the Word of God

1. Jesus stated plainly that sanctification takes place through (or in) the truth ([Jn. 17:17-19](#)).
 - a. This makes perfect sense as the whole world lies in wickedness ([1 Jn. 5:19](#)).
 - b. The devil only speaks the language of lies ([Jn. 8:44](#)).
2. In order for people to be sanctified they must hear *and* obey the truth ([2 Th. 2:13-14](#)).
 - a. This is why Christians must teach and preach the gospel ([Rm. 10:13-17](#))!
 - b. The Ephesians had obeyed the Word of God and were sanctified ([Ac. 20:32](#)).

III. How Does the Holy Spirit Sanctify?

1. While on Earth Jesus spoke the words the Father gave Him to speak.
 - a. These words will meet us all in judgment ([Jn. 12:48-50](#)).

- b. God speaks through His Son to us today ([Heb. 1:1-2](#)).
2. Prior to His crucifixion, burial, resurrection, appearance, and ascension, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles ([Jn. 14-16](#); cf. [Ac. 1:1-11](#)).
 - a. He is first called the Comforter and then the Spirit of truth by Jesus ([Jn. 14:16-17](#)).
 - b. Jesus connects the Comforter with the Holy Spirit ([Jn. 14:26](#)).
 - c. The Holy Spirit would testify (bear witness) of Jesus Christ ([Jn. 15:26](#)).
 - d. The Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into **all** truth ([Jn. 16:13-14](#)).
 - e. God kept His promise ([Ac. 2:32-36](#)).
3. The Holy Spirit sanctifies through the Word of God.
 - a. The Scriptures (the Word of God) are all-sufficient ([2 Tim. 3:16-17](#); cf. [2 Pt. 1:3](#)).
 - b. God's Law is perfect ([Jm. 1:21-25](#)).
 - c. God's Law is understandable as written ([Eph. 3:3-5](#); cf. [Eph. 5:17](#); [Lk. 16:27-31](#)).
 - d. The church is sanctified and cleansed by the washing of water by the word ([Eph. 5:25-27](#); cf. [Jn. 3:5](#), [Tt. 3:5](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#)).
 - e. The Holy Spirit is not the Word as the Word is the Spirit's sword ([Eph. 6:17](#)).

Conclusion

1. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit all have a role in sanctification.
2. Sanctification is achieved through the Word of God.
3. The Holy Spirit sanctifies us through the Word of God.