

Sermon 4. 'The Work of the Holy Spirit' Ezekiel 36: 27

- Part two of the work of the Holy Spirit set before us as a result of the New Covenant
- God promises His people of a time to come when His Holy Spirit will dwell in them.
- The time came when Messiah finished the work on Calvary – realised at Pentecost.
- What we have before us in Ezekiel is three successive stages of salvation explained
 - 1) **Cleansing:** sprinkle you with clean water
 - 2) **Renewal:** I will give you a new heart
 - 3) **Inspiration:** I will put my Spirit with you.
- In the Old Testament this was beyond their grasp, but it was foretold, promised and realise in the New Covenant. Last sermon we saw....

1) A Word of grace – not of law	2) A divine word- only God speaks like this
3) A Individual and personal Word	4) A separating Word- from lost humanity
5) A Uniting Word- uniting to God	6) A Condescending Word: the Holy Spirit dwells in us
7) A spiritual Word: heart transformation	8) An Effectual Word: He will complete the work

1. **The Holy Spirit of God brings life.** Your sinful nature yields death (Acts 9: 11) Paul's conversion
2. **The Holy Spirit of God brings light.** Jesus is the light of the world (1 Pet 2: 9; John 8: 12)
3. **The Holy Spirit of God brings conviction:** The Holy Spirit's mission on earth (John 16: 7, 8; Ezek 36: 31)
4. **The Holy Spirit of God brings purification:** Ezek 36: 27; 2 Thess 2: 13. When the Holy Spirit indwells us He infuses a new life, that new life is a fountain of holiness.
5. **The Holy Spirit of God produces preservation:** All true fruit must be fruit of the Holy Spirit, all true praying must be praying in the Holy Spirit (John 6: 63).
6. **The Holy Spirit gives guidance:** The Holy Spirit is given to us to lead us into all truth (John 16: 13).
7. **The Holy Spirit will bring you consolation:** Jesus calls Him the helper. God alone can comfort us from the burden of sin, no man can do it. (Acts 9: 31)