**WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT DO**

JOHN 14:25-26

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The Holy Spirit is one of the three personalities of the Godhead (and the most misunderstood).
2. It is extremely important that we have an understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role.
3. He gets a lot of credit for things He does not do, and we will talk about a few of those things this morning.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. **HE DOES NOT THROUGH DIRECT OPERATION SAVE ANYONE**
2. While it was the work of the Holy Spirit to inspire the words recorded that show us how to be saved, He does not directly save us.
3. He has never through direct operation saved anyone. (Acts 2:38-41; 8:12; 27-39; 11:14; 22:10-16)
4. Now, through the written word, He convicts the lost of sin and instructs them in how to be saved from it.
5. **HE DOES NOT DIRECTLY CAUSE ANYONE TO PERFORM ANY ACT**
6. He does not:
7. Tell you or me or anyone else to park in a particular parking place.
8. Tell you or me or anyone else to go up to anyone and speak to them.
9. He does not give us an unction to do any particular act.
10. He does, by the word, inform us in how we are to act (Gal. 5:22-23).
11. **HE DOES NOT CAUSE ANYONE TODAY TO SPEAK IN TONGUES**
12. Speaking in tongues had a specific purpose at a specific time.
13. There is no need for the gift of tongues today, for divine inspiration was completed long ago (1 Cor. 13:8-10).
14. All who claim to be speaking in tongues today are lying!
15. The “tongues” by which they speak are not foreign languages they haven’t studied; they are nothing more than vain repetitions and incoherent babbling. (I have been there and heard that!)
16. **HE DOES NOT TELL ANY PREACHER WHAT TO PREACH, AT LEAST NOT DIRECTLY**
17. Oh, how I wish He would! (Acts 10:34).
18. If it were true that He miraculously put words in men’s (and women’s) ears today, then why would men and women preach things contrary to the written word? (Gal. 1:6-9).
19. Paul preached Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2).
20. Paul told Timothy that there would come a time when people would want to be taught things that are not sound doctrine (2 Tim. 4:2-4).

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Although the Holy Spirit indirectly plays a huge role in the conversion of sinners, and in the lives of Christians for that matter, He never in the New Testament, or since, directly operated on one to cause him or her to be saved.
2. All that needed to be revealed was revealed by the close of the first century A.D.
3. It would be a wonderful thing indeed if people would systematically study their Bibles and see these things for themselves, but until they do, we must teach them.

***DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?***

* **You must hear the word…Romans 10:17**
* **You must believe it…John 8:24**
* **You must confess your belief in Jesus Christ…Romans 10:9-10**
* **You must repent of your sins…Acts 17:30**
* **You must be baptized/immersed into Christ…1 Peter 3:21**
* **You must live faithfully unto death…Revelation 2:10**