

**The Holy Spirit**  
**John 16:12-13**  
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Thesis: I want to show some basic principles concerning the Holy Spirit and why it's important we understand such principles.

- Intro:
1. Are there misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit today?
  2. Have you known someone who believed they were "led by the spirit" to do something or that they Holy Spirit had worked a "miracle" in their local congregation?
  3. **John 16:12-13** examined

I. Reasons for concern

A. False teachings lead to lost souls

1. False ideas concerning salvation and baptism.
2. False ideas lead to false conclusions (divine healing?)

B. False teachings lead to false hope

1. Speaking in Tongues (**some groups "require" you do so before you are added to their denomination**)
2. Guidance in knowledge (**zapped with spiritual knowledge; Gus Nichols debate example**-taken from Robert Taylor Jr)

II. Basic principles concerning the Holy Spirit

A. Common views seen today

1. The view that the Holy Spirit works directly in a person's life. (aide in study, etc)
2. The view we still have Holy Spirit baptism today.
3. The view that the Holy Spirit still performs divine healings.
4. The view that some may receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (**speaking in tongues, etc**)
5. The view that the Holy Spirit dwells within a person but does not work in a miraculous sense.
6. The view that the Holy Spirit dwells within a person by way of God's Word.

B. What we must understand today.

The Holy Spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit strengthens (**Eph 3:16**)
2. The Holy Spirit sanctifies (**2 Thess 2:13**)
3. The Holy Spirit saves (**Titus 3:5**)
4. The Holy Spirit justifies (**1 Tim 3:16**)
5. The Holy Spirit witnesses to us (**Heb 10:15**)
6. The Holy Spirit prompts us to love God (**Rom 5:5**)
7. The Holy Spirit leads us as God's sons (**Rom 8:16**)

C. How?

1. He strengthens us by providing the “whole armor of God”  
(**Eph 6:10-17, 2 Tim 2:1**)
2. He sanctifies by the truth, which is God’s word (**Jn 17:17**)
3. He saves us by supplying the “engrafted word,” which is “able to save” our souls  
(**James 1:21**)
4. The spirit justifies us “by faith” which comes by hearing God’s Word (**Rom 5:1,10:17**)
5. He witnesses to us by the scriptures which testify of Christ (**Jn 5:39**).
6. He causes us to love God by presenting God to us as a loveable being (**Jn 3:16**).
7. He leads us by providing a “lamp for our feet and a light for our path” (**Ps 119:105**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. Why is it important to understand the basics concerning the Holy Spirit?
2. This was a basic lesson on the Holy Spirit- many today have little or no understanding about the Holy Spirit.
3. The desire by some for a “miraculous experience” drives them to a false conclusion about the Holy Spirit.
4. Full Invitation