

A The Holy Spirit prepares the witness

- ❖ Before His ascension, Jesus promised that a Helper (*parakletos*) would come: The Holy Spirit. He would help us to carry out the mission Jesus commended us to do.
- ❖ What does the Holy Spirit do? He walks with us, He prepares us to bear witness, He leads us in our tasks, He opens the hearts to the Gospel, He gives us the right words, He convinces people, He encourages us to testify, He shows us the right opportunities, He reveals Jesus, He transforms us to His image.
- ❖ Witnessing is to collaborate with the Holy Spirit.

B The Holy Spirit produces growth

- ❖ The Acts of the Apostles tells the work of the Holy Spirit through those who let Him work in their lives.
- ❖ On occasion, there were mass conversions, like 3,000 or 5,000 people (Acts 2:41; 4:4). Whole families were converted sometimes (10:44-48).
- ❖ New local churches were founded continuously because of this growth (16:5).
- ❖ The Spirit filled the messengers with power and touched every heart that heard about the Gospel.
- ❖ Every person is important to God. He died for each and every one. He wants everyone to know about Him and accept Him. He has chosen us to do this work.

C The Holy Spirit strengthens and guides

- ❖ Preaching the Gospel is not a problem-free task. However, the Spirit strengthens His servants as He did with Stephen, and Paul and Silas (Acts 7:55; 16:25).
- ❖ The Holy Spirit longs to empower us, strengthen us, teach us, guide us, unify us, and send us out on the most important mission in the world, which is leading men and women to Jesus and His truth.

D The Holy Spirit gives the Word

- ❖ The Spirit encourages us to base our testimony in the Word of God.
- ❖ The Word of God has power to change lives because the Holy Spirit inspired its authors. The same Holy Spirit is touching the heart of every sincere reader today.

E The Holy Spirit transforms

- ❖ The Holy Spirit uses people as they are. He breaks prejudices down, transforms their bad habits, and fills them with Christ's grace and truth.
- ❖ He makes no distinction between men or women, rich or poor, cultured or uncultured.
- ❖ He is as powerful today as He was then. He still works miracles by transforming all kinds of people.
- ❖ Our work is not to change or convert people, that's the Holy Spirit's. We've been called to be witnesses.