

# The Holy Spirit's Role in Sanctification

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Christians are made right with God by faith in Him and by being born again by the Holy Spirit, not by keeping the law or by doing good works. (2 Cor. 3:6, Rom. 7:6, Gal. 3:2-3, Jn. 3:3-8, 1:13)

The new life of the Christian then is a state of being in the Spirit and in Christ. (Rom. 8:1, 9) The essential quality of this life is that the Holy Spirit continually works to transform us into the likeness of Jesus this side of heaven (*sanctification*). (2 Cor. 3:18, 1 Pet. 1:2)

He does this in a myriad of ways as He leads us onward in this life, especially as we set our minds on Him and walk in Him. (Gal. 5:18, Rom. 8:14, 4-6)

He is the Spirit of truth that teaches us and confirms our faith. (Jn. 14:17, 26, 1 Cor. 12:3) We are not to grieve, quench or resist Him. (Eph. 4:30, 1 Thess. 5:19, Acts 7:51)

He helps us mortify our flesh, gives us hope that lets us press on and assures us that we are of God. (Rom. 8:13, 9, Gal. 5:5, 1 Jn. 3:24)

He fills us and helps us bear fruit which are manifested by His works in us. (Eph. 5:18, Gal. 5:16-25) It is by these good works, that are motivated and driven by the Holy Spirit, that Christians are able to serve God and grow to be more like Jesus. (Rom. 6:18, 22, Matt. 5:14)