

## The Holy Spirit in the New Testament...working in the Believer's life...

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1. Take some time to study the biblical passages pertaining to the Holy Spirit and complete the chart. Discover why the Holy Spirit is considered a person.

<b>Work of the Helper</b>	<b>Verses</b>	<b>When does this occur?</b>	<b>What does this mean to you?</b>
Convicts	John 16:8-15	before and after one becomes a Christian	The Holy Spirit will convict: you will know what sin is, you will know what it means to be righteous, and you will know what His judgment is.
Indwells	John 14:16-21 Rom 8:9-13 1 Cor 3:16-17 1 Cor 6:17-19	when one becomes a Christian	The Holy Spirit, Jesus, and God is with you. You are not alone in this world.
Adopts	Rom 8:14-16 Gal 4:4-8	when one becomes a Christian	You are a child of God. You have been adopted as you are: accepted with all your faults and flaws, loved and not abandoned and, esteemed and treasured.
Baptizes	John 1:32-33 1 Cor 12:12-13	when one becomes a Christian	You have been regenerated; washed clean of your sins and given a new perspective in life. You belong to God's family.
Seals	2 Cor 1:21-22 Eph 1:13 Eph 4:30	when one becomes a Christian	Just as circumcision is a seal that attests to the covenant, Believers are sealed with the Spirit, as God's mark put upon them. You have security.
Gifts	1 Cor 12:7-14	when one becomes a Christian	You have a role in the church body. Others benefit from you. You are important and significant.

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Commissions	Acts 13:2-4 Acts 20:28	after one becomes a Christian	You have a purpose in life.
Prays	Rom 8:26-27 Eph 2:18	throughout one's life as a Christian	You have an intercessor, someone praying for you for needs you may not even be aware of.
Fills	Acts 2:4 Acts 4:29-31 Gal 5:22-23 Eph 5:18	throughout one's life as a Christian	You have the power and capability to change and be more like a son of God.
Teaches	John 14:26 1 Cor 2:13-14 Gal 5:22-23 Eph 1:17	throughout one's life as a Christian	You have a teacher. You have someone to help you read the Bible.
Counsels, Guides	John 14:16-20 John 16:13	throughout one's life as a Christian	You have a wise mentor.
Empowers Strengthens	Acts 1:8 1 Cor 2:4-5 Eph 3:14-19 1 Thess 1:5	throughout one's life as a Christian	You have a source of power.
Transforms	Rom 8:11 Rom 8:22-25	When a Christian's earthly life ends	You have the assurance of salvation regardless of the prospect of physical death.

Jesus really did send us a Helper! For those seeking help in becoming emotionally whole without compromising biblical theology, see [Truthful Living - What Christianity Really Teaches About Recovery](#) by Boyd Luter and Kathy McCreynolds.

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