



## **THE TRUTH: KNOW, BELIEVE, SHARE, DEFEND**

### ***How is the Holy Spirit involved, and why should I pray?***

“The sovereignty of God in grace gives us our only hope of success in evangelism. Some fear that belief in the sovereign grace of God leads to the conclusion that evangelism is pointless, since God will save his elect anyway, whether they hear the gospel or not. This, as we have seen, is a false conclusion based on a false assumption. But now we must go further, and point out that the truth is just the opposite. So far from making evangelism pointless, the sovereignty of God in grace is the one thing that prevents evangelism from being pointless. For it creates the possibility — indeed, the certainty — that evangelism will be fruitful. Apart from it, there is not even a possibility of evangelism being fruitful. Were it not for the sovereign grace of God, evangelism would be the most futile and useless enterprise that the world has ever seen, and there would be no more complete waste of time under the sun than to preach the Christian gospel. Why is this? Because of the spiritual inability of man in sin.” (JI Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*)

## Things the Holy Spirit Does Not Do in Evangelism

- The Holy Spirit does not bring to remembrance what you have not \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:26).
- The Holy Spirit does not regenerate people apart from gospel \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:8, Romans 10:13-15).

## Things the Holy Spirit Does in Evangelism

- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible (1 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- The Holy Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20).
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us in evangelism (Acts 1:8).
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us in evangelism (Acts 8:26ff, 10:19ff).
- The Holy Spirit works \_\_\_\_\_ in hearts (John 16:8-11).
- The Holy Spirit enables unbelievers to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 2:14).
- The Holy Spirit works \_\_\_\_\_ in hearts (John 3:1-7).
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ believers for redemption (Ephesians 1:11-14).

## Why should I pray?

- Satan has \_\_\_\_\_ the eyes of unbelievers (Acts 26:18, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 2 Timothy 2:25-26).
- Unbelievers are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:1-5).
- Examples:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ prayed about future evangelism (Matthew 9:37-38, John 17:1-26).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ prayed for boldness in evangelism (Acts 4:23-31).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ prayed for the salvation of the Jews (Romans 9:1-5, 10:1-4).
- Prayers:
  - For \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:29-31, Ephesians 6:19).
  - For \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 4:2-4).
  - For \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 1:5).
  - For \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 2:1-7).
  - For \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 9:3-8, Romans 10:14-15).