



WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: “What He is Doing”

In a 2004 interview with Christian Music Today, Velasquez had described her husband as the “the greatest, the funniest, and the coolest guy you’ll ever meet...Any girl want a guy that will be hers forever, and that’s how I feel with him.”

Less than two years after her 2003 wedding made the news, Christian/Latin music superstar Jaci Velasquez’s had ended in divorce. Velasquez and Indiana native Darren Potuck were married on August 16, 2003, in Franklin, Tennessee. But their marriage later “took a turn,” Velasquez told Christian Music Today in an exclusive statement: “When my husband and I started out as newlyweds, we were like all newlyweds, wanting that dream marriage,” Velasquez said. “Somehow, things took a turn and we have ended up in divorce.” Velasquez did not elaborate on the reasons for the divorce. A Word Records spokesman said Velasquez and Potuck had worked to save their marriage, and Velasquez alluded to that in her statement.

“I sought counseling,” said the 25-year old singer, “but the painful truth is that our marriage didn’t work out. I’ve such a difficult time with this. My heart hurt so badly I felt like I wanted to crawl under a rock and just die. I can’t say that I have ever felt such pain before. My heart literally felt like it was breaking in half.”

This is a heartbreaking story not because the person involved is very popular, but because the person is a servant of God serving the Lord through her music. If I am in their shoes there is no guarantee that my

marriage will not end up just like theirs, but I am sure that there is a way to prevent the breaking up of marriages especially amongst Christians.

It may be naïve to say this, but I am confident that if every born again believer will live by the spirit, they will grow in Christ, in particular, the character of Jesus Christ, and this Character of Christ would help them overcome all kinds of marital storms.

To live in the Spirit, there are two things we need to know.

1. Know Who the Holy Spirit is
 - a. He is God
 - b. He is a Person
2. Know His Works
 - a. What He has done
 - b. What He is doing
 - c.

This lesson is the second part of “The Works of the Spirit.” The focus is the current work of the Holy Spirit.

I. **TO THE WORLD** (Non-believers) John 16:5-11

A. Convict the World of Sin. To convict means to declare guilty. To pronounce a legal decision in which the guilt of the culprit is clearly defined and fixed.

Sin – Unbelief, Not believing that Jesus is the only Way, the Truth, and the Life. John 16:9 in regard to sin, because men not believe in me;

Take note that the Holy Spirit does not charge a non-believer of any other sin other than unbelief. Why? Because it is their sin of unbelief that brings them to judgment.

B. Convict the World of Righteousness – God’s standard of righteousness. This is not the righteousness obtained by observing the law or by good works. This is the righteousness

of Christ that God imputes to everyone who put his or her trust in Jesus Christ.

John 16:10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer.

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2**He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **17**For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 3:21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **22**This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, **23**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24**and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 4:1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? **2**If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. **3**What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."
10**Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before!**

Romans 4:4 Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. **5** However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

Romans 5:18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Romans 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. **2** For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. **3** Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. **4** Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

C. Convict the World of Judgment – This judgment is the judgment against the source of sin. This conviction reminds us that anyone who rebels against God will suffer the same fate himself as the devil. The big difference is that, God provided a way out for us through the righteousness of Christ. Whereas, the devil is doomed forever without remedy.

John 16:11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Matthew 25:41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. **19**This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

D. He Regenerates man's spirit

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. **6**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7**You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' **8**The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. [The Spirit gives life only through the Word of Christ].

2 Corinthians 3:6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant- not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

NOTES: Evangelism is a partnership between the Holy Spirit and the Church.

1. Evangelism is a Spiritual warfare, we can't do it without the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2. The role of the Holy Spirit is to convict and to convert.
3. The role of the Church is to pray and to proclaim the message of salvation. Prayer is the only weapon we have that can remove the spiritual blindness of a non-believer. Because when we pray, the Holy Spirit brings His conviction into the hearts of the person we are praying for. At the same time, Proclamation is the only way a non-believer receives the seed of faith that the Holy Spirit uses to cause regeneration in the hearts of a non-believer.
4. Praying for the salvation of someone is like going through birth pains, you don't know when it is going to end. [John 16:21-24]

II. TO THE BELIEVERS

A. He Indwells them (lives in them) – To commune or fellowship with them.

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. **16**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, **for he lives with you and will be in you.**

Romans 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. **10**But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. **11**And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead

will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? **17**If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; **20**you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

B. He Builds them up

1. He builds their confidence –

a. By confirming who they are in Christ.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. **17**Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Galatians 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, **5** to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. **6**Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." **7**So you are no longer a slave, but a

son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

b. By sealing their hearts

2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. **21** Now it God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, **22** set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

c. By encouraging them (comfort)

Acts 9:31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

2. He builds them up in the Truth – He teaches, He reminds, and guides us into all truth.

John 14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. **26** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will

not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. **2**Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. **3**They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. **4**For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, **5**because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

3. He builds them in holiness – He sanctifies them

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, **2**who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood:

Romans 8:12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. **13**For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, **14**because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15**For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 15:15 I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me **16**to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

C. He Empowers them

1. With His Power – He Fills them to win the Lost

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2**Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2. With His Gifts to help us build one another in Christ.
Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12, 13, & 14.

a. Gives them the abilities and opportunities they can use.

Hebrews 2:4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

1 Corinthians 14:12 So it is with you. Since you are eager to have Spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

1 Corinthians 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, the same Spirit. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. **7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **18** because anyone who serves

Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.

D. He Intercedes for them.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

III. IN BEHALF OF JESUS CHRIST

A. The Holy Spirit testifies about Jesus Christ

John 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. **27** And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Testify is a legal word, which means to give a statement under oath. To confirm and to validate that the evidence is solid and it is true.

In the Bible, the meaning of the word testify, is given a new meaning because it is derived from the same Greek word where the word witness and martyr were also from. And this word is called (martus, martureo) which means to testify with your word, works, and if necessary with your blood/death.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 1:6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. **7**He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. **8**He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. **9**The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Matthew 14:6-12 John the Baptist beheaded

6On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for them and pleased Herod so much **7**that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. **8**Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." **9**The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted **10**and had John beheaded in the prison. **11**His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. **12**John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

B. The Holy Spirit brings glory to Christ

John 6:14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. **15** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore, I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Glorify means to magnify, to extol, to praise, and to highlight. The Holy Spirit does this by taking the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and gives it to us in a fresh revelation. And this fresh revelation brings to us not just fresh knowledge, but also fresh energy as we testify and worship the king of Kings and the Lord of Lords Jesus Christ.

Three Levels of Knowledge

1. **Informational** – through what we heard and see
2. **Experiential knowledge** – application of information
3. **Revelation knowledge** – fresh knowledge from God revealed through the Holy Spirit, for a specific need, for a specific situation. Thus, it is essential as the Bible says to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us so that we won't miss the blessings, guidance, and opportunities that God is opening for us because our hearts and mind is in tuned to hearing the small still voice of the Holy Spirit.

Fresh Revelations I received from the Holy Spirit:

1. Getting frustrated in the ministry

Isaiah 7:9b “If you will not stand firm in your faith you will not stand at all. If you give up the fight, there will be no other chance. Thus, there is no way that you will ever experience victory.

2. Two days after my son, Sam was born

Matthew 8:1-4 Leper “Lord if you are willing, you can make me clean. Jesus “Yes I am willing and He touch him.

3. Immigration papers were in process

Revelation 3:8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

4. Worship service where only I, my wife and son were present.

1 Peter 2:6 "See, I lay a stone in Zion, chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

CONCLUSION

21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** Yet a time is coming and has now come when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in **spirit and in truth.**"

This conversation that Jesus had with the Samaritan woman somewhat summarizes with the current work of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus said, "God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Nobody can worship in spirit apart from the Holy Spirit.
Nobody can know the Truth apart from the Holy Spirit.
Nobody can glorify and magnify Christ apart from the Holy Spirit.

From the start to finish of our faith, the involvement of the Holy Spirit is hard to ignore. He is the source of every knowledge we have about Jesus Christ, He is the source of strength we have in serving Christ even in the midst of hardships and persecutions, He is the source every inspired worship we have.

What is interesting is that, He does things only in the name of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18 “Do not get drunk with wine but be filled with the Holy Spirit.”