Salvation and the Holy Spirit

"Women with a Call"

The Word (the Gospel of Jesus Christ)

• The Word of God has the power to cleanse us .	Ps. 119:9 Eph. 5:25-27 John 15:1-3		
• Hearing, receiving, and believing the Word of God (the gospel) has the power to save us . [We respond by repenting of our sins and choosing to live our lives another - more excellent - way].	Luke 8:11-15 Rom. 1:16 Rom. 10:8-10		
• Salvation is being born of water , which is the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit .	John 3:1-8		
We are placed in the body of Christ and forever sealed by the Holy Spirit.	1 Cor. 12:12-13, Eph. 1:13-14		

* Reflective Questions: Are you born again? How do you know? 2 Cor. 13:5 tells us to "examine ourselves as to whether or not we are in the faith."

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Friend, when you open your heart to receive and believe the Word, which is Jesus (John 1:1), and then repent, the Holy Spirit fills your spirit and makes you alive in Christ. You are now born of the water (Word) and the Spirit. The Holy Spirit unites you to Christ, and you become a part of the family of God - the body of Christ. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Therefore, as Christians, we now yield to the Spirit's leading in our lives. God's Word cleanses, and God's Spirit leads. Know that the Holy Spirit will convict you when you sin and lead you into right living, giving you new desires, new hope, and new life. You will receive help in doing good works. As believers, we are justified or placed in right standing with God (Rom. 3:23-24) and are being transformed and conformed (called sanctification) into the image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18). What a glorious eternal plan for our lives!

God has assigned the Holy Spirit to do a	Rom. 8:13-14 2 Thess. 2:13-14	
transforming work within you.	John 16:12-15 Rom. 8:11 2 Cor.	
	3:17-18	

- * **Reflective Questions**: How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit (your life guide and helper)? How is the Holy Spirit guiding you? What areas are you being instructed to *grow further in* ... or *refrain from*?
- ❖ **Post** (*optional*): What have you learned from this study that helps you? Explain.