

A The hidden work of the Holy Spirit:

❖ His mysterious work.

- When talking with Nicodemus, Jesus compared the work of the Spirit with the wind (John 3:5-8).
 - (a) “It blows where He wishes”. No one can control Him. He does His will efficiently in a totally mysterious way.
 - (b) “You hear His sound”. Although we can’t see Him, His work is tangible. We can see the effect of His work in people.
- When He blows in us (dry bones, see Ezekiel 37:1-14), we receive new spiritual life.

❖ His creative work.

- He was hovering over the waters as the eagle moves over her chicks to protect them (Deuteronomy 32:11). The Holy Spirit was present in Creation.
- The Spirit was a secondary actor as he supported the work of the Father (Genesis 1:1) and the Son (Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2)
- He was present when man was created (“let us make”) and He is a main actor in renewing life on earth (Salmo 104:30).

❖ His work in illustrating the plan of salvation.

- The Holy Spirit gave special gifts to Bezalel to do all the workmanship that was needed with skillfulness and beauty (Exodus 31:4-5).

B Hidden behind Jesus.

❖ Glorifying Jesus. John 15:26; 16:14.

- How does the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus?
- The Spirit hides behind Jesus. His work is to attract us to Christ and His redeeming work.
- We must attract everyone to Jesus like the Spirit does, not to ourselves (and not even to the Holy Spirit).

❖ Working for Jesus.

- The Holy Spirit played an active role in the life of Jesus.
 - (a) He made His incarnation possible (Luke 1:35); He anointed Him for His mission (Luke 3:22); He supported Him in temptations (Luke 4:1, 14); He supported Him in His redeeming work (Hebrews 9:14); He made His resurrection possible (1 Peter 3:18).
- The Holy Spirit is still working for Jesus in the life of each one of us.
 - (a) He teaches us about Jesus by using the Scriptures; He leads us to a saving relationship with Jesus; He reproduces the character of Jesus in us; He empowers us so we can live a life like Jesus’.