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The Leading of the Holy Spirit

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14)

The Holy Spirit leads to repentance and faith

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ...the Holy Spirit witnesses..."

(Acts 20:21-23) Both are God's effectual gifts, occurring together.

The Holy Spirit leads to know the truth

"...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13) The great need of God's regenerated elect is ongoing growth in grace and truth.

The Holy Spirit leads to spiritual fruitfulness

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23)

The Holy Spirit leads in preaching the gospel

Acts 16:7 - Paul was "forbidden of the Spirit to preach the word in Asia"

Eph 6:17 - "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

The Holy Spirit empowers in preaching the gospel

1 Cor 2:4-5 - "And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power"

The Holy Spirit leads in the way of providence

See His providence in Jesus' birth: He authored the conception (Matt 1:18); He fulfilled the prophecy concerning Bethlehem (Matt 2:5-6); He guided the wise men to the birth site (Matt 2:7-11); He fulfilled the prophecy concerning Herod's effort to slay Jesus (Matt 2:16-23); Simeon blessed Jesus at eight days old because "the Holy Spirit was upon him...it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit...he came by the Spirit..." (Lk 2:25-27). Let God's people learn to live by the providence of God's ever-present Spirit.

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