

How does the Holy Spirit work faith in us?

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But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually [i.e. *Spiritually*] appraised (NASB; I Cor. 2:14).

And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me. . . (NASB; John 16:8-9).

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will [lit. *the to be willing*] and to work [lit. *the to be working*] for His good pleasure (NASB; Phil. 2:13).

(Note: If this Divine enablement is necessary for believers to do God's pleasure, how much more so is it for unbelievers?)

. . . knowing, brethren, beloved of God, *His* choice of you; for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. . . (NASB; I Thess. 1:4-5a).

**The Holy Spirit works faith in us by
(1) convincing us of our sin and misery,
(2) enlightening our minds in the knowledge of
Christ, and (3) renewing our wills.**

About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death

(John Wesley, Journal, May 24, 1738).

***I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through His Word, creating faith in Him***

("I Know Whom I Have Believed," Daniel W. Whittle).

