

**YOU'VE GOT HELP**  
**(The Ministry of the Holy Spirit)**  
**Part 5: The Holy Spirit's Active Involvement**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS THE EARLY CHURCH**

**A. He was instrumental in reaching out to the Gentiles (*Acts 10:19-20 NKJV*)**

1. The Jewish believers did not consider Gentiles within the sphere of salvation
2. It required a vision and direct command from the Holy Spirit to open that door

**B. He helped guide the early church into a major decision regarding the nations (*Acts 15:28 NKJV*)**

1. The early church used the scriptures and the direct involvement of the Holy Spirit
  - a. A classic example of how God's guidance worked for early believers in making decisions

**C. He helped steer Paul into God's plan for his life and ministry (*Acts 16:6-8 NKJV*)**

1. Paul had developed a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and His leadings
2. Paul also had a willingness in him to yield

**THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INVOLVEMENT IN OUR LIVES TODAY**

**A. He helps us by offering guidance (*John 16:13 NKJV*)**

1. He will always guide us in agreement with God's word
  - a. He is the Spirit of Truth who inspired the scriptures
2. He does not force or push
  - a. Guidance has to be responded to
  - b. This agrees with the picture of the Lord as our Shepherd

**B. He helps us by telling us about the future**

1. Insight into the future is a huge help
  - a. The value of being prepared
2. The Holy Spirit warned Paul regarding what was coming his way (*Acts 20:22-23 NKJV*)
  - a. Paul was not caught off guard
3. Paul was warned about an upcoming storm (*Acts 27:9-10 NKJV*)
  - a. He did not directly reference the Holy Spirit
  - b. Paul talked about an inward perception or knowing (*Romans 8:16 NKJV*)

**C. He helps us by teaching us (*John 14:26 NKJV*)**

1. He reveals to us the mind of Christ and the will of God (*1 Corinthians 2:9-13 NKJV*)
  - a. Reveal = to unveil or uncover
  - b. He reveals God's word and God's plan for our lives