

Historically speaking, I've never been a shopper. I'm more of a hunter. I know what I'm going to the store for and I go in, find it, and get out. Christmas was always the exception. It was the one time of year when I would go from store to store looking for the best deals. There were years when I would buy a gift and then take it back because a week later I would see it on sale somewhere else.

Then I discovered on-line shopping. This wonderful technological advancement allowed me the joy of Christmas shopping without the crowds.

Now Christmas shopping is a lot less stressful. And one of the things I like about it is that it offers you assistance in remembering things. For example: a certain on-line marketplace will make suggestions when you add something to your cart. A couple of years ago, Gabby wanted a new Polaroid camera. I found one and clicked "add to cart." After setting aside the item for me, at the bottom of the screen appeared the following statement, "People who purchased this item also purchased" and then it gave me a list of items, one of which was film. I thought to myself, "Oh yeah. I guess I need to get film." A Polaroid camera is just a paperweight without film.

Well, God realized that while Jesus secured salvation for mankind, we would need assistance living the new life he offers. So he included another gift: the Holy Spirit. You see, salvation is the work of the Father through the Son, while sanctification is the work of the Father through the Spirit. So this morning, we look at God's perfect complement.

Scripture: Gal. 4:6

## I. God's Perfect Complement

### A. **Complement**

1. Where the analogy fails
  - a) The Holy Spirit is not an add-on
    - (1) We receive the Holy Spirit when we receive Christ

### B. **Confirmation**

1. We not only have the knowledge of adoption through the truth of Scripture in our minds but the very essence of adoption through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus provides us with the position of "child" and the Spirit provides us with the experience of "child"
3. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives that confirms our salvation (Rom. 8:16)
  - a) Confirmation emails
  - b) Conviction as confirmation

### C. **Counselor**

1. The Holy Spirit serves as God's guide for his children (Rom. 8:14)

- a) Teaching (John 14:26)
- b) Truth (John 16:13)

**D. Confidence**

- 1. Approaching God as Father (6, Rom. 8:15)
- 2. Assurance of Salvation (Eph. 1:13-14)

Last week, we looked at God's perfect solution to our sin problem. In doing so, we focussed on Jesus. But we cannot fully understand nor can we fully appreciate God's perfect solution without properly understanding and appreciating His perfect complement, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is an integral part of God's perfect solution. It is the Holy Spirit who leads us to recognize our sin and our need for a Savior. It is the Holy Spirit who impresses upon us the truth that Jesus is the only cure. It is the Holy Spirit who provides us with the necessary faith with which to entrust and surrender our lives to God through Jesus. He does all of these things by working on us externally.

However, once we have been obedient to his counseling in these areas and trusted in Jesus as our Savior and surrendered to him as our Lord, the Holy Spirit then takes up residence within us to help us become the sons and daughters that a holy God deserves.

This morning, if you have not submitted to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in regards to salvation, I invite you to use our time of invitation to do so.

If you have been obedient to the Spirit's leadership into salvation, I encourage you to surrender to his work as he leads you in the process of sanctification.