

How's That Work?

I wonder how that works? Those words have rushed through my mind thousands of times over a lifetime. Whether it be bicycles, or automobiles, or office equipment, or life... I've always wanted to know how things work. And I've spent countless hours figuring it out and fixing stuff.

But the one thing I was never able to fix was myself. And the one thing I've never been able to figure out how it works is the Holy Spirit. I have spent years researching and studying about God the Holy Spirit, yet He remains a great mystery.

In John 3, Jesus says, *"The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."*

"How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asks.

I wonder that same thing myself. How is it that the Spirit works upon the hearts of men and women to bring them to faith in Jesus and to give them a new birth. Oh, I can see the changes in a person's life, which bring about the good "fruit of the Spirit." I can hear their confession of faith and watch them be baptized into Christ.

But these are all but evidence of the greater reality that I cannot fully comprehend or explain—the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives to open their hearts to the message, to surrender to Jesus as Lord, to cleanse them of their sins, to live inside of them, and to include them in the family of God.

However, I am thankful of two things: 1) Jesus said I couldn't fully comprehend this, and 2) I have repeatedly seen the Spirit make incredible differences in people's lives.

The saying might be true that "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," but thankfully we know that the Holy Spirit can give anyone, young or old, NEW LIFE!

A Prayer

Thank you, Father, for things beyond my ability to comprehend—things like your holiness, your grace, and your love. And thank you for the Holy Spirit and how He blows like the wind, mysteriously bringing new birth into the lives of people. When we are "born of the water and the Spirit" amazing things happen as new life springs forth within us... and nothing is ever the same again. Thank you! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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