

# GOSPEL GUT CHECK: THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES WHAT FALSE SPIRITUALITY CAN'T

1 JOHN 2:18-27 (ESV)

## Overarching theme of 1 John 2:18-3:24:

When the Holy Spirit indwells someone, He actively encourages that person's growth in (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and (3) love for Christian brother.

I. The decisive difference between a Christian and non-Christian is the

\_\_\_\_\_.

A. The Holy Spirit enables Christians to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

As we hear the \_\_\_\_\_, the Holy Spirit...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ us that we have a sin problem,
2. Helps us to understand how the Gospel solves that problem, and
3. Empowers us to \_\_\_\_\_ that message.

II. While every Christian \_\_\_\_\_ with their \_\_\_\_\_, the indwelling Holy Spirit brings us back to trusting the Gospel.

A. The first definitive sign of the Holy Spirit's work in someone is that they \_\_\_\_\_ with their \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is their Savior and King.

B. If a person does not openly profess faith in the Gospel, their \_\_\_\_\_ insights or "wisdom" should not be \_\_\_\_\_ or sought by Christians.

III. When the ones we love \_\_\_\_\_ professing faith in Jesus, we love them best by...

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (1) that they have the Holy Spirit and (2) that He will call them back to the faith.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with them, rather than taking their spiritual advice.

C. While we engage lovingly with those disaffected from the faith, we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves by attending to our own \_\_\_\_\_ with God.