



# What Young Christians Believe About The Holy Spirit

## WHAT WE DID

Teleios Research surveyed young evangelical Christians about the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

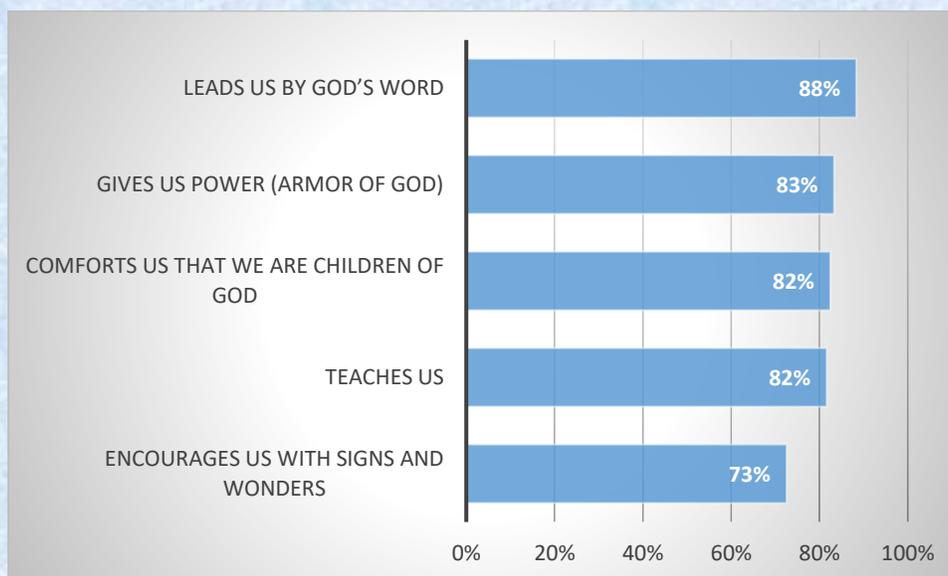
475 professed Christians completed a survey advertised on the Instagram account, Instapray, of which:

- 71% female
- 30% were adolescents (<18) and 38% were millennials (18-30 years of age)
- 17% were high school graduates and 21% college graduates
- 64% lived in the United States
- 78% were evangelicals

## WHAT WE FOUND

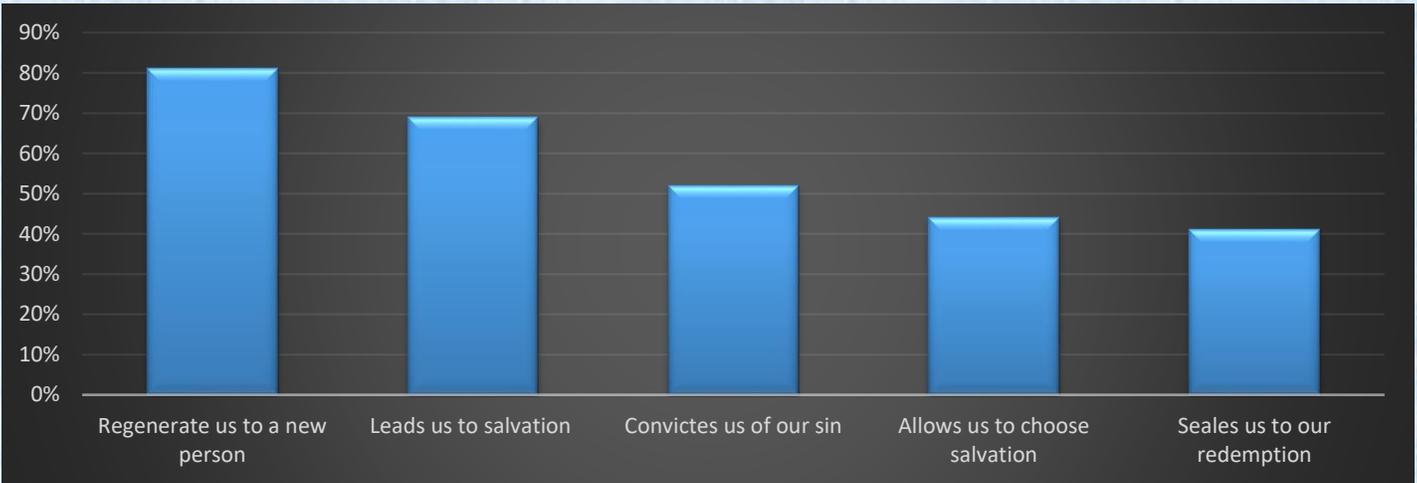
### Holy Spirit's role in Christian lifestyle

We asked about the role the Holy Spirit in the Christian life; the most common response was that the Spirit helps lead believers by the word of God (88%).



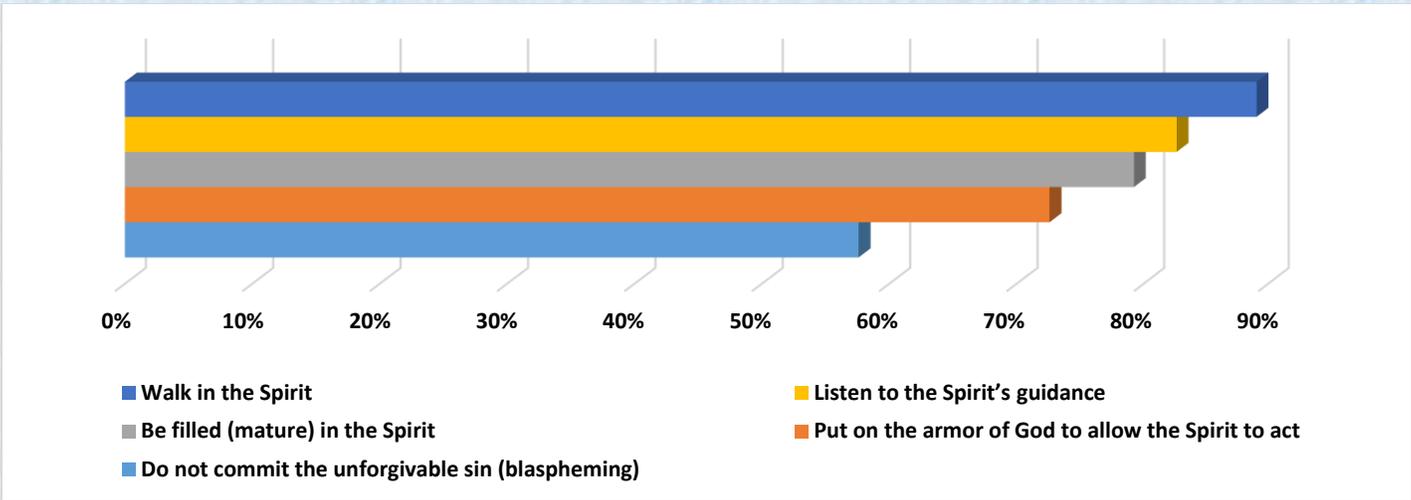
### Holy Spirit's role in salvation

We enquired about the role of the Spirit in salvation; the Spirit regenerating believers into a new person had the highest response rate (81%).



### Duty of the believer

We sought their opinion on the duty of a believer towards the Spirit; participants noted most often that it is to walk in the Spirit (89%).



### Results of Holy Spirit

We asked the results of the Spirit acting in their lives; the most common response was "Fruit of the Spirit" (94%).

| Answer                             | Responses |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fruit of the Spirit                | 94%       |
| Speak the things of God            | 75%       |
| Controlled and/or mature behaviors | 68%       |
| Act according to the armor of God  | 67%       |
| Able to interpret dreams and signs | 39%       |



## **WHAT IT MEANS**

These results are encouraging! Both millennials and adolescents, overwhelmingly identify important scriptural roles of the Spirit. This is vital because the doctrine of the Spirit can be confusing, often because of differences in beliefs between Christian denominations.



## **What the Bible teaches about the Spirit**

The Bible teaches the Holy Spirit has a critical role in both salvation and the Christian life.

- The Bible indicates that in salvation the Spirit:
  - draws an unbeliever to God by convicting them of sin
  - baptizes them into the body of Christ (the universal church)
  - regenerates them to a new life, and
  - seals them until Christ comes again
- The Bible indicates that the Spirit influences our Christian walk
  - gives power
  - prays for believers
  - teaches believers
  - helps believers defeat sin, and
  - comforts believers



*Establishing evidence for the positive results of a God-based lifestyle*

If you are not a Christian or do not understand that salvation is a gift from God...keep reading!

- Each person has done misdeeds (sin) that deserve punishment from a perfect and just God.
- However, God being loving, sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins on the cross to take the punishment we deserve.
- Consequently, when we simply accept, through faith alone, the forgiveness that Christ provided by his death on the cross, we receive a permanent relationship with God and eternal life!

(Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10, and Romans 3:21-26).

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