

Study 7
***THE HOLY SPIRIT &
THE GREAT HUMAN CRISIS***

His nature:

(as 3rd Divine Person of the Blesséd Triune Community of Love)

- **Spirit** (of the Initiator-Father & Mediator-Son)
- **Creator** (as Facilitator of the creation)
- **Servant** (as Spirit) & **King** (as Facilitator of the kingdom)

HIS WORK OF REGENERATION

**** the supremely, awesome action of God's mercy***

on the basis of:

- **the 'grace of election'**

(the Father's wise, sovereign choice from before the Creation)

with a view to:

- **a 'predestined goal'**

(ultimate, perfect conformity to the likeness of the Son)

accomplished by:

- **an 'effective call'**

(the enlivening summons of God, creating what it commands)

a fallen-human heart

sovereignly acted upon & bringing:

- **enlightenment**

(revelation of the truth: things as they really are in regard to God, humanity, the creation & the glorious gospel of grace)

- **conviction**

(a mounting awareness of innate personal unrighteousness, & a deeply disturbing sense of total accountability to God)

- **repentance**

(a grace-inspired change of mind towards the Father)

- **faith**

(a simple, joyous & decisive act of trust in the Son's fully accomplished work—a *taking hold* of the grace of God)

- **reconciliation**

(a 'new friendship' with the Father—previously impossible)

- **conversion**

(a 180° turn—from the way of Satan, to God & His way)

- **wonderment**

(a joyous, wide-eyed, creaturely humility in the face of such mercy—with ever-richer dimensions of divine love to know)