

Session 5 – Holy Spirit

LIFE - Learning the Word of God

Who is the Holy Spirit?

We know the Holy Spirit is God because He possesses the characteristics of God.

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“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!” – Psalm 139:7-8

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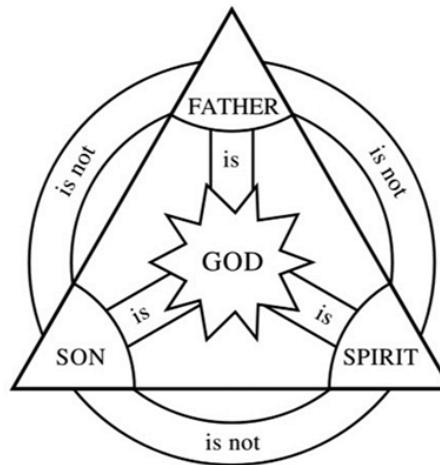
“these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” – 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

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“And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.” – Luke 1:35

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“how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.” – Hebrews 9:14



The Holy Spirit is a Person ...

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal power or mystical force. The Holy Spirit is a person who:

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“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’” – Acts 13:2

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“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” – Ephesians 4:30

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“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”
– Romans 8:26

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“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good...All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually as he wills.”
– 1 Corinthians 12:7&11

What is the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit?

- The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit = _____

Before the Resurrection, the Spirit would come and go from individuals chosen by God, empowering them for great works of service for a period of time.

The Spirit entered...

“When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him [Samson]. Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.” – Judges 15:14

The Spirit departed...

“Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul....” – 1 Samuel 16:14

Now, because we have been made righteous by the redemptive work of Jesus Christ completed on the cross, the Holy Spirit can reside in the human heart.

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” – John 16:7

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit” – Titus 3:4-5



Jesus explains the new role the Holy Spirit now plays in lives of believers.

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“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” – John 14:16-17

The Apostle Paul describes us as:

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“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body..” – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

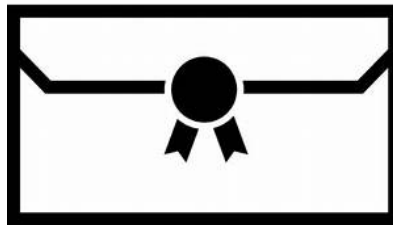
When we accept Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our heart, bringing with Him an entirely new life of love, relationship, and service to the Lord.

What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit is active in the lives of believers. The Bible calls the Holy Spirit our “Helper”. He helps us in multiple ways:

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*“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—
having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given
as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to
the praise of His glory.” – Ephesians 1:13-14*



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“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” – Romans 8:14

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– Romans 8:26*

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“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” – John 14:26



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“For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.” – 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” – Romans 15:3



LIFE – Invest into relationships

Session 5 Discussion Questions

Question 1:

Why do we fall into thinking of the Holy Spirit as impersonal?

Question 2:

How has this lesson helped you understand that the Holy Spirit is God? What difference does that truth make to you personally?

LIFE – Follow the way of Christ

Session 5 Memory Verse

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

John 15:26

LIFE – Engage with your world

Session 5 Homework

Read Galatians 5:22-23

Pick a “Fruit of the Spirit” that you need to work on this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you display this to the world around you.