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## **PREFACE**

You have probably read on the back cover of this book some reasons why people study this course. Are these your reasons? If so, you will enjoy reading about men and women who have received the Holy Spirit as their Friend and Helper. You will learn from the Bible what this Friend can do for you. Best of all, as you put into practice the suggestions given in each lesson, you will know God better and serve Him more effectively.

You will find the Suggested Reading List at the end of this book helpful if you plan to teach the course or want to study more about the subject and keep informed about what the Holy Spirit is doing today. This course uses a modern method of teaching, which will help you to learn the principles easily and put them into practice immediately.

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## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIES

*Your Helpful Friend* is one of 18 courses in this practical discipleship program for new believers. The Christian Life Series is a study to help students grow in their relationship with Christ, interact with the Word of God, and better understand God's purposes for their life.

Students will study basic Christian topics under six reoccurring themes. The courses are conversational in style and easy to read. The following chart illustrates how the units of study are organized for the Christian Life Series.

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# Before You Begin

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## How to Use this Book

This book is divided into lessons instead of chapters. Each lesson begins with two important pages. After the lesson number are the title and a short introduction to the lesson. On the next page is the outline or **The Plan** for the lesson. It is a list of what you can expect to study in the lesson.

Next are lesson goals. **The Goals** are guidelines for what you should be able to do after studying the lesson. Read them carefully; they will help you focus on the most important points in the lesson.

To help you achieve your goals, each lesson has questions and activities. The subheading **Application** signals you to answer questions on the material learned. Do not skip over this part. Writing out the answers will help you apply what you have learned. Most of the questions can be answered right in your book. If there is not enough room to write your answers in the book, write them in a notebook or journal that you can use to review the lessons later.

After answering a question, check the answer at the end of the lesson in the section marked **Check Your Answers**. Do not look ahead at the answers until you have written your own answer. This will help you remember what you study much better. Correct those you did not answer correctly. The answers are in a jumbled order so that you will not easily see the answer to the next question.

## How to Answer Study Questions

This course uses many different kinds of questions. Below are samples of the three most common types and how to answer them.

### MULTIPLE-CHOICE

A multiple-choice question asks you to choose an answer from the ones that are given.

#### *Example*

- 1** The Bible has a total of
- a)** 100 books.
  - b)** 66 books.
  - c)** 27 books.

The correct answer is **b)** 66 books.

In your study guide, make a circle around **b)** as shown here:

- 1** The Bible has a total of
- a)** 100 books.
  - (b)** 66 books.
  - c)** 27 books.
  - d)** 2 books.

### TRUE-FALSE

A true-false question or item asks you to choose which of several statements are TRUE.

#### *Example*

- 2** Which statements below are TRUE?
- a)** The Bible has a total of 120 books.
  - (b)** The Bible is a message for believers today.
  - c)** All of the Bible authors wrote in the Hebrew language.
  - (d)** The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible.

Statements **b)** and **d)** are true. You would make a circle around these two letters to show your choices, as you see above.

### MATCHING

A matching question or item asks you to match things that go together, such as names with descriptions, or Bible books with their authors.

#### Example

**3** Write the number for the leader's name in front of each phrase that describes something he did.

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| ...1... <b>a)</b> Received the Law at Mt. Sinai        | 1) Moses  |
| ...2... <b>b)</b> Led the Israelites across the Jordan | 2) Joshua |
| ...2... <b>c)</b> Marched around Jericho               |           |
| ...1... <b>d)</b> Lived in Pharaoh's court             |           |

Phrases **a)** and **d)** refer to Moses, and phrases **b)** and **c)** refer to Joshua. You would write 1 beside **a)** and **d)**, and 2 beside **b)** and **c)**, as you see above.

### Suggestions for Studying

1. Set aside quiet and regular times for your study. It will be easier to concentrate if study is part of your daily habits.
2. Pray as you begin each study session. With an open Bible, the Holy Spirit, and this course, you are in the classroom of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord to help you understand the lesson and apply it to your life.
3. Carefully read the lesson introduction, the lesson plan, and the goals.
4. Begin to carefully read the lesson. Look up Bible references and take any notes that may be helpful. The Bible verses reinforce important points in the lesson.
5. Answer the study questions in the spaces provided. Use your notebook or journal when necessary.

6. Think about what you have learned and look for ways to apply it in discussion with family and friends, in a Bible study, or other opportunity.
7. Take your time. No bell will ring to force you to move on to new material.

## Unit Evaluations

At the end of this course, you will find the Unit Evaluations. Questions and Answer Sheets are clearly marked for each unit. Carefully follow the directions given. You should complete and send your answer sheets to your instructor for corrections. If you are not studying with a Global University office you will still benefit by completing the Unit Evaluations.

## Ways to Study this Course

This course has been written so that you can study it by yourself. We like to say that the teacher is in the book. However, you may also study this course in various group settings such as mid-week Bible studies, learning centers, home groups, and youth programs. This course can be used as a correspondence or resource tool for prison ministries as well as special ethnic or other community outreach programs. You will find both the content and study methods excellent for these purposes.

If you study this course by yourself, all of your work can be completed by mail. Be sure to use the address of your Global University office. If you are studying in a group or through a Discipleship Training Center, be sure to follow any additional instructions that your instructor may give.

In addition, your church may partner with Global University to open a Discipleship Training Center. Visit us online at [www.globaluniversity.edu](http://www.globaluniversity.edu) for more information and start-up helps.

## Certificate

Unit or individual certificates are available to students upon successful completion of our courses. For instance, if you are studying through a National Office or Discipleship Training Center, you may receive a certificate from your Global University instructor. If you are studying on your own, you may mail your completed Unit Evaluation Answer Sheets to your local office. National Offices and Discipleship Training Centers may order certificates through the International Office or through Gospel Publishing House in the USA.

## Additional Helps

The School for Evangelism and Discipleship (SED) Catalog, Discipleship Training Center Manual, the Study Center Agreement Form, and the SED Order Form are available online for print downloads. Other materials available for this course include supplemental audiocassettes.

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and [www.globalreach.org](http://www.globalreach.org) for additional resources.

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Reverend Walker wrote this course with a thorough knowledge, both personal and biblical, of the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit, our helpful Friend.



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# Unit 1

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## **Lessons**

- 1 You Have a Friend—the Holy Spirit**
- 2 The Holy Spirit Gives Life**
- 3 The Holy Spirit Helps You Pray**

# 1 You Have a Friend— the Holy Spirit

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Today, more than ever before in the history of the world, people are talking about the Holy Spirit and His work. They have discovered that He is a Person, not just an influence. He has brought new life and power into thousands of churches. And millions of people today are discovering what the early Christians meant when they talked about being filled with the Holy Spirit.

In *The Pentecostal Evangel*, Robert C. Cunningham writes,

What does it mean to be filled with God . . . We know what it means for a person to be filled with fear, do not we—or filled with envy, or anger! . . . It means that these strong forces urge him to actions which express the spirit that has gained control of him.

Here then is the real glory of Pentecost. God the Holy Spirit comes into the lives and bodies of men and women to such an extent that they are filled with His presence . . . The Lord suddenly comes and fills His temple! Human beings become temples of God—think of it! May we learn again the unutterable wonder of being filled with God.

## ***The Plan***

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- A. He Is a Special Friend
- B. He Will Help You
- C. He Will Teach You
- D. He Will Make God Real to You
- E. He Will Fill Your Life with Love

## ***The Goals***

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1. Describe how the Holy Spirit can be your Friend.
2. List the seven titles the Bible uses for the Holy Spirit.
3. Describe the Holy Spirit's role as the Spirit of truth and wisdom.
4. State how God makes himself known to us.
5. State five aspects of God's love.

## **A. HE IS A SPECIAL FRIEND**

**Goal 1.** Describe how the Holy Spirit can be your Friend.

What kind of friend would you like to have? You would want him or her to love you, to care about you and your problems, to share in your happiness. You would want this friend to be honest, to tell you the truth even when it hurts, and to point out your faults with kindness in order to help you do better.

Maybe you would like your friend to be wiser, stronger, and better than you are. And the more time you would spend together, the more like your friend you would become—stronger, wiser, better than you are now.

Jesus Christ was this kind of friend to Peter, James, John, and the other disciples. He was a friend of sinners. He forgave their sins and gave them clean, new lives. He was a friend to all who wanted His friendship: rich or poor, sinner or saint,

ignorant or well educated of any race or nation. He gave them a richer, deeper, more unselfish love than they had ever known—the love of God.

But a human body limited Jesus. He could be in only one place at a time. He could not be with all of His friends who needed Him. So Jesus told His followers that He would return to heaven and send them another Friend and Helper who could be with them all at the same time, wherever they were.

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” (John 14:16–17)

This helper that Jesus promised to send is the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity. He is just like God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son in His nature, power, and purpose. He knows all things and has all power. He does not have a physical body but can be everywhere at the same time. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, as promised, so that the Holy Spirit could live in those who would receive Him. He has come to do for you what Jesus did for His followers.

“I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)

Do you sometimes feel that no one understands you or cares about your problems? God understands and cares about you! He knows just what you need. He loves you so much that He sent His Holy Spirit to be your special Friend and Helper. In this course you will learn about how the Holy Spirit came, what He did for the early Christians, and what He will do for you. With the Holy Spirit as your Friend, you never need to be lonesome or helpless again.

## Application

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- 1 Memorize John 14:16–17. Think about what Jesus did for people and what the Holy Spirit will do for you.
- 2 The “Helper” Jesus promised to send is .....



## B. HE WILL HELP YOU

**Goal 2.** List the seven titles the Bible uses for the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised to send another Helper. The word He used in Greek was *Paraclete*, which is sometimes translated “comforter.” It means, “someone called alongside to help.” The other titles of the *Paraclete* show what His powers and responsibilities are and how He will help you. He is called the Spirit of life, the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of Christ, and the Spirit of God. Whatever your problem may be, your Helper has the solution.

### The Spirit of Life

Do you need healing for your body? In different parts of the world sick people are being healed miraculously today in answer to prayer. Deaf ears hear again. Blind eyes see. Paralyzed people throw away their crutches and walk once more by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of life who gives life to all living beings. He has worked through Jesus to heal the sick and still does the same work.

In the next lesson you will study more about how the Spirit of life gives you life and health for both body and soul—a joyful, satisfying life on earth, and glorious, everlasting life in the world to come. But to enjoy the life that the Spirit gives, you must let Him lead you.

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with

the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:5–6)

**Application**

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- 3** In your notebook, list the seven titles the Bible uses for the Holy Spirit.
- 4** Would you like to have the Holy Spirit as your Friend and Helper? .....
- 5** Do you want to know the Holy Spirit better? .....
- 6** Read Romans 8:5–6. Think about the changes the Holy Spirit can make in your life.



**The Holy Spirit**

Do you find it hard to live the right kind of life? Do you want to be a better Christian? Your Helper is the Holy Spirit, or Spirit of holiness. *Holy* means “separated from sin and given to God.” The Holy Spirit shows us how terrible our sins are and helps us get rid of them. As we give ourselves to Him, He leads us closer to God and away from sins such as pride, selfishness, stubbornness, bad temper, prejudice, hatred, resentment, laziness, self-pity, rebelliousness, greed, and immoral thoughts or actions.

Maybe you need help to get rid of some bad habit. If you are a Christian, your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He will help you get rid of any habits that would harm your body. The Holy Spirit has set thousands of drug addicts free. Medical science and social workers had been able to give them only temporary relief. In a last desperate effort to “kick the habit,”

they turned to God for help. After accepting the Lord Jesus as their Savior they asked the Holy Spirit to fill them and give them power to live for God. Then the Holy Spirit filled them and delivered them from the drug habit. He filled them with the love of God and the desire to help others. Many are now preaching the gospel. Their lives are clean because of the Spirit of holiness in them.

***Application***

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**7** Do you have any sins or bad habits from which you want the Holy Spirit to free you? In your notebook, write them down. Ask Him to deliver you from these things.

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**C. HE WILL TEACH YOU**

**Goal 3.** Describe the Holy Spirit’s role as the Spirit of truth and wisdom.

**The Spirit of Truth**

Just as Jesus taught His disciples the truth, the Holy Spirit will teach you and will answer your questions about God. He will show you the purpose of life and help you understand the Bible. Things that used to puzzle you will suddenly become clear. Jesus said, ““But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth”” (John 16:13).

***Application***

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- 8** Memorize John 16:13.
  - 9** Do you want the Spirit of truth to teach you? .....
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**The Spirit of Wisdom**

Do you wonder what you should do or how to solve your problems? The Spirit of wisdom has come to help you. He will

lead you and show you what is best for you. In Lesson 4 you will study about how He will do it.

Do you want wisdom to work for God? In Acts the deacons had to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to do their work, as they should. Maybe you teach in Sunday school, do personal evangelism, or preach. The Spirit of wisdom wants to fill you and help you just as He did the workers in the early church. Acts 6:10 records of Stephen, “They could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.”

## ***Application***

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**10** Do you need to be filled with the Spirit of wisdom?

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## **D. HE WILL MAKE GOD REAL TO YOU**

**Goal 4.** State how God makes himself known to us.

### **The Spirit of God**

Does God seem real to you? Is He a far-off Ruler that you call on only in times of great crises? Or is He a loving heavenly Father who cares about every detail of your life? Are your prayers little speeches that you make because of a sense of duty? Or are they frank conversations with your Father? The Spirit of God has come to help you know God better. The apostle Paul writes,

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.  
(1 Corinthians 2:10–12)



Your teacher will be praying for you as Paul prayed for the Christians at Ephesus:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength. (Ephesians 1:17–19)

### ***Application***

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**11** Read Ephesians 1:16–19. Make this prayer your own. Pray it for yourself and others.

**12** According to 1 Corinthians 2:10–12, how does God make himself known to us?



## **The Spirit of Christ**

The Holy Spirit of Christ made Jesus real to you when He saved you. He let you know that Jesus is more than a great Teacher who lived long ago. He introduced you personally to Jesus, the Son of God, and helped you accept Him as your Savior, Lord, and King. He joined you to Christ and made you a member of His body, the church. This union is so real that Christ lives in you by His Spirit. Romans 8:9 says, “If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”

The Holy Spirit was with the followers of Jesus before the Day of Pentecost, but Jesus promised that He would come in a new way and fill them. Jesus himself would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. When he baptized them, the Holy Spirit taught

them more about Jesus and gave them power to tell others about Christ.

In the same way today, all those who have been born again have the Spirit of Christ. But Jesus wants to baptize them in His Spirit so that they can be more effective witnesses for Him. Jesus said,

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.” (John 15:26)

“He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.” (John 16:14)

## ***Application***

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**13** Would you like for the Spirit to make Jesus more real to you? If so, ask Him to do it.

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## **E. HE WILL FILL YOUR LIFE WITH LOVE**

**Goal 5.** State five aspects of God’s love.

What our world needs most is unselfish love, the love that only God can give. God can use you to help meet that need if you let the Holy Spirit fill you with this kind of love.

In the Old Testament God showed the prophets His love, and they conveyed His love to the people. But many people still thought of God only as a strict judge ready to punish them for their sins. They did not understand that He wanted to save them from their sins and be their Father.

Then God sent His Son Jesus Christ to live among people and show them what God is really like. In Jesus’ teachings you learn about the wonderful love of God for all humankind.

In Jesus' life, we see this love in action. And in His death and resurrection is the proof of God's love for you.

But what happened 2,000 years ago may seem far away. We get taken up with the problems of today—hunger, violence, crime, wars—and wonder if God really cares. We need to meet Him personally and find out for ourselves that He does love us.

So the Holy Spirit has come to give you a personal encounter with God. Just as Jesus came to reveal the love of the Father, the Holy Spirit has come to reveal the love of the Father and of the Son. He will pour into your life a love that you cannot describe. He begins to do this when you are converted. When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit you may seem to have even more capacity for God's love. And through the years you can overflow constantly with the love of God as you are filled again and again with the Holy Spirit. Paul writes, "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5).

A five-way love fills your life:

1. God's love for you
2. Your love for God
3. Love of other Christians for you
4. Your love for other Christians
5. Your love for everyone else

Persons who have been filled with the Spirit describe their experience this way:

"It was a baptism of love. I suddenly had a great love for God and for His Word."

"The Holy Spirit gave me a new love for my family, friends, other Christians, and even for persons who had been my enemies."

"The Holy Spirit made Calvary real to me. My heart was filled with gratitude to God. A great

love for God welled up in me and burst from my lips in praise to Him.”

“Sobs shook my body as God’s love for lost souls filled me and the Holy Spirit prayed through me for their salvation.”

Modern experience follows the pattern in the early church—a pattern of love. Wherever you go you will appreciate the love of Spirit-filled brothers and sisters in the Lord. And you can enter into a life more joyful than you had dreamed possible as you let the Holy Spirit fill you with love.

## ***Application***

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**14** Memorize Romans 5:5.

**15** In your notebook, draw the sketch of five-way love.


**16** While studying this course, read at least a chapter a day from the book of Acts in your Bible. Underline the name of the Holy Spirit wherever you find it. Later you will report on this.

**17** If we want the Holy Spirit to help us, the first step is to recognize our need. Write an N after each of His titles where you have a definite need (help from the Helper, etc.).

Helper	.....	Spirit of Truth	.....
Comforter	.....	Spirit of Christ	.....
Spirit of God	.....	Spirit of Wisdom	.....
Spirit of Life	.....	Spirit of Holiness	.....

Now go back and write an E (for experience) by each title where you have already experienced the help of the Holy Spirit. Next, thank the Spirit for what He has done for you already. Then pray for your needs where you have written an N. You may want to write these needs out on a separate paper and keep it in your Bible to remind you to pray for them and to thank God as He answers.

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## ***Check Your Answers***

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The answers are not given in the usual order. This is done so you will not see the answer to your next question ahead of time. Look for the number you need, and try not to look ahead.

**12** He makes himself known to us by means of His Holy Spirit.

**2** the Holy Spirit.

**15** Now, show your sketch or diagram for someone else and explain it.

**3** The titles are (in any order): a) Comforter, b) Spirit of Life, c) Holy Spirit, d) Spirit of Truth, e) Spirit of Wisdom, f) Spirit of Christ, and g) Spirit of God.

# LESSON 2 The Holy Spirit Gives Life

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Why did the Holy Spirit come? The Pentecostal writer, Melvin L. Hodges, offers four important reasons. First, the Holy Spirit has come to *enable us to think God's thoughts*. Our natural thinking is self-centered; the divine program calls for self-giving. We think of ourselves; God thinks of others. So something must take place that will bring our thoughts into line with God's thoughts. The coming of the Spirit was intended to accomplish this.

The Holy Spirit came to *enable us to share God's emotions*. One of God's emotions is love. It is not in us to yearn for the lost, to sacrifice strength and time, to weep and pray for the fallen. Only God's Spirit can put that love in us.

The Spirit has come to *enable us to pray God's prayers*, to pray in God's strength for the things God wants us to receive. We do not know what to ask for, and we have no ability to present ourselves to God. So the Spirit helps our weaknesses.

Finally, the Holy Spirit came to *enable us to do God's work*. God's method was announced in the Bible: "'Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6).

## ***The Plan***

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- A. Life and Health for Your Body
- B. Life and Health for Your Spirit
- C. Life With a Purpose

## ***The Goals***

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1. Identify the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and body.
2. State how we can have spiritual life, health, and growth.
3. Explain how you can have purpose in your life.

## **A. LIFE AND HEALTH FOR YOUR BODY**

**Goal 1.** Identify the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and body.

### **Life from the Spirit of Life**

You have received from the Spirit something worth more than all the silver and gold in the world—life. Two of the titles of the Holy Spirit are *Spirit of God* and *Spirit of Life*. Together with God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit participated in the creation of the world. The Spirit of Life brought life to this earth. His life-giving power makes the laws of nature function. Your Friend, the Spirit of Life, worked through these natural laws the miracle of life and birth that brought you into the world. Job 33:4 notes, “The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life” (Job 33:4).

### ***Application***

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- 1 Memorize Job 33:4.

**2** Give two titles of the Holy Spirit that are mentioned in this section.

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## Health from the Spirit of Life

Who can give you strength when you are weak? Who can give you vibrant health when you are sick? Who can protect you against the poisons in your environment? Who can give you peace and release from the tensions of your daily problems? Who can break the power of drug or alcohol addiction? Who can make the deaf hear, the blind see, and the paralytics walk again? Who can heal cancer, leprosy, heart trouble, and any other disease on earth? Who can even bring the dead back to life? Your Friend, the Spirit of life! The One who made our bodies knows how to make them well again.

The Spirit works in different ways to heal. Many are healed when they accept Jesus as Savior, others when they are baptized in water or in the Holy Spirit. Many are healed instantly when prayed for, others gradually. Some are healed while reading the Bible; others while taking communion, sitting in a church service, praying, or going about their work. As God's children pray and believe, the Spirit of life pours His life and strength into the one for whom prayer is made.

The Spirit of life brings health to the mind and nerves as well as to the body. He delivers people from depression, fears, and all kinds of mental illness. He sets people free from demon powers today just as Jesus did when He walked on earth.

The Holy Spirit worked through Jesus to bring healing and health to all who needed it.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.  
(Acts 10:38)



After Jesus returned to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to take His place. The Holy Spirit filled the believers and did through them the same miracles that He had done through Jesus. Acts 5:12, 16 record,

The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. . . . Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

The Holy Spirit gave the early Christians the *charismata* or supernatural gifts that they needed to carry on the work Jesus had begun. Nine of these gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12. Three of them are gifts of faith, healing, and miracles. Paul states,

To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. . . . To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:7, 9–10)

Many Christians today recognize that what the Holy Spirit did for the early church in the book of Acts is God's pattern for His church today. They ask Jesus to fill them with the Holy Spirit and He does. They ask for the Holy Spirit to manifest His gifts through them and He does. As a result, many are receiving healing by the power of the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer.

James tells us that if we are sick we must ask the elders of the church to pray for us—the pastor, the evangelist, or the deacons. In the Bible, oil is a symbol that represents the Holy Spirit. People were anointed with oil to show that they belonged to God and trusted in His Spirit to work in them. The oil does not heal. The Spirit does.

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. (James 5:14–15)

You, too, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, can be used by the Holy Spirit to bring health to others. You can show them in the Bible how Jesus healed the sick. Let them know that He still answers prayer and heals people today through the power of the Holy Spirit. Every believer in Jesus Christ has the right to pray for the sick and expect them to get well. Why? Jesus promised it! So believe!

“These signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” (Mark 16:17–18)

### **Application**

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**3** According to Jesus’ promise in Mark 16:17–18, . . . . . would place their . . . . . on the sick, and the sick would get . . . . .

**4** Does the Holy Spirit perform miracles of healing today?  
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### **Resurrection from the Spirit of Life**

The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and changed His body. And He will do the same for you! The Holy Spirit lives

in God's children now to give us the more abundant life that Jesus promised. Someday He will give resurrection life to all those who believe in Jesus. He will so change our bodies that we will rise in the air to meet Jesus. In our changed bodies we will never again know weakness, pain, disease, or death! Paul affirmed,

If Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:10–11)

## ***Application***

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**5** Read Romans 8:10–11.

**6** Thank God for the hope of the resurrection.

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## **B. LIFE AND HEALTH FOR YOUR SPIRIT**

**Goal 2.** State how we can have spiritual life, health, and growth.

### **Spiritual Life**

You need more than just life for your body. You need the everlasting life that God has provided for your spirit. Jesus died in your place to give you that life. And the Holy Spirit brings that life to you. The change He works in you is so great that Jesus called it a new birth. We also call it conversion, indicating change. No one can be God's child or go to heaven without this miracle of spiritual birth. Jesus said,

“Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”  
(John 3:6–7)

Here is what the Holy Spirit does for you in conversion:

- 1. The Holy Spirit leads you to Christ. He prepares you for conversion by showing you that you are a sinner, condemned to eternal separation from God. He lets you know that you cannot save yourself, so He helps you understand that Jesus died in your place. He makes you want to leave your sins and accept the forgiveness Jesus offers you. He makes Christ real to you and helps you accept Him as your Savior.
- 2. The Holy Spirit breaks the power that sin has over you, gives you a new nature, and makes you a child of God. Paul said,

Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.  
(Romans 8:2)

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

- 3. The Holy Spirit comes to live in you, to help you, lead you, and let you know that you are now a child of God.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.  
(1 Corinthians 6:19)

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. (Galatians 4:6)

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. (Romans 8:15–16)

***Application***

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**7** Do the steps here describe your experience of conversion?

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**8** If something seems missing in your experience, review these three steps and ask the Holy Spirit to do His work in you.

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## Spiritual Health

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

You feed your body, clothe it, and take care of it as best you can because you want it to be comfortable, strong, and healthy. You must take care of your spirit too if you want it to be happy and healthy.

Prayer is just as important to your spirit as the air that you breathe is to your body. In the next lesson you will learn how the Holy Spirit helps you pray.

God's Word is food for your spirit. The Holy Spirit has come to help you understand the Bible. He is the Author of the Bible, so He understands everything in it. Long ago the Holy Spirit had men of God write in the Bible the things that you need to know.

Prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

Jesus promised the disciples that when the Holy Spirit came He would teach them. After they were baptized in the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they understood God's Word better. Many of those who now receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit have the same experience.

John 14:26. "The Holy Spirit . . . will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Nehemiah 9:20. You gave your good Spirit to instruct them.

In their book on the Pentecostal experience, Kevin and Dorothy Ranaghan included these testimonies and many more like them.

“I suddenly found myself strongly drawn to the Scriptures. They seemed transparent to me. Prayer became a real joy.”

“I went back to my dormitory room and stayed up until 3 a.m. reading the book of Psalms and Acts. I couldn’t put the Bible down. I wanted to read more and more.”

“Since this experience the Holy Spirit has taught me more about Scripture than I could have learned in a whole lifetime on my own. When I read the Bible now the words live because Christ lives for me.” (1969, 37, 64, 68)

### Application

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**9** Memorize John 14:26.

**10** Think about your own attitude toward Bible reading. Do you enjoy it? Would you like to understand it better?

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**11** Thank God for the Bible and for the privilege of prayer. Before you read the Bible every day, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through it.



### Spiritual Growth

As children grow up, they usually do look more like their parents. Do you look more like your heavenly Father every day? As you let the Holy Spirit lead you daily, you

will grow spiritually. Others will be able to see in you these characteristics—the fruit of the Spirit—that make you look like your heavenly Father.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22–23)

When you were a baby, you were very helpless. But as you grew, you became stronger. You had new experiences and learned to do many things that you could not do before. God leads His children into many new spiritual experiences too: blessings, tests, and work to be done for Him. These experiences will help you grow spiritually.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a spiritual experience that God wants all of His children to have. It is also called “being filled with the Spirit.” Remember that the Holy Spirit has the same nature as God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit wants to fill you so completely that your whole nature will be saturated with the nature of God. The nature of God is love and holiness. So when you are full of the Holy Spirit, you will be full of love and holiness.

Think of a dry sponge. If you put it in water, it soaks up every drop that it can hold. Take it out and it just drips with water. Shake it, hit it, squeeze it, and it only releases the water with which it is filled.

You are the sponge. Jesus wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit, plunge you into the Spirit of life until you soak up His nature in every part of your being. When you are full of the Spirit, troubles may shake you, people may strike you, but all the pressures of life bring out the love of God with which you are filled.

In his book, *They Speak With Other Tongues*, John L. Sherrill tells about his baptism in the Holy Spirit:

At the actual moment of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, there was one overwhelming impression: I was bathed in, surrounded by,

washed through with love . . . We are so concerned with the power-aspect of the Holy Spirit. But the nature of that power, I am convinced, is love . . .

The secret ingredient in this kind of transforming holiness, I came to think, was love. When I came into contact with love as an overwhelming experience in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I found that I had been cleansed, built up, healed. I knew a kind of wholeness I'd never dreamed of. (1965, 130–131)

## ***Application***

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**12** Memorize Galatians 5:22–23. Pray that the Holy Spirit will produce this fruit in you.

**13** Name two characteristics of the nature of God that people should be able to see in His children.

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## **C. LIFE WITH A PURPOSE**

**Goal 3.** Explain how you can have purpose in your life.

You were not born just to take care of yourself. Your physical life has a purpose greater than just taking care of your body. And your spiritual life is more than just taking care of your spirit. You were born to have a part in God's great plan. He has a special plan for you—a work for you to do.

The Holy Spirit wants to help you fit into God's plan. Let Him lead you and you will discover the real meaning and purpose of life. He will give you a cause worth living for and worth dying for—the cause of Christ. The Spirit will make you a witness for Christ in two ways: through your changed life and



through your words. He sets your feet on the road to heaven and helps you invite others to go with you to your heavenly home. Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8).

***Application***

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**14** Thank the Holy Spirit for being your Friend and Helper.

**15** Complete this statement: We can have purpose if we allow ourselves to be led by the .....



## ***Check Your Answers***

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**13** love, holiness (could be others as well).

**2** Spirit of God, Spirit of Life.

**15** Holy Spirit.

**3** believers, hands, well.

**5** Did you notice how many times the words “lives” and “life” appear in these verses?

**4** Yes, He does!



# 3 The Holy Spirit Helps You Pray

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Some students baptized with the Holy Spirit have written:

“There was a newness in prayer, a newness that for many of us marked the beginning of a deeper faith life. . . . Many were drawn to long periods of prayer, marked by the predominance of the praise of God.”

“Prayer became a real joy—the sense of the presence and love of God was so strong that I can remember sitting for a half hour just laughing out of joy over the love of God.”

“My times spent in prayer were the happiest times. I was realizing the joy of prayer. Praise of God was something I had never done before. I always prayed when I wanted something or in thanksgiving, or because I knew it was the thing every good Christian should do in order to become closer to God and to better his life as a Christian. Now it was joyful to pray to God in praise of himself. I experienced an extreme closeness and joyfulness while I prayed.”  
(Ranaghan, 40–41, 64, 80–81)

## ***The Plan***

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- A. The Holy Spirit Teaches You to Pray
- B. The Holy Spirit Helps You Worship God
- C. The Holy Spirit Helps You Confess
- D. The Holy Spirit Shows You What to Ask
- E. The Holy Spirit Prays Through You

## ***The Goals***

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1. Identify important truths about prayer as the Holy Spirit teaches you.
2. Learn steps that can help you make worship part of your daily life.
3. Explain how the Holy Spirit helps you remove hindrances to your prayers.
4. Discuss how the Holy Spirit can help you pray effectively.

## **A. THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES YOU TO PRAY**

**Goal 1.** Identify important truths about prayer as the Holy Spirit teaches you.

What is prayer in your daily life—a duty or a conversation that you enjoy with God? Does God seem near when you pray? Are your prayers answered? Do you want to work with God in prayer and see wonderful results? The Holy Spirit teaches people how to pray.

You have studied how the Spirit makes God real to you. As He shows you how much God loves you, you love God more and want to spend more time with Him in prayer. You know that God cares about you, so you have confidence to ask Him for what you need.

The Spirit gives you faith to ask and the assurance that God will answer. He uses God's Word to teach you to pray.

The Bible tells you what to pray for, how to pray, and what to expect. The Spirit makes God’s promises real to you and helps you claim them.

Prayer is talking with God. It may be spoken words or just in your thoughts quietly turned toward God. It should be a two-way conversation—you should listen to God as well as talk to Him. And when you speak to God you should do three things:

1. Worship God.
2. Confess your faults.
3. Ask for what you want.

Think of your prayers as wheels that help you move forward in your Christian life and service for God. A wheel would not go very far with one section left out. The Holy Spirit wants to help you in every part of your prayers.

### ***Application***

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**1** What is prayer?

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**2** Name three things that you should do in prayer. Put an X beside any part that seems weak in your prayers.

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## **B. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS YOU WORSHIP GOD**

**Goal 2.** Learn steps that can help you make worship part of your daily life.

What part does worship have in your prayers? In worship you express your love for God. If there is no love, there is no

true worship, nothing but an empty form. The Holy Spirit takes you into God's presence and helps you respond to His love. Sometimes the words of a hymn express best the love you feel, so you sing to God. Sometimes you praise Him in words and sometimes in silent appreciation of His goodness.

Ephesians 2:18. Through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Philippians 3:3. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.

John 4:24. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

The great preacher Charles Finney wrote:

As I went in and shut the door after me, it seemed as if I met the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. . . . He said nothing, but looked at me in such a manner as to break me right down at His feet. I wept aloud like a child, and made such confessions as I could with my choked utterance. . . . As I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. . . . No words can express the wonderful love that was shed abroad in my heart. I wept with joy and love.

Do you want to make worship a part of your daily life? You can do it by cooperating with the Holy Spirit in these five ways:

1. Read a Psalm every day. The Psalms will help you appreciate God more.
2. Notice the prayers in the Bible. They are a pattern for you.
3. When you pray, worship God first before asking Him for your needs.

Psalm 100:4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

4. Sing songs of worship and thanksgiving. Sing to God at home or in church. Think of the words and mean them. The Holy Spirit may even give you a new song of worship to God.

Ephesians 5:18–20. Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Many of those who have been filled with the Holy Spirit tell of the new joy and freedom that they find in worship. The Holy Spirit wants to help you too.

## ***Application***

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- 3** Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to help you worship Him. Then for several minutes praise and worship God without asking Him for anything.
  - 4** Read Psalm 145 aloud to God. Sing a worship song to God.
  - 5** In your notebook, list things for which you are thankful.
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## **C. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS YOU CONFESS**

**Goal 3.** Explain how the Holy Spirit helps you remove hindrances to your prayers.

Have you ever felt that you were praying against a wall and could not get through to God? The Holy Spirit wants to help you get rid of anything that hinders your prayers. Think of how a boy acts when he is disobeying his father. Is he glad to see his



father? Does he run to meet him or stay out of his way? If he needs his father's help, his guilt is a barrier. He needs to confess what he has done, ask his father to forgive him, and stop disobeying. When he does this, he is reassured of his father's love and has confidence to ask for help.

The same thing happens between God and us. However, we are often blind to our own faults. So the Holy Spirit helps us by showing us our faults. He shows us how terrible sin is and helps us confess our sins to God. If we have wronged others, He tells us to ask their forgiveness too and helps us do all we can to make things right. This is an important precursor to biblical revivals.

Jonathan Goforth gives many examples in *When the Spirit's Fire Swept Korea*. For months the Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries had been meeting daily to pray for revival. A great revival came which went on for years and produced strong, spiritual churches. It began in one of the outstations of Ping Yang.

While conducting the service in the usual way many commenced weeping and confessing their sins. Mr. Swallen said he had never met with anything so strange, and he announced a hymn, hoping to check the wave of emotion which was sweeping over the audience. He tried several times, but in vain, and in awe he realized that Another was managing that meeting. (1943, 8)

After this, the mother church in Ping Yang expected special blessing during the week of prayer, but it seemed their prayers were not answered. On the last evening, the 1,500 persons present were startled when the leading man of the church, Elder Keel, stood up and said that God could not bless them because of his sin. At the request of a dying friend, he had agreed to administer his estate. But in doing

so he had kept back a large sum of money for himself. After confessing his sin, he said: "I am going to give the money back to that widow tomorrow morning."

Instantly it was realized that the barriers had fallen, and that God, the Holy One, had come. Conviction of sin swept the audience. The service commenced at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, and did not end until 2 o'clock Monday morning, yet during all that time dozens were standing weeping, awaiting their turn to confess.

It paid well to have spent the several months in prayer, for when God the Holy Spirit came He accomplished more in half a day than all of us missionaries could have accomplished in half a year. In less than 2 months, more than 2 thousand . . . were converted.

By the middle of 1907 there were 30,000 converts connected with the Ping Yang center. It was clear that the revival had not died down by 1910, for in October of that year 4,000 were baptized in one week. (Goforth, 9, 12)

What happened at Ping Yang has happened time and again all around the world in many different churches, during the twentieth century. As Christians let the Holy Spirit search their souls He reveals the hindrances to revival. When Christians confess their sins and make things right with God and themselves, God can use them for His glory. Revival comes. Prayers are answered. Souls are saved.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8–9)

Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. . . . May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:12, 14)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23–24)

## **Application**

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- 6** Circle the letter before each TRUE statement.
- a)** In Ping Yang, the Holy Spirit directed many people to confess and repent of their sins.
  - b)** First John 1:8–9 says that God will show us the future if we confess our sins.
  - c)** Sometimes we need the help of the Holy Spirit to see our own faults.
- 7** Read Psalm 51. Verse 4 is an example of
- a)** worship.
  - b)** confession.
  - c)** asking God to supply needs.
- 8** Memorize 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Psalms 19:12, 14; 139:23–24. Repeat these verses to God. Wait for the Holy Spirit to show you your faults. Ask His forgiveness and help, and obey Him.



## D. THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOWS YOU WHAT TO ASK

**Goal 4.** Discuss how the Holy Spirit can help you pray effectively.

The Holy Spirit encourages you to ask your heavenly Father for what you need. He reminds you to pray for others and their needs. And He gives you faith to believe God will give you what you ask.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
(Philippians 4:6)

But sometimes you do not even know what you need. So the Holy Spirit, your helpful Friend, is right there to put in your mind what to ask in prayer both for yourself and for others.

God has chosen to work through your prayers. Where there is a need, He tells His children to pray. Then He does what is necessary in answer to their prayers. This is how He saves souls, sends revival, heals the sick, and supplies needs.

God gives you the responsibility of praying for your family, your friends, your church, your country, and your world. How you pray affects God's work all around the world.

The Holy Spirit may impress you to pray for a certain man without letting you know what his need is. Maybe the person is deathly sick, or in great danger, or facing a terrible temptation, or in urgent need of supernatural power to do God's work. Your prayers will help this troubled man.

A Christian on the western coast of the United States said to his pastor, "I had a wonderful experience today. God spoke to me and told me to pray for someone by the name of Alva Walker in Africa. I prayed until I felt the assurance that God had answered." Half a world away a missionary named Alva Walker had been dying with black water fever. While his unknown brother in Christ prayed, Alva fell asleep and woke

up on his way to recovery. His life was saved because someone obeyed the Holy Spirit. Paul urges us:

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)

## ***Application***

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**9** Memorize Philippians 4:6 and Ephesians 6:18.

**10** Pray for others you may know who are studying this course. Also pray for any of your friends or relatives who need to know Jesus Christ and accept His salvation.

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## **E. THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYS THROUGH YOU**

The Holy Spirit will pray through you in your own language with an intensity beyond your natural way of praying. It may be for a need you have already felt. Or it may be for a need that the Holy Spirit makes you conscious of as He directs your mind and feelings. The prayer pours out the depths of your soul with great urgency. The Holy Spirit pleads with God for your needs or for the needs of others.

As you pray you may feel a burden as if the desperate need were your own. The Holy Spirit may pray through you in weeping over a need you sense but do not understand.

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. (Hebrews 5:7)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches

our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,  
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in  
accordance with God's will. (Romans 8:26–27)

Sometimes the Holy Spirit may want to pray through you in a language that He and the Father know but you do not. Paul calls this praying in tongues, or *glossolalia*. In some places it is translated “to speak in strange sounds” because any language that we do not understand is strange sounding to us.

The Holy Spirit prays through you for details of problems that you do not need to know about. He takes authority over the satanic powers that would hinder your prayers. He claims the victory and praises God for the answer. And He expresses in the language of heaven the love that you do not know how to express, the need that burdens your soul, or the praise that fills your heart.

Paul taught the Corinthian church that letting the Holy Spirit pray through them in tongues was important, but that it did not take away their responsibility of praying with their understanding too. Both kinds of prayer are necessary.

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:2)

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. (1 Corinthians 14:14–15)

Pray for each other. (James 5:16)

God offers you the exciting adventure of working with Him. Let the Holy Spirit lead you, teach you to pray, and pray through you. You will see many wonderful answers to prayer as you accept this ministry.

## Application

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**11** Memorize Romans 8:26–27. The Holy Spirit prays in accordance with whose will? .....

**12** Do you want a ministry of prayer? Begin now. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you sensitive to His leading. Use opportunities to pray at church, at home, or wherever you are. If possible, join for an hour or more of prayer with friends who know how to let the Holy Spirit pray through them.



Now that you have completed the first unit, you are ready to answer the questions in your student report for UNIT ONE. Review the previous lessons, then follow the instructions in your student report. Send your answer sheet to the address given on the first page of the student report.

## ***Check Your Answers***

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- 6** Statements **a)** and **c)** are true.
- 1** Talking with God
- 7 b)** confession.
- 2** worship, confess, ask
- 11** God's will
- 9** Is there anything that you are worried about right now? Why not tell God about it and ask for His help.







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## **Lessons**

- 4 The Holy Spirit Leads You**
- 5 The Holy Spirit Gives Power**
- 6 The Holy Spirit Fills You**

# LESSON 4 The Holy Spirit Leads You

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The apostle Paul urges, “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25). We must not only receive the Holy Spirit, but also walk in the Spirit. The apostle Paul had heard of some Christians who were not walking in the Spirit. To them he made this sad announcement: “You are still worldly” (1 Corinthians 3:3).

In his book *The Baptism in the Holy Spirit*, Willard Cantelon points out the importance of walking in the Spirit. “No matter how much a man may receive from God in spiritual gifts, nothing is accomplished unless that man walks in the Spirit” (1951, 29). The Holy Spirit comes to show us the truth. But how can He teach us if we ignore the Bible, the Word of Truth? He has come to give us power to witness and power to pray. But how can He perform His great work through us and in us if we keep silent about our faith and neglect prayer?

*Walking in the Spirit* means letting the Holy Spirit lead you. But just exactly how does He lead? This lesson answers that important question.

### ***The Plan***

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- A. He Leads You by God’s Word
- B. He Leads You by the Church
- C. He Leads You by Spiritual Gifts
- D. He Leads You by Visions, Dreams, and Circumstances

### ***The Goals***

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- 1. Identify ways in which the Holy Spirit uses the Bible to lead believers.
- 2. State the role of God’s people, the church.
- 3. Indicate five standards that spiritual gifts will meet.
- 4. Show how God can lead you through visions, dreams, and circumstances.

## **A. HE LEADS YOU BY GOD’S WORD**

**Goal 1.** Identify ways in which the Holy Spirit uses the Bible to lead believers.

Some people even depend on horoscopes and fortune-tellers. But you have a Friend who knows the future. He knows what is best for you. He loves you and wants to guide you in all your decisions. He is the Holy Spirit.

### ***Application***

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**1** The Holy Spirit is qualified to lead you because He knows the ..... and He ..... you.



The Bible is the road map that the Holy Spirit uses to lead you to heaven. Daily He helps you apply to your circumstances

the teachings of God’s Word. So it is very important for you to read your Bible every day.

The Holy Spirit will sometimes speak to you through certain verses as you read. Time after time Christians have said that in their devotional reading a Bible verse seemed to stand out from the page. And the verse was the exact words of encouragement or healing they needed.

The Holy Spirit will help you recall the Bible verses that you memorized. So when you are tempted to err, a verse may come to your mind as a warning. Psalm 119:9 confirms, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.”

The Holy Spirit will also speak to you through Bible teaching—preaching or teaching in the church, on the radio, in Bible clubs, in gospel literature, and in study courses such as this one. These are ways that He has chosen to lead you into all truth. Remember John 16:13.

## ***Application***

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- 2** Repeat from memory John 16:13.
- 3** Memorize Psalm 118:9.
- 4** Following are listed ways the Holy Spirit can use the Bible to lead you. Underline those that you need to do more often.

Read the Bible.

Memorize Bible verses.

Listen to sermons.

Attend Bible classes.

Read books that explain truths in the Bible.

Study Bible courses.



## B. HE LEADS YOU BY THE CHURCH

**Goal 2.** State the role of God’s people, the church.

Children learn to walk, talk, run, play, and work from their families. When you were born again, the Holy Spirit made you a part of God’s family—the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He expects you to accept from your brothers and sisters in Christ the help they give you. You will find much guidance, teaching, and help as you take your place in a local church. Be sure that it is one that believes the Bible, obeys it, and teaches and accepts the work of the Holy Spirit.

Christ has put in the church pastors, teachers, and other leaders. The Holy Spirit provides for them special gifts and power so they can do their work well.

It was he who gave some to be apostles,  
some to be prophets, some to be evangelists,  
and some to be pastors and teachers, to  
prepare God’s people for works of service,  
so that the body of Christ may be built up.  
(Ephesians 4:11–12)

Every member of the church needs to be full of the Holy Spirit. As leaders and members are led by the Spirit, the whole church can work together in harmony. Each one will do his or her part effectively in God’s plan.

### ***Application***

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**5** Pray for your pastor and other leaders that they may be continually full of the Holy Spirit.

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## C. HE LEADS YOU BY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

**Goal 3.** Indicate five standards that spiritual gifts will meet.

The Holy Spirit has spiritual gifts for every Christian. He wants us to accept these gifts so we can help one another.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4, 7)

To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, . . . to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. (vv. 8, 10)

The Holy Spirit may give your pastor or another Spirit-filled Christian the message of wisdom or of knowledge that you need. Or this message may come directly to you in a deep impression or flash of insight. You suddenly understand what God's will is for a certain situation. From outside of your own mind comes the revelation of what a Bible passage means and how it applies to your problem. God gives you the very words that you need to help someone else.

When you talk to people about the Lord or teach a Bible lesson you need this leading of the Holy Spirit. Parents need the word of wisdom from God to give their children the right kind of advice. The work of the Spirit is for practical everyday living, not just for crises.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (Ephesians 1:17)

And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts. (Exodus 35:31)

Prophecy, messages in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues are ways the Holy Spirit speaks to a group. Prophecy is God's message in the language of the speaker. It may be telling



something that will take place in the future. Or it may be just a message of exhortation and comfort for the hearers. Sometimes the message comes first in tongues and then is interpreted. These two gifts together are like the gift of prophecy.

Some people are afraid of these gifts of the Spirit because of false messages that they have heard about. This is like refusing to accept money because you might get a counterfeit bill. Satan has always tried to confuse people by imitations of God's work. There were false prophets in the Bible and still some today. But the Holy Spirit does not want you to refuse His gifts for fear of receiving a counterfeit or imitation of His work.

Neither does God want you to be deceived by imitations of His work. That is why one of the gifts of the Spirit is discernment of spirits; it protects the church from the work of evil spirits and mistaken ideas of people. People sometimes mistake their own ideas for revelations from God. Some bring terrible confusion by giving "messages" to tell others whom to marry, where to go, and what to do. So God tells us to test all messages.

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:19–22)

Messages from the Holy Spirit meet these five standards:

1. The message must agree completely with God's Word. For example, a message that tells a man to take someone else's wife could not possibly be from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has come to help us obey God, not to tell us to do something God has forbidden. Agreement with God's Word is the most important test; everything has to be measured by it.
2. The message must be true. If what is said in a message is not true, it is not from the Holy Spirit for He is the Spirit of truth. Prophecies that are from the Lord are fulfilled.

“But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true.” (Jeremiah 28:9)

You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?” If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him. (Deuteronomy 18:21–22)

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. (John 16:13)

3. The message will honor Christ. The Spirit of God honors both the Father and the Son.

He will bring glory to me. (John 16:14)

No one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed.” (1 Corinthians 12:3)

4. The message will bring blessing, not confusion.

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. . . . All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. (1 Corinthians 14:4, 26)

5. The one who gives the message is conscious and responsible to do everything in an orderly way. Sometimes Satan imitates the work of the Holy Spirit. In spiritism the mediums may go into a trance and not be conscious of what they say when another spirit takes control of them. But when the Holy Spirit gives a message through a person, He does it with the conscious cooperation of that person. The person can choose when to speak and when to keep quiet so that he or she does not interrupt the message God has given the pastor or others. Paul clearly teaches this in 1 Corinthians 14. The pastor should encourage the use of

the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but at the same time he or she is responsible to see that all is done in order and not confusion. So those who have the gifts of the Spirit must recognize the leadership of the pastor and not resent his or her instructions or advice.

The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. (1 Corinthians 14:32–33, 40)

## ***Application***

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- 6** Memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:19–22.
- 7** Circle the letter in front of each word or phrase that gives a standard for judging God-given messages.
- a)** Long with many details
  - b)** Honoring to Jesus Christ
  - c)** Forceful, loud, and authoritative
  - d)** Under the speaker's control
  - e)** Brings a blessing to the hearers
  - f)** Accompanied by tears
  - g)** Agrees with God's Word
  - h)** Has a true message
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## **D. HE LEADS YOU BY VISIONS, DREAMS, AND CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Goal 4.** Show how God can lead you through visions, dreams, and circumstances.

You have read in the Bible about how God spoke to people in visions and dreams. The Holy Spirit still speaks in this way today. What Joel prophesied is happening:

“Your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17)

In 1940, B.T. Bard wrote about a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit in Peking.

There are confessions of sins and shortcomings, messages in tongues and interpretation, prophetic utterances, spiritual dreams, heavenly visions of Christ and the glory land, divine healings, and, above all, a spirit of prayer and worship.

Kao Chu Ju desired the presence of God, but she was afraid to have any show made of herself, or for anyone to lay hands on her. Suddenly she saw Jesus in a vision, and He graciously laid His own nail-pierced hands on her. She fell to the floor under the power of the Spirit and soon was speaking rapturously in other tongues as the Spirit gave her utterance.

Dreams that come from God are very vivid and impress the person deeply. Many people have been warned in dreams to give up sin and accept Jesus as their Savior. You may receive blessing, help, and encouragement in your dreams. Or the Holy Spirit may lead you to pray for someone or warn you of a danger.


Most dreams are not revelations from God. Your subconscious mind keeps on working while you sleep and weaves your thoughts into dreams. However, you can make even these dreams work for you. Use them as a reminder to pray for everyone that you see in your dreams.

## ***Application***

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**8** If you have a dream that seems to have a spiritual meaning, ask God to show you the meaning.

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## Circumstances and Impressions

A Christian missed the bus, and four hours later she caught the next bus, sat down by a woman who needed God, and was able to lead her to Christ. The Holy Spirit had led through that circumstance.

Do the doors of opportunity seem closed before you? Look around. The Holy Spirit may be opening a door to better opportunities. Think of the early Christians who fled from Jerusalem to save their lives. But wherever they went they spread the gospel and souls were saved. Paul in prison was unable to continue his missionary journeys, but while there he wrote some epistles.

Are conditions around you terrible? Maybe God has put you there so you can do something about them. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see what you can do. Then keep your eyes open and go to work to improve conditions. You are one of God's lamps. Do not complain about the darkness. Just shine where you are.

The Holy Spirit will often lead you by impressions, as you trust Him to help you in the choices you must make. When you think about doing one thing, you feel a deep peace about it. But when you think about the other possibility, you feel uneasy.

A Christian businessman had a reservation on a certain plane, but he felt uneasy about it. The more he thought about it the worse he felt. Finally he changed his reservations for a later flight. The plane he had planned to take crashed and all the passengers were killed. The Holy Spirit had saved his life.

Proverbs 16:9 states, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." A pastor, hurrying to an appointment, felt an impression to stop and knock on the door of a particular house. He tried to ignore the idea, but it grew stronger. Finally, he turned around and went to the house. There he found a Christian in desperate need of his help.

A Christian felt an urgent impulse to visit a friend. When he arrived, his friend was preparing to commit suicide. The Christian led him to Christ and his life was saved.

“The Lord told me to bring you this,” a man said as he gave a basket of food to a pastor. The pastor and his wife had been praying for God to supply their needs because they had no money or food.

Life can become a series of thrilling adventures for you as you are filled with the Holy Spirit and learn to follow His leading. He will lead you into great usefulness and blessing.

### ***Application***

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- 9** You have read five different examples of God’s leading through circumstances or impressions. Based on these examples, what could be said about this kind of leading?
- a)** It usually concerns something to avoid.
  - b)** It is definite and the result brings honor to God.
  - c)** It can be easily ignored.
  - d)** It conforms to the plans one has already made.
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## Check Your Answers

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- 1 future, loves.
- 9 **b)** It is definite and the result brings honor to God.
- 7 **b)** Honoring to Jesus Christ.
  - d)** Under the speaker's control.
  - e)** Brings a blessing to the hearers.
  - g)** In agreement with God's Word.
  - h)** Has a true message.

# LESSON 5 The Holy Spirit Gives Power

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Can believers today experience the power of the Holy Spirit as the early disciples did? Yes. I do not think we have any better preachers today than the preachers in the New Testament. And they needed this power. We are of no use without the power of the Holy Spirit. Christianity without the Holy Ghost is a lifeless shell. Only God, the Holy Ghost, can produce the spark that quickens—the flame that kindles.

The Bible is full of promise and exhortation for us to approach God with full confidence of faith to receive this promise. Our Savior goes on record that He bought this gift for us. It is an integral part of the full gospel. It is meant to be. C. M. Ward notes, “The gift is . . . for you to use now!” (1966, 10, 12).



## ***The Plan***

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- A. Power for Many Purposes
- B. The Promise of Power
- C. The Promise Fulfilled at Pentecost
- D. The Normal Experience after Conversion
- E. Signs of the Holy Spirit's Power

## ***The Goals***

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1. Explain the purpose for the power, which the Holy Spirit gives.
2. Identify the description of the Holy Spirit given in the Bible.
3. Discuss how the promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled.
4. State the biblical pattern for receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
5. Indicate signs and results of the Holy Spirit's power.

## **A. POWER FOR MANY PURPOSES**

**Goal 1.** Explain the purpose for the power, which the Holy Spirit gives.

### **Learn How to Use Power**

Think of how many ways electricity is used: With it people light their cities, cook, heat their homes, and operate all kinds of machinery. Because people have learned how to use electric power they can do what used to seem impossible—even go to the moon.

The Holy Spirit wants to fill your life with a power greater than electricity—power to do what is impossible—but you must learn to use it. Used in the right way this power will bring glory to God and blessing to your life. Power of any kind used in the wrong way will always bring trouble.

Three mistakes to avoid:

1. *Some people use the Holy Spirit's power as a toy.* This was the problem of the Corinthian church. They so enjoyed talking in other tongues by the Spirit's power that they were just having a good time in their services. There was such disorder that outsiders thought they were crazy. Paul let them know that all things should be done decently and in order. They should learn to channel the power of the Holy Spirit so that souls would be saved, not turned away from Christ.
2. *Some people call attention to themselves instead of giving glory to God.* If the Holy Spirit gives a man faith for healing the sick, it is not so that he can flaunt the gift. Such pride brings many problems.
3. *Some people just do not use the power that the Holy Spirit has for them.* This is the most common mistake of all. Some have seen the misuse or imitations of the Spirit's power and are afraid of anything supernatural. The Thessalonian church had this problem. Paul told them to test the spirits to see if they were of God and not to accept any false prophecies or imitations of God's work. But they were not to throw away the real thing along with the imitations.

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:19–22)

## This Is the Pattern for You

The power of the Holy Spirit in the early Christians made their lives good in a civilization noted for its crime and corruption. An inner joy and peace made them sing and praise God when they were beaten and thrown into jail for Christ's sake. Full of God's love, they forgave and prayed for those who tortured them. This is power used rightly!

They had a powerful message and lived it out with conviction. Anyone without Christ was lost, but Jesus would

save those who believed on Him. They spoke with wisdom, logic, and courage beyond their own abilities—power that convinced their hearers of the truth and convinced them of sin.

They had a powerful faith. They knew that God was with them and would work through them as He had promised. So in Jesus' name they commanded paralytics to walk and they did. They prayed and things happened. Sick people were healed; prison doors opened; and multitudes of sinners turned to God.

This power in the early Christians made them witnesses, just as Jesus had said. They had the boldness and urgent desire to tell all their neighbors about Jesus. They had a mission to fulfill. Courage, love, great vision, and total commitment to Christ drove them on from town to town and country to country. They were determined to give the good news of salvation to every man, woman, and child in their world.

This is the pattern of power in the early church. Their power then was the power of the Holy Spirit who filled them and worked through them. What they did was the natural outflow of Spirit-filled lives. The Bible details their experience because it is the pattern for Christians today.

### ***Application***

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**1** Draw a circle around each of the results of the Spirit's power in the early Christians.

fear	faith	message	worry
courage	popularity	healings	
vision	money	conversions	love

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## B. THE PROMISE OF POWER

**Goal 2.** Identify the description of the Holy Spirit given in the Bible.

John the Baptist promised that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. This was a general promise made to all those who were being converted and baptized by him in water.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (Matthew 3:11)

Jesus had a great work for Christians to do all down through the ages. He knew they could never do it in their own strength. So He told His followers to wait until they received the power of the Holy Spirit and then they would be His witnesses. Jesus’ command and promise were for all His followers.

“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”  
(Luke 24:49)

“Wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. . . . But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:4–5, 8)

### ***Application***

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**2** Read Acts 1:1–14. Memorize verses 4–5 and 8.

**3** In Luke 24:49, the Holy Spirit is described as a

- a)** blessing requested by the disciples.
- b)** reward for holy living.
- c)** gift promised by the Father.
- d)** sin reserved for special leaders.

**4** Why do you think that the Bible calls the baptism in the Holy Spirit a “gift”?

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## C. THE PROMISE FULFILLED AT PENTECOST

**Goal 3.** Discuss how the promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled.

What did Jesus’ followers do to receive the promised Holy Spirit? For 10 days 120 of them waited—praying and expecting something to happen. And it did! On the Day of Pentecost they received what we call the Pentecostal experience or the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:14 records that the believers “all joined together constantly in prayer.” Read Acts 1 and 2.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. (Acts 2:1–5)

Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native

language? . . . we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” (vv. 7–8, 11–13)

Before this, Peter had been afraid of ridicule. What a change after he received the power of the Holy Spirit! He stood up and preached a powerful message. He explained that what they saw was the fulfillment of God’s promise. God had poured out His Spirit.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: . . . “These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.’ . . . Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:14–17, 41)

From then on Acts is the record of how the Holy Spirit worked through the Christians: He helped them witness, spread the gospel, and win souls to Christ.

## ***Application***

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**5** Which book shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the first Christians? .....

**6** Read Acts chapter 2.

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## D. THE NORMAL EXPERIENCE AFTER CONVERSION

**Goal 4.** State the biblical pattern for receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The apostles expected all believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit after their conversion. Peter made that plain.

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38–39)

If new converts did not receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit right away from their conversion, someone prayed for them so that they would receive it.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14–17)

After Saul was converted, the Lord sent Ananias to pray for him. Acts 9:17 records, “‘Jesus, . . . has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’”

Cornelius and his family heard the gospel, believed, and were saved as they accepted the truth. Before Peter finished preaching they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The experience of the believers in Ephesus was different. Like many Christians today, they had not even heard that God wanted to fill them with the Holy Spirit. Paul asked them:

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:2, 6)

Judging from the pattern in the early church, God wants to fill all of His children with the Holy Spirit and power. Who received then? Rich and poor. Men, women, and children. Illiterate and well educated. Religious leaders and persons recently delivered from sin. Persons of many nations. Peter said in the house of Cornelius, a Roman soldier,

“I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism . . . They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” (Acts 10:34, 47)

## ***Application***

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**7** Based on the description in the Bible, the baptism in the Holy Spirit is

- a)** the normal experience after conversion.
  - b)** for those who have been Christians a long time.
  - c)** mainly for educated men and church leaders.
  - d)** God’s gift to all His children.
  - e)** necessary before a person is baptized in water.
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## **E. SIGNS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT’S POWER**

**Goal 5.** Indicate signs and results of the Holy Spirit’s power.

### **Speaking in Other Languages**

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, He gave several signs of His power. People heard a sound as of a strong wind. They saw tongues of fire, and they spoke in languages they had never learned. In the book of Acts one of these signs—speaking



in tongues—was repeated when others received the Holy Spirit. This was how Cornelius and his family had received the Holy Spirit. The same sign was repeated at Ephesus. Compare the experiences.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” (Acts 10:44–47)

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:6)

Speaking in other languages by the power of the Holy Spirit is the supernatural sign that God has chosen to show that the Holy Spirit has filled a person. Both Jesus and Paul referred to speaking in tongues as a miracle or proof.

“And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues.” (Mark 16:17)

Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers. (1 Corinthians 14:22)

Christians throughout the world are continually experiencing this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. Usually the language is not known to anyone present. However, many times the Spirit has spoken through a person in a language unknown

to the speaker but understood by someone in the audience, just as at Pentecost.

### Others Signs of Power

You have read about many other signs of power that follow, as we keep filled with the Holy Spirit: the clean life, love of God, courage, and complete dedication to Christ. Signs of power are seen in powerful faith, powerful prayer, powerful witnessing, and powerful preaching. The results—conversions, healings, baptisms in the Holy Spirit, and church growth—follow.

The Bible records Paul’s prayer for the believers in Ephesus. You can claim this prayer for yourself.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being. (Ephesians 3:16)

As God makes you strong through His Spirit, you will be able to refuse evil, endure suffering, serve, and witness for your Lord.

### Application

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**8** You have studied several signs of the Holy Spirit’s power. How many can you name? Write them in the space following.

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## Check Your Answers

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- 5** The book of Acts
- 1** You should have circled the following words: faith, message, courage, healings, vision, conversions, and love.
- 7** Two completions are correct:
  - a)** the normal experience after conversion.
  - d)** God's gift to all His children.
- 3** **c)** gift promised by the Father.
- 8** I hope you were able to name at least three, such as speaking in other languages, dedication to God, conversions, and healings.
- 4** Your answer. The Holy Spirit is called a gift to help us know that we do not have to do anything to earn the Holy Spirit. God has already promised to send Him. Our part is to receive!

# 6 The Holy Spirit Fills You

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We have learned that the Holy Spirit is a gift. When are we ready to receive this gift? In his book, *Keys to the Deeper Life*, A. W. Tozer gives us an answer.

First, we must be “sure that the experience of being filled is actually possible” (Tozer 1957, 26–27). We must be convinced that it is nothing strange or unusual. We must see that it is the proper work of God, a gift that comes because of the work Christ did to save us. If we read and study what the Bible says about being filled with the Holy Spirit, our conviction will become strong.

Secondly, Tozer says we must desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit. “Are you truly willing to let the Spirit of God be Lord of your life?” (28). Are you willing to give up pride, boasting, and selfishness? Are you willing to obey the written Word of God? Are you willing to be tested and disciplined?

If you cannot answer an eager “yes” to these questions, examine your motives. You may want only the thrill of power or victory. But if you can answer positively, you are ready to be filled with the Holy Spirit!

## **The Plan**

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- A. Others Are Being Filled
- B. Believe and Receive
- C. Surrender to the Holy Spirit

## **The Goals**

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- 1. State Bible verses that describe who will be filled with the Spirit.
- 2. Show how you can receive the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Explain how to surrender to the Holy Spirit.

## **A. OTHERS ARE BEING FILLED**

**Goal 1.** State Bible verses that describe who will be filled with the Spirit.

Did you know that God is pouring out His Holy Spirit on all people now even more than on the Day of Pentecost? Joel's prophecy was fulfilled in part then and in a greater measure now.

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.” (Acts 2:17–18)

Between A.D. 300 and A.D. 1900 some individuals and groups continued to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Augustine, Xavier, the Waldenses, Zinzendorf, Finney, and many of the early Methodists and Quakers had the Pentecostal experience and power.

In 1900 God poured out His Spirit on His children all around the world. From then on the Pentecostal revival has

grown. Many thousands of Christians in all different churches, such as Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Some estimate that there are over 110 million Pentecostal believers in the world today.

Who is being filled with the Holy Spirit? People who hunger and thirst for God receive the Baptism. Many go without some meals in order to spend more time in prayer. Hunger of the soul has become more important than that of the body.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
(Psalm 42:2)

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.  
(John 7:37–39)

The Holy Spirit is filling those who want Him to take control of their lives. They surrender mind, emotions, will, and body so God can use them in any way He chooses.

## ***Application***

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**1** Memorize Acts 2:17.

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## **Welcome the Holy Spirit**

Your Friend the Holy Spirit wants to come in and fill you. General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, wrote this:

Before we go to our knees to receive the  
Baptism of Fire . . . see to it that your souls

are in harmony with the will and purpose of the Holy Spirit whom you seek. See to it that the channel of communication, by which the Baptism of the Holy Spirit must be received, be kept open. I heard of some people . . . who could not get any water. They turned the tap repeatedly, but no water came... Plenty of water was in the reservoir, pipes, tap, and connections all right, but no water came. At last they pulled up the pipe and found a mouse in it. It is no use turning the tap, praying, singing, or even believing, if you are holding something back or refusing to do something—something about which you feel condemned, but which you refuse to give up, something in the pipe . . . Out with it; give it no rest; give it up. Destroy your idols and hindrances and stoppages, with an everlasting destruction. Let there be free communication between you and God. Let all go, and you shall be flooded before you rise from your knees; the world shall feel the power of it, and God shall have all the glory.

## ***Application***

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**2** Has God shown you any hindrance to being filled with the Holy Spirit? If so, confess it now. Take steps to welcome Him.

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## **B. BELIEVE AND RECEIVE**

**Goal 2.** Show how you can receive the Holy Spirit.

You receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit like you received salvation: by faith. Just believe God's promise and accept the gift that He offers you. Here are some of the promises that will help you believe and receive. They are for you. Memorize them and repeat them to yourself. As you realize the truth of them it will be easy for you to accept God's gift for you.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. . . . Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”  
(Luke 11:9, 11–13)

Believe God. Do not be afraid to ask. And do not be afraid when the power of the Holy Spirit comes on you. God loves you. You are His child. He will not give you something harmful when you ask for the Holy Spirit!

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38–39)

“We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” (Acts 5:32)

To receive a gift you just believe that it is for you, thank the giver, and receive it. You take hold of it and make it yours. In the same way, you believe God’s promise. Receive the gift He has offered; thank God for it, and accept it. You believe that the Holy Spirit comes in to fill you. You surrender to Him your will, your desires, and ambitions, and let Him take first place in your life. As you do, He will fill you. And you will know it.

Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? . . . He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through



Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. (Galatians 3:2, 14)

### ***Application***

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**3** Memorize Acts 2:38–39; Acts 5:32; Luke 11:9, 11–13.

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## **C. SURRENDER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Goal 3.** Explain how to surrender to the Holy Spirit.

You want the Holy Spirit to fill you so that He can lead you, pray through you, give you the words to say when you witness, and give you faith to believe for His miracle-working power. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is your initiation into this kind of life. You experience some of all this work in the Baptism. It is like a door through which you enter into the Spirit-filled, Spirit-directed life. As you enter, you surrender your mind, emotions, will, and body to the Holy Spirit.

Often those praying to be filled raise their hands in a sign of surrender and invitation to the Holy Spirit to take control. Some receive while singing songs of surrender.

### ***Application***

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**4** Name four things that you must surrender to the Holy Spirit in order to let Him have His way in your life.

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## Surrender Your Mind

The Holy Spirit comes in so that He can help you pray and witness. So expect Him to impress on your mind certain things to pray for or to thank God for. Obey the Holy Spirit. As you do, He will pray through you in your own language or in the one that He chooses.

## Surrender Your Emotions

Your emotional nature is part of you; surrender it to the Holy Spirit. If you feel like crying when you are praying, do not hold back the tears. Let the Holy Spirit break up all the hardness, self-will, pride, doubt, and resistance to God that He may have found in you. Let Him convict, cleanse, and make you what He wants you to be. Weep for your friends and loved ones lost in sin, or for the millions who have never heard the gospel. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in you for the salvation of souls.

When the Holy Spirit fills you, He may give you such love that you will worship God and praise Him with your whole soul. Or you may be so happy that you feel like laughing for joy. Go ahead and express this love and joy from the Holy Spirit.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. (1 Peter 1:8)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17)

Remember, however, that God's blessings come to different persons in different ways. Some people do not feel any great emotion when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. So do not worry about it or try to work yourself into an emotional state. Benjamin A. Bauer says this:

The power of the Holy Spirit upon you cannot be accurately measured by the amount of feeling you possess, but rather by the faith that abides within. The power of the Holy Ghost may be working through you mightily without producing a particle of emotion in your physical man. But a man or woman filled with the Spirit will always be full of faith and love.

## Surrender Your Will

You have invited the Holy Spirit in to control your life. Do not argue with Him over how He is to do it. Do not insist on an experience just like someone else had. Accept what He has for you. Some people resist the power of God because they are afraid it will make them look foolish. What if people do criticize you? Critics said that Jesus and Paul were crazy and that the Spirit-filled believers at Pentecost were drunk. Let go of self-will and let God have His way.

## Surrender Your Body

The Holy Spirit will fill your body as well as your mind and emotional nature. You have prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit; He may let you feel that power so that you will know that it is real.

People respond physically to the power of the Holy Spirit in different ways, much as they did in Bible times. Moses trembled greatly. Daniel fell down as if he were dead. David danced for joy before the ark. The lame man jumped for joy after he was healed. On the Day of Pentecost, the group that had gathered spoke in languages as the Holy Spirit gave them the words to speak.

The Bible says that the tongue is the hardest to control of all our members. We are quick to say things we should not and slow to say what we should. So we must surrender our tongues to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help us use them for the glory of God.

People receive this work of the Holy Spirit in several ways. Some suddenly speak fluently in another language without problems, struggles, or doubts. They just yield their voices to the Holy Spirit.

Others yield little by little to the power of the Spirit. Some stammer and struggle to keep speaking clearly in their own language. Some are like children learning to talk as they repeat one or two syllables or words that the Holy Spirit gives them. But as they learn to yield to the Spirit each time they pray, He speaks fluently through them.

Still others feel a strong impression from the Holy Spirit to speak a certain word or words that they do not understand. In faith they accept this leading of the Spirit and speak the words. As they do, the Holy Spirit enables them to speak in another language—no longer in words that pass through their mind but in direct, supernatural power.

Here is a condensation of Robert W. Cunninghams' experience when he was a Presbyterian missionary in India:

I was praising God and saying, "Glory be to Thee, O God." Suddenly . . . He seemed to say, "You really are not praising me and praying for My glory, because you are anxious for My glory, but because you want your Baptism." . . . I returned to the meeting . . . and began at once to pray as He had taught me . . . "O God! be Thou exalted and glorified here, in this meeting, in each of Thy children, in me."

As I prayed thus with all sincerity, a very powerful spirit of sorrow laid hold of me.... In a spirit that I recognized as not my own I wept my heart out because God was not loved and glorified when He was worthy.

After the spirit of jealous, burning desire for God's glory, came a sense of wonderful and supreme joy and freedom. I felt as if I were

in the heart of God's love and freed from all that bound me. I laughed with the joy of it—laughed at my doubts and fears, laughed at the enemies of my soul, and laughed with the joy of triumph over every worry that had attacked me.

For a long time the Spirit taught me to praise Him for His holiness, for His justice, for His righteousness, and for His goodness. Next He taught me the passion of the desire of His heart that His kingdom come. Oh! if we only knew how the Spirit yearns that Christ be crowned King.

The next lesson He taught me was God's jealous desire that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. He began to deal with me personally. He showed me that all members, my whole body, had been made for His glory.

All this while tremendous Power had been upon my body, . . . Power that was intelligent . . . Power that was infinite, yet stopping before my will and refusing to accomplish its desires except as my will would cooperate.

Then He made it very plain to me that He expected me to use my speech to glorify Christ. He wanted me to give my life to glorify Christ as the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world . . . the Healer . . . the One who baptizes in Spirit and in fire . . . the coming King.

Then He let me know that He wanted my tongue, to speak through it as He gave utterance. As I yielded it to Him He spoke through me in a language which I did not know or understand. Why? I cannot say. I only know that He made me feel that He the Holy Spirit

had used my tongue to speak mysteries to God, and that it was eminently fitting that He should seal the flooding and filling of His temple by taking the tongue and worshipping God as He gave utterance, in a language I by my own prayer could not speak.

God, who makes no two leaves exactly alike, will fill you with the Holy Spirit in the way He chooses. Some are filled with the Holy Spirit right away after their conversion. Others pray a long time before receiving. Some are kneeling at an altar when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others sit or stand. Some are in a prayer group or in a home. Others are singing, reading the Bible, or going about their work when suddenly a great love for God wells up in them and they burst out praising Him and are filled with the Holy Spirit.

## ***Application***

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**5** You have studied some examples and Bible verses about being filled with the Holy Spirit. Based on these, what could be said about the way God fills people with the Spirit?

- a)** Everyone is filled in the same way.
- b)** God fills each person as He chooses.
- c)** A certain ritual or method must be followed.

**6** Have you seen or experienced the work of the Holy Spirit in the four ways you have studied? If so, write a short description in the spaces following.

- a)** Mind .....
- b)** Emotions .....
- c)** Will .....
- d)** Body .....



Maybe you have been filled but are not as full of the Spirit now as you would like to be. Do what the early Christians did: let Him fill you again to overflowing. Keep being filled with the Spirit.

As you see how others are being filled with the Holy Spirit, you realize that God has no favorites. What He is doing for others, He will do for you too. How long you have been converted, where you are, and what you are doing are not important. What is important is your attitude, your hunger and thirst for God, your willingness to obey Him, and your faith that He will keep His promise. Surrender to Him and let Him fill you right where you are.

Be encouraged by Paul's words to the Colossian church:

We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully.  
(Colossians 1:9–11)

## ***Application***

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**7** Pray now. Quote the promises that you memorized. Thank God for them. Thank Him for sending His Spirit. Invite the Spirit in and surrender to Him.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

You have finished this course. We hope that it has been a great help to you! Remember to complete the second Unit Evaluation and return the answer sheet to your instructor.

## ***Check Your Answers***

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- 6** Your descriptions. If you have not surrendered to the Holy Spirit in any of these areas, take that step now!
- 4** mind, emotions, will, and body
- 5 b)** God fills each person as He chooses.





## SUGGESTED READING LIST

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## UNIT ONE EVALUATION

- 1** Jesus told His followers that He would return to heaven and send them another Friend and Helper who could

  - a)** be with them all at the same time, wherever they were.
  - b)** do even greater works than Jesus did.
  - c)** be wiser, stronger, and better.
- 2** The Greek word *paraclete* means someone

  - a)** called alongside to help.
  - b)** who gives life.
  - c)** who gives wisdom.
- 3** According to Romans 8:5–6, a Spirit-controlled mind brings

  - a)** faith.
  - b)** life and peace.
  - c)** spiritual gifts.
- 4** *Holy* means separated from

  - a)** normal activities of life.
  - b)** other people.
  - c)** sin and given to God.
- 5** As the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit will

  - a)** make you successful in business.
  - b)** remove all problems from your life.
  - c)** help you understand the Bible.
- 6** When the Holy Spirit leads and shows you what is best for you, He functions as the

  - a)** Spirit of truth.
  - b)** Spirit of wisdom.
  - c)** Spirit of promise.
- 7** The Holy Spirit comes to glorify

  - a)** himself.
  - b)** Jesus.
  - c)** the church.

**8** *Charismata* means

- a)** being converted.
- b)** human abilities.
- c)** supernatural gifts.

**9** The Holy Spirit helps us to love

- a)** family, friends, other Christians, and even our enemies.
- b)** only those who attend our church.
- c)** our old way of living.

**10** The purpose of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Life

- a)** is to give you a new reason for living.
- b)** has no effect on your motivations.
- c)** makes you want to die and go to heaven.

**11** When the Spirit of life raises us from the dead, we will have

- a)** no body at all.
- b)** a changed body free from weakness.
- c)** the same body with the same limitations.

**12** No one can be God's child without experiencing

- a)** physical death.
- b)** conversion.
- c)** resurrection.

**13** In \_\_\_\_\_, the Holy Spirit leads you to Christ, breaks the power of sin over you, and comes to live in you.

- a)** resurrection
- b)** conversion
- c)** communion

**14** You learn your true purpose in life by

- a)** letting the Holy Spirit lead you.
- b)** establishing goals.
- c)** focusing on getting your needs met.

**15** We can enhance our worship by spending much time

- a)** asking for things.
- b)** saying the same prayers each day.
- c)** singing and praising the Lord.



- 16** Psalm 145 tells about the
- a)** greatness of God.
  - b)** importance of prayer.
  - c)** purposes of the Holy Spirit.

- 17** Reading a Psalm every day will help you
- a)** think about helping others.
  - b)** appreciate God more.
  - c)** trust in external ceremonies.

- 18** The Holy Spirit's role in removing hindrances to your prayers is to help you
- a)** forget your sins.
  - b)** discuss your sins with others.
  - c)** confess your sins to God.

- 19** *Glossolalia* refers to
- a)** praying or speaking in tongues.
  - b)** the gift of salvation.
  - c)** baptism in water.

- 20** Philippians 4:6 tells us to
- a)** worry about our sins.
  - b)** always pray in tongues.
  - c)** ask God for what we need.

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## UNIT TWO EVALUATION

- 1** *Walking in the Spirit* means
  - a)** being led by the Holy Spirit.
  - b)** day-dreaming.
  - c)** strolling merrily, never being upset.
- 2** Memorizing Scripture makes it possible
  - a)** to skip reading the Bible some days.
  - b)** to impress people with our knowledge.
  - c)** for the Holy Spirit to bring it to mind when needed.
- 3** The Holy Spirit uses the Bible to lead us by
  - a)** forcing us to study.
  - b)** focusing our attention on our problems.
  - c)** speaking to us through certain verses.
- 4** The Holy Spirit may give you guidance through
  - a)** members of your church.
  - b)** spirit mediums.
  - c)** your horoscope.
- 5** Christ gave the church pastors and teachers to
  - a)** keep the people under strict control.
  - b)** prepare believers for service.
  - c)** create necessary conflicts in the body.
- 6** True of the Holy Spirit is that He gives
  - a)** various gifts to the church.
  - b)** believers the spirit of fear.
  - c)** gifts so that the receiver can boast.
- 7** The discerning of spirits is given to
  - a)** judge actions of others.
  - b)** point out wrong attitudes.
  - c)** protect the church from false messages.
- 8** A message from God will always
  - a)** be given by a pastor.
  - b)** agree completely with God's Word.
  - c)** come through tongues and interpretation.

**9** Though most dreams are not revelations from God, you can make even these dreams work for you by

- a)** praying for everyone that you see in your dreams.
- b)** assuming that these have a spiritual meaning.
- c)** ignoring them completely.

**10** The early church did great exploits because they

- a)** had great wisdom.
- b)** had seen Jesus' work on earth.
- c)** were filled with the power of the Spirit.

**11** John the Baptist promised that Jesus would baptize believers with

- a)** water.
- b)** the Holy Ghost.
- c)** oil.

**12** Acts 2:1–13 gives us

- a)** instructions in the use of gifts.
- b)** a record of the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- c)** the purpose of the gifts of the Spirit.

**13** In Acts 1:4–8 Jesus promised the disciples

- a)** boldness to preach.
- b)** power to witness.
- c)** wisdom and understanding.

**14** The biblical pattern for receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit is that

- a)** all new believers received it.
- b)** only the apostles received it.
- c)** some received but others refused it.

**15** The supernatural sign that God has chosen to show that the Holy Spirit has filled a person is

- a)** fire.
- b)** the sound of a rushing wind.
- c)** speaking in other languages.

**16** Who is being filled with the Spirit today?

- a)** Those who have been saved a long time
- b)** Those who hunger and thirst after God
- c)** Those who live perfect, upright lives

**17** To prepare yourself to receive the Holy Spirit, you need to

- a)** memorize all Scriptures relating to the Holy Spirit.
- b)** do works of service.
- c)** confess any sin in your life.

**18** We receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit like we received salvation: by

- a)** faith.
- b)** works.
- c)** study.

**19** To be filled with the Spirit, one must

- a)** live according to a strict standard.
- b)** pray for a very long time.
- c)** surrender his or her will, mind, emotions, and body to God.

**20** The power of the Holy Spirit upon you

- a)** equals the amount of emotion you feel.
- b)** always causes you to faint in the presence of God.
- c)** produces a lifestyle of faith and love.

Please return your student report Answer Sheet for Unit Two to your instructor. Now that you have completed your study of this course, ask your instructor to recommend another course of study.





## FINAL WORDS

Dear Student,

We hope this study has made you think about your relationship with God. After studying the lessons and answering all the questions, have you wondered, “Am I really a Christian? Do I know God? Is He real in my life?” We want to give you the opportunity now to have a relationship with God.

We have all done wrong things. We have hurt ourselves and others. The Bible calls that sin and we are all guilty: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Our sin keeps us from knowing God as a loving Father. But God loves us in spite of our sin. He loves us so much He sent His Son to die for us. “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). When He died, Jesus took the punishment we deserved for our sins.

Do you want to make sure Jesus is your Savior? It is really so simple:

- Admit that you are a needy sinner separated from God, and ask Him to forgive you.
- Believe in Jesus with all your heart, and let Him know you accept Him as your Savior.

You can talk to God in your own words by saying a prayer like this:

*Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. Please forgive me. I believe You are the eternal Son of God. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. Come into my life. Make yourself real in my life. Be Lord of my life today. Thank You for saving me.*

If you prayed this prayer and meant it with all your heart, your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life. Jesus is Lord of your life. The Bible says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

Welcome to the family of God. We want to rejoice with you, so please write and tell us what God has done in your life. Blessings to you!

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**Do you have a friend who needs to know more about Jesus?**

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