

LESSON 6 The Holy Spirit

The disciples knew that Jesus was going away. He had told them so. At first their hearts were troubled, for they loved Jesus and had walked three years with Him. How could they live without Him?

Jesus read their hearts and assured them that it was best for them that He return to His Father in heaven. His Father would send the Holy Spirit and they would never be left alone.

God's Spirit would not be felt in just one country, or minister to just one race of people—but over the whole earth. On the Day of Pentecost Peter spoke to the crowd representing at least 15 different language groups.

“This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my
Spirit on all people.’” (Acts 2:16–17)

Did you know that we are brought to salvation through the work of the Holy Spirit? Let us study about the Holy Spirit and His work in us.

The Plan

- A. The Person of the Holy Spirit
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The Goals

1. Describe the person of the Holy Spirit.
2. Explain the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation.

A. THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Goal 1. Describe the person of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person in the Godhead, called the *Holy Trinity*. Like the Father and the Son, He also has other names, such as *Holy Ghost*, *Spirit of God*, *Spirit of Truth*, *Comforter*. Matthew 28:19 mentions all three Persons: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

The Holy Spirit is like God the Father. He is eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere. He works together with the Father and the Son and was with them at Creation. Let us look at some verses that tell about the Holy Spirit.

Through the eternal Spirit he offered himself unblemished to God. (Hebrews 9:14)

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10)

“The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” (Job 33:4)

The Holy Spirit moved on prophets and priests in Old Testament times. He helped men and women to serve God. Of Joseph who was sold as a slave into Egypt it was asked, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?” (Genesis 41:38).

Application

- 1 The Holy Spirit is the Person of the He works together with the and the and has been on earth since
 - 2 Read the following Scriptures. By each write the quality or characteristic of the Holy Spirit that the verse mentions.
 - a) Romans 15:13
 - b) Hebrews 10:15
 - c) 1 Peter 4:14
 - d) 1 John 5:6
 - e) John 14:26
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B. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Goal 2. Explain the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation.

The Holy Spirit plays an essential part in our salvation. He shows us our sins are and helps us accept Jesus as our Savior. He changes our lives.

When he [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)

Jesus taught, “no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit” (John 3:5–6). The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer. He enters the heart when conversion takes place. “Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father’” (Galatians 4:6). Romans 8:9 says further, “If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”

We have talked about the *indwelling* of the Holy Spirit and we may also have the *infilling* of the Holy Spirit which occurs after conversion. It is sometimes, called the *baptism in the Holy Spirit*. Not every believer is baptized in the Holy Spirit, but it is an experience God wants all His children to have.

Exalted to the right hand of God, he [Jesus] has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. (Acts 2:33)

“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.” (Acts 2:38)

The Holy Spirit is our Comforter, our Helper. He teaches, gives us love and fellowship, and guides us into truth. He has fruit for us, like joy, peace, patience, humility and self-control (Galatians 5:22) and spiritual gifts with which to minister unto the Lord and to other people (1 Corinthians 12:4–7).

Application

3 Circle the letter in front of the following statements that are TRUE.

- a)** The Holy Spirit is present in every believer.
- b)** The Holy Spirit guides us toward salvation.
- c)** Conversion and baptism in the Holy Spirit are the same.
- d)** The Holy Spirit declares us children of God.

4 Read the Scripture references on the left. Write in front of each the number of the work of the Spirit listed on the right that is mentioned in the reference.

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| ... a Isaiah 11:2 | 1) Gives power |
| ... b Ezekiel 36:27 | 2) Teaches |
| ... c Joel 2:28 | 3) Reveals the truth |
| ... d Luke 12:12 | 4) Gives wisdom, knowledge,
and skill |
| ... e Micah 3:8 | 5) Gives prophecies, dreams, and
visions |
| ... f John 16:13 | 6) Causes you to keep God's laws |



Check Your Answers

1 third

Trinity.

Father

Son

creation.

3 a True

b True

c False

d True

2 a Power

b Witness

c Glorious

d Truth

e Helper

4 a 4) Gives wisdom, knowledge, and skill

b 6) Causes you to keep God's laws

c 5) Gives prophecies, dreams, and visions

d 2) Teaches

e 1) Gives power

f 3) Reveals the truth