

The Holy Spirit

Lesson 6

Memorize (Select One) –

- ✓ John 14:16 - I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;
- ✓ Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

The Holy Spirit is God. He is ascribed eternal glory along with the Father and the Son. He is one of the three persons of the Godhead. In the Old Testament what is said of God is also often said of the Spirit of God. The expressions "God said" and "The Spirit said" are repeatedly interchanged. In the New Testament the pattern continues as in the case of Ananias where to lie to the Holy Spirit was lying to God Himself (Acts 5:3 & 4).

There is much confusion concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. His abiding presence and enablement for sanctification require a clear understanding of how the Christian works in cooperation with the Holy Spirit in progress toward conformity to Christ.

The Book of Acts beautifully displays the dynamic of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. As the early church was faithful in witness, the Holy Spirit was granting power for bold proclamation of the good news (Acts 4:31 & 33).

I. The Holy Spirit is a Person

He is not a force or an 'it' but a person. Note how He is referred to in John 14:17. List the number of times 'He' or 'Him' is used. _____ From the following passages, write the part of the verse that expresses an attribute of personality.

1. According to Romans 8:27, the Holy Spirit has a _____.
2. According to Ephesians 4:30, a Christian may _____ the Holy Spirit.

II. The Holy Spirit is God

- A.** What attribute of God does the Holy Spirit possess based upon Psalm 139:7? _____
- B.** What title is given to the Holy Spirit in II Corinthians 3:17? _____
- C.** In Hebrews 9:14 He is called the _____ Spirit.

III. The Work of the Holy Spirit

- A.** Genesis 1:2 conveys to us that the Holy Spirit was present and involved in _____.
- B.** II Peter 1:20 & 21 tells us that the Holy Spirit was active in _____.
- C.** Based upon John 15:26 & 16:14, we learn it is the Holy Spirit's task to bear witness of _____.

IV. Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Salvation

- A.** What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit according to John 16:8?

- B.** By what power is a person born again (John 3:6)?

- C.** What work does the Holy Spirit do when a person is saved (Titus 3:5)?

- D.** Upon conversion, who baptizes (joins) the believer into Christ's body, the church (I Corinthians 12:13)? _____
- E.** How does the Holy Spirit guarantee a believer's security in salvation (Ephesians 1:13 & 14)? _____

The Sealing of the Holy Spirit

A seal was an ancient device, usually a signet ring or cylinder seal engraved with the owner's name or with a particular design, used to seal goods, demonstrate ownership, attest a document's authenticity, or impress an early form of a trademark.

The seal indicated ownership and security. It is the guarantee of future blessings. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is God's promise of our inheritance in the future! What a wonderful assurance.

V. Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Sanctification

- A.** The believer's new life is a walk by the _____ (Gal. 5:16).
- B.** What is the exhortation found in Ephesians 5:18?

- C.** Read and compare Ephesians 5:18-20 with Colossians 3:16. Together, these passages teach us that the _____ of Christ is key to the Spirit controlled life.

"To be filled with the Spirit is to 'be under His total domination and control.'

To be filled with the Spirit involves confession of sin, surrender of will, intellect, body, time, talent, possessions, and desires. It requires the death of selfishness and the slaying of self-will.

To be filled with God's Spirit is to be filled with His Word. And as we are filled with God's Word, it controls our thinking and action."

VI. Evidence of a Spirit Filled (Controlled) Life

When a believer is filled with the Spirit, his growth will be exhibited, with the fruit (evidence) of the Holy Spirit. List the qualities of the Spirit filled life found in Galatians 5:22 & 23.

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“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are _____? For you have been bought with a price: therefore _____.” – I Corinthians 6:19 & 20