



**Lesson**  
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**The Holy Spirit**



## “What Are the Functions and Attributes Of the Holy Spirit In My Life?”



**T**he day you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, the Holy Spirit of God took up permanent residency inside your body. This third person of the Trinity is perhaps the most misunderstood and ignored part of a Christian’s relationship with God.

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**The purpose of this lesson is to give you a basic understanding of what the Holy Spirit of God does in your life.**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

God has given us three resources to produce growth in our Christian life and walk. First, He gave the Word of God which lays out the guidelines by which we should live. Second, He gave the people of God so we could be nourished and encouraged through fellowship with other believers. Third, He gave the Spirit of God, better known as the Holy Spirit, to empower us in our walk as a Christian.

All three are extremely important for Christian growth. In order for us to benefit from these resources, we must have a basic understanding of each. God's Word sets down the guidelines and principles whereby we, as children of God, can experience the blessings that God intended to give us through these resources.

The Holy Spirit's ministry in our life as believers is of utmost importance. Yet, today there is so much confusion as to who the Holy Spirit is and what is His ministry. It is Satan's strategy to confuse us, thus preventing us from enjoying this resource that God has provided for us.

As you work through this lesson, study carefully the ministry of the Holy Spirit, so you can understand His part in your life. The Holy Spirit's ministry in your life is rich and full, bringing joy into your life as you walk in His power.

## **CHRIST INTRODUCING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. Read John 16:5-14. Jesus is teaching His disciples about the Holy Spirit and His ministry. Having read this passage, consider the following questions:
  - a. When would the Holy Spirit's ministry begin in the life of these men?
  - b. According to verses 8-11, what is His ministry to the people of the world?
  - c. From verse 13, what were some of His ministries to these disciples?
  - d. Would the Holy Spirit glorify Himself or Christ?

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- 1) T or F            The Holy Spirit's ministry is to help you have a closer relationship to Christ.
  - 2) T or F            When the Holy Spirit is doing His job, Christ is receiving the glory.
  - 3) yes or no        If the Holy Spirit is being magnified, is it a work of the Holy Spirit?
2. According to John 14:16-17, when the Holy Spirit would come where would He dwell?
3. Acts 1:4-8 is Christ's final words to His disciples prior to His ascension. Answer these questions from these verses:
- a. What would the Holy Spirit give these men?
  - b. What would the Holy Spirit's power enable them to do?

As Christ concluded His earthly ministry, He paved the way for the Holy Spirit's coming. Pentecost, found in Acts 2, is the event when the Holy Spirit made His appearance. Since that day the ministry of the Holy Spirit is unique and exciting.

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The Holy Spirit is, first of all, a person. From the following passages we will see He possesses and performs those activities which only people who possess personality can do.

1. Look up the following verses and jot down the activities which the Holy Spirit performs.

a. John 14:26 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Acts 13:2 \_\_\_\_\_

c. I Corinthians 2:10 \_\_\_\_\_

2. From these verses write down some of the ways the Holy Spirit is affected as a person.

a. Acts 7:51

b. Ephesians 4:30

c. I Thessalonians 5:19



3. In the following verses consider some names of the Holy Spirit and describe how His name is used in connection with other persons.

a. Genesis 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

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b. John 14:16 \_\_\_\_\_

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c. John 14:17 \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Romans 8:9 \_\_\_\_\_

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From these passages we can conclude that the Holy Spirit is a person. Personality means He possesses the will (the ability to choose), intellect (the ability to reason and think), and emotion (the ability to feel). The Holy Spirit does not have a physical body as we have, but He does have personality.

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4. These passages of Scripture reveal some of the activities that He performs as God. Please write them down.

a. Genesis 1:2

b. John 16:8-11

c. Titus 3:5

d. II Peter 1:21

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God, and as God He is one of the persons that make up the triune God. He is also a person with whom we can have a personal relationship.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY IN OUR LIFE

Now let's turn our attention to the work that the Holy Spirit performs in the life of every Christian. Some of these works happen immediately at salvation and some are ongoing continually in our life.

1. Consider the ministries of the Holy Spirit performed when you trusted Christ for salvation.
  - a. The indwelling of the Spirit.
    - 1) John 14:17—the promise of it.
  
    - 2) I Corinthians 6:19-20—the reality of it.
  
    - 3) Read I Corinthians 3:16-17 and explain what responsibilities you have since the Holy Spirit indwells your physical body.
  - b. The sealing of the Spirit.
    - 1) Ephesians 1:13-14
      - a) According to verse 13, what is God's seal upon your life indicating you belong to God?  

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      - b) Verse 14 teaches that you are sealed until  

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2. Study the ongoing ministries of the Holy Spirit in your life.
  - a. According to Romans 8:16, what does the Spirit do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What does Romans 8:26 and 27 teach about the Holy Spirit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Look up Ephesians 5:18
    - 1) What command is given in relation to the Holy Spirit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - 2) According to this verse, what controls a person when he is drunk?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - 3) Obviously, God does not want your life controlled by alcohol. What is to control your life?

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to yield our life to His control. This should be our desire and request each day—to live out today under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit.

“I have in my hand a piece of lead. I hold it over a pool of water, and relax my grip. The lead is drawn irresistibly earthward and sinks to the bottom of the pool. It has been mastered by the law of gravitation. I take the same piece of lead, attach it to a piece of wood and drop it into the pool. Now it floats. No change has taken place in the nature of the lead, nor has the law of gravitation ceased to function, but through its union with the wood, it has been mastered by a stronger law, the law governing floating bodies, and has been emancipated from the downward pull of gravitation.”

- *J. Oswald Sanders*

Such is the life of the Christian. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be able to live victoriously in our walk as a Christian. Attempting to live victoriously apart from, the power of the Holy Spirit is like dropping the lead into the water. We will sink. The way to live our Christian life is by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask, “How am I to be filled?” Look up Luke 11:13. The Book of James says we have not because we ask not. We need to ask God to fill us each day with His Holy Spirit to enable us to live victoriously.

What does the Holy Spirit produce when He controls your life?

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1. Look up Galatians 5:16-25. According to verses 16 and 17, what are the two conflicting natures in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Verses 22 and 23 give the qualities the Holy Spirit wants to produce in you. List them.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
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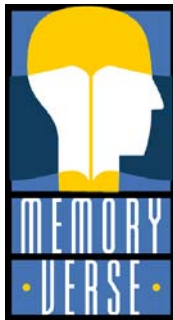
When the Holy Spirit is in control, these are the products.

## **CONCLUSION**

Take some time and meditate on the principles of this lesson regarding the Holy Spirit.

Write down any questions you may have regarding this lesson.

### ***Memory Verse*** ***Romans 8:16***



<sup>1</sup>The Holy Spirit and His Gifts, Zondervan Publishing Co., 1940, pg. 57.





