

## Lesson 6: God the Holy Spirit

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# God the Holy Spirit

In the next 5 weeks we will be studying and learning about the Holy Spirit. To begin this I want to know what you already know about the Holy Spirit. Please answer the questions below for next week. If you are uncertain, you can write that. I want to know what you know.

## Who Is the Holy Spirit?

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## What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

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**Where does the Holy Spirit dwell?**

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**What does the Holy Spirit do for you?**

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We will be looking through the Bible for the answers to each of these questions. For next week, memorize these two verses:

John 14:16 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever"

John 14:26 "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

more, it is not our words that lead people to Jesus. Instead, when we are obedient, the Holy Spirit will be the one who speaks to the heart of the other person. Paul describes this in Romans 15:13-19. It was not Paul who won converts to Jesus but the Holy Spirit working through Paul because he was obedient. The people who came to know Jesus while listening to Billy Graham did not commit their lives to Christ because of the preaching. Instead they did so because the Holy Spirit was at work because Billy Graham was obedient.

This is not reserved to the disciples or to preachers or to the great men God has raised. It is for you as well. Here is a challenge for you this week. Each morning when you wake up for the next 3 weeks, stop and pray. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead your prayer. Ask God to bring one person to you that day that you can share with them about who God is. It might be a stranger. It might be one of your friends. It might be someone at school or even a relative. Pray that the Holy Spirit would act through you and touch that person's life. Write about what happened in your prayer journal.

*Memory Verse:*

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

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Goodness -

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Faithfulness -

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Gentleness -

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Self-Control -

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What's more, the Holy Spirit helps us pray. Earlier we looked at a verse where it describes this - Romans 8:26-27. In Jude 20, we are encouraged to pray in the Spirit.

Peter writes that through the Holy Spirit we have all we need in life. Read 2 Peter 1:3. Peter reminds us that we did not choose God but instead He chose us. God loves us so much, He provides for us through the Holy Spirit. But what is more, God cares enough about everyone.

God desires that all people would come to know Him. But God asks for our obedience and that we would help and tell others about God. Jesus' last instructions to His disciples was to go into all the world to tell others about what Jesus did for us.

God does not let us do this alone. When we obey, and follow this great commandment, the Holy Spirit is present with us. What is

### I. Introduction

Acts 1:4-5 "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but 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.""

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to continue to help us by giving us God's Holy Spirit. When we accept Jesus as Lord we receive the Holy Spirit into us. This chapter will explore who the Holy Spirit is, what He does and how He works with us.

### II. Week 1

*Key Concepts:* Who is the Holy Spirit

Genesis 1:2 "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

In the chapters on God the Father and God the Son we learned that God is present in three persons. The third of these persons is God the Holy Spirit. God wanted us to know Him in all of His parts. He introduced us to the Holy Spirit in the second verse of the Bible.

The Holy Spirit is a distinct person from God the Father and God the Son. In John 14:26 God the Father sends the Holy Spirit to remind us of everything that God the Son taught.

Read John 16:12-15. In these verses Jesus talks about what the Holy Spirit will be doing among those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Answer the following questions from this verse:

Who will tell the Holy Spirit what to say?

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What events will the Holy Spirit reveal?

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Who will the Holy Spirit Glorify?

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If the Holy Spirit was the Father or Son they would not be treated separately in this verse. Each is a unique and individual part of God.

We know that the Holy Spirit was around with God the father in the very beginning of time. The Holy Spirit did not make His presence known just in the New Testament or only help people after Jesus ascended into heaven. He was with God's people from the very beginning.

In Genesis 41:38, Joseph has the Holy Spirit with him. In Exodus 31:3, the Holy Spirit guides the craftsmen who will build the tabernacle and the articles of worship. The Holy Spirit is with the God's people from Genesis to Revelation.

Just like God the Father and God the Son, the Holy Spirit has a personality, performs specific tasks and is given to us as a helper and comforter. This has been so since the beginning.

By studying God's word, we learn that the Holy Spirit can speak to us, teach us, be grieved, comfort us and interact with us. This person of the trinity is the one that we can't see, but as believers in Jesus we interact with the most.

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the comforter. Read John 16:7-10. Why is the Holy Spirit a comforter according to these verses?

**V. Week 4**

*Key Concepts:* How the Holy Spirit helps us  
Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

The Holy Spirit gives more than just external gifts that can be seen by others. He gives us inner gifts that every believer has. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior and our bodies become home to the Holy Spirit, these fruit of the Spirit are available to all of us.

Think about that. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are all yours – now. Don't get me wrong, you can choose not to have these things. We all have known people who believe in Jesus yet have no peace or lack joy. This is a choice not the lack of a gift given by the Holy Spirit to you.

Find a dictionary and look up each of the fruit of the Spirit. Write a definition to each below.

Love -

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Joy -

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Peace -

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Patience -

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The second is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is during this 'filling' of the Holy Spirit that the manifestations and gifts of the Holy Spirit are experienced. This filling is a momentary experience that occurs as God wills it. Not a permanent presence like when the Holy Spirit makes His home in us. We can ask God for this experience but God will give it as he sees fit. It is a blessing.

In scripture, there are several vivid instances where God poured out the Holy Spirit on His people. Read Acts 2:1-4. Think of the power of God present in such a real way.

Reread 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. Write out the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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The Power of God, expressed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are given not to make the person given the gift greater than other believers. Instead it is to express the power of God to those who do not yet believe. Paul cautions us as to how the gifts should be used and that they should not become a point of pride. Read what Paul wrote under the direction of the Holy Spirit in 1st Corinthians 14:1-25. We can desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit but they do not make you better than anyone else.

Memory Verse:  
1 Corinthians 12:8-10 "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 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."

Memory Verse:  
Romans 8:13-14 "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

### III. Week 2

*Key Concepts:* What does the Holy Spirit do?  
2 Peter 1:21 "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit also is the author of scripture. The verse from 2 Peter in the beginning of this week talks about this. In Acts 28:25 Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit spoke scripture to the prophets. The Holy Spirit has numerous jobs that he does. Read the following verses and write out the things that the Holy Spirit does: John 14:26, Acts 9:31, Ephesians 4:30 and Romans 8:26

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The Holy Spirit gives life to the believer. In John 6:61-66, Jesus teaches that once a believer has the Holy Spirit within him, that is the first time that they are truly alive. Read Romans 6:20-23. Given what Paul writes there, why would when the Holy Spirit enters you upon salvation be the first time that someone really lives?

The Holy Spirit speaks and prays through the believer. This is one of the coolest gifts God gives us. How many times have you known that you should pray but just don't know how or even what to pray for? The Holy Spirit takes care of this for us. When we submit ourselves to God and seek to obey Him, God's Spirit prays through you when you do not know how to pray. Read what Paul wrote about this: Romans 8:26-27 "In the same way, 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."

Stop and think about that. I challenge you to go by yourself, clear out all distractions from around you and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer. When you pray, invite Him to lead you. Ask Him to take charge. Try this for the next few weeks and write in your prayer journal any changes that you notice.

He guides and teaches us. Read the following verses: John 14:26, John 16:13 and Galations 5:16-17. What are the things that the Holy Spirit teaches us?

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The Holy Spirit gives gifts to the believer. God gives believers special gifts through the Holy Spirit. These gifts are given to us as God wishes. Each of the Gifts of the Spirit will not necessarily be present in any one person. Nor will they necessarily be present all of the time. They are given as God wishes. Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. In the spaces below write out what the gifts of the Spirit are.

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**IV. Week 3**

Key Concepts: Where is the Holy Spirit

John 14:17 "The Spirit of Truth, the world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees him or knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you."

The Holy Spirit dwells in the people who believe and trust in God. This has been the case throughout scripture. In the book of Numbers we see that Moses had the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit descended upon the elders of Israel.

Read Numbers 11:24-26. What gift of the Holy Spirit did the elders of Israel display when the Holy Spirit came upon them?

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The same indwelling of the Holy Spirit is available to us today. The Bible describes two ways in which we receive this. The first is when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit dwells within us and our bodies become the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Read Romans 5:5. The Holy Spirit is already given to us. From the point that we accept Jesus as our Lord, we have Him as our gift. Our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit. 1st Corinthians 6:19-20 says that "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 of your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." Think about that for a minute. God lives inside of you in the person of the Holy Spirit. How should you then treat yourself knowing this?

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