

The Holy Spirit

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Last Time...

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1. “...be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18)
2. ALL Scripture is the inspired Word of God, and is powerful like a “Fire”, “Hammer”, and “Sword”
3. “...having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.” (Eph 1:13, 4:30)
4. Having vs Filled by the Spirit
5. Why be filled by the Spirit?
6. Testimonies of Spirit filling



1. This was a commandment. We learned that many people of the Bible were referred to being filled or full of the Spirit. Jesus Himself was full of the Spirit before being led into the desert to be tempted by Satan (Luke 4:1)
2. We confirmed that the Bible itself, Bible history, and archeological findings verify the Bible's authority as the Word directly from God to us.
 - Dead sea scroll - most important evidence that the existence of the Bible is not a made up story
3. Sealed - We are guaranteed by the Holy Spirit for God's eternal and heavenly inheritance as His adopted children.
4. Having vs Filled
 - There is **ONE** baptism with the Spirit, but **MANY** fillings with the Spirit.
 - To be filled with the Spirit means allowing the Holy Spirit to occupy ALL parts of our life - allowing Him to guide us. Only when we let Him take control can God use us for good.
 - Sin is what hinders the filling of the Holy Spirit
5. Why?
 - Power and victory over sin (remember, we are given the sword of the Spirit, which is God's very own Words written in the Bible), and
 - Power in Christian service (gifts, fruits, prayer all given by the Holy Spirit Himself)
6. Dwight L Moody
 - He received the Holy Spirit filling **suddenly**. He felt God's goodness.
 - His preaching after the Spirit's filling converted many people, even though he preached using the same sermons - keep in mind that DL Moody is considered the most influential Evangelist of human history.
 - He noted that the filling happened many years after his conversion.
 - He concluded that he would never trade this blessed experience for anything else in the world.



Questions You Must Answer

- Where do you stand in relation to God's Will and your life?
- Have you surrendered everything to Jesus Christ?
- Do you acknowledge Him alone as your Lord, Saviour, AND Master?
- Are you willing to go where He wants to go, to do what He wants you to do, and to be what He wants you to be?
- Do you still have a will of your own? Or is God's will yours?
- Do you delight in pleasing Him?
- What or who controls your life?

Before We Start...

The Holy Trinity

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Matt 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Amen.

[VIDEO1](#); [VIDEO 2](#)



- One of the most well known verse that refers directly to the Holy Trinity
- This is also the verse that is known as Jesus' Great Commission in which He commands all Christians to make disciples of ALL nations (not just your group of friends or neighborhood or church, but ALL!), baptizing people in the name of the Triune God, and teaching people to walk in obedience to all of God's commands.
- Keep in mind that the Jesus begins His Great command by asserting that He has ALL authority, not some power but all power both in Spiritual AND over the natural realm

The Holy Trinity

1. Each divine Persons possess His own personal characteristic and is clearly distinguished from the other Person.
2. The three Persons are equal in being, power, and glory; each being called God, each possessing all the divine attributes, and each performing divine works.
3. In terms of order of their activities: 1) Father, 2) Son and, 3) the Holy Spirit. The general formula being
 - *From the Father; Through the Son; By the Holy Spirit; To the Father*
4. No one Person acts independently of the other Person. They are always working together.
5. The three divine Persons are **ONE** God, not three gods



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 - John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26, 16:7-15
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 - John 6:27; Heb 1:8; Acts 5:3-4; James 1:17; Heb 13:8, 9:14; John 5:21; Rom 8:11; John 5:23; 2 Cor 13:14
3. In terms of order of their activities, the Father is first, the Son is second, and the Holy Spirit is third. The general formula being
 - *From* the Father (1 Cor 8:6)
 - *Through* the Son (John 3:17)
 - *By* the Holy Spirit (Eph 3:5)
 - *To* the Father (Eph 2:18)



***** Notice majority of scripture references are in the Gospel book of John. I encourage you to join in Darryl's teaching Monday nights. *****

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The Holy Trinity

4. No one Person acts independently of the other Person. They are always working in together.

- “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working” (John 5:17)
- “The Son can do nothing of Himself” (John 5:19)
- “I and My Father are one” (John 10:28-30)

5. The three divine Persons are **ONE** God, not three gods.

- Compare Gen 1:26; Is 6:8, 48:12 VS Is 48:16



The Holy Trinity

God	Jesus Christ	Holy Spirit	Scripture
Father	Son	Dove*	Matt 3:16-17
Love	Grace	Fellowship	2 Cor 13:14
Praise	Heart	Filling	Eph 5:18-20
Works	Church	Gifts	1 Cor 12; Eph 4, Rom 12
Love	Mercy	Prayer	Jude 20-21
Knowledge	Sacrifice	Santification**	1 Pet 1:2
Receiver	Mediator	Advocate***	Eph 2:8



* the Holy Spirit is just that—spirit—He is not visible to us. In Matthew 3:16-17, on this occasion the Spirit took on a visible appearance and was seen by people. The dove is a symbol of purity, harmlessness ([Matthew 10:16](#)), and that Jesus was endowed as holy, innocent, and peace.

** The Holy Spirit today plays a major role in the ongoing journey after salvation. It is the Spirit who brings conviction to a unbeliever and causes him to see the truth of the gospel (John 16:8-11)

***The Holy Spirit unites a believer with Christ and places him in the body of Christ i.e the church.(1 Corinthians 12:13)
He also unites the believer with Christ in His death, which allows us to live victoriously over sin. (Romans 6:1–10)

The Holy Spirit

Who is He?



Last class, we learned that ALL believers, not just some, permanently have the gift of the HS. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit by God the Father to those who believe in the Son Jesus Christ. While we will sin and grieve the Spirit, the Spirit will never leave a true believer.

Intro

Acts 2:37-38

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said,

“you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Who is the Holy Spirit?



We will dedicate most of our time today in the Book of Acts or better called “The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles.” It’s important for us to understand the importance and role the Holy Spirit has in our lives.

Holy Spirit

1. Jesus prayed to the Father that the Helper would come to abide in all who believe in Him
2. On Jesus' resurrection, He went to the disciples and declared, "Receive the Holy Spirit", but instructed them to wait before starting their ministry until the Spirit came upon them
3. On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came upon the whole body of believers
4. After Pentecost, the Spirit was imparted to new believers. In some cases, this was done by the laying on of hands
5. To be saved required only one condition: trust in Christ. This is true for the entire Church Age.
 - Every believer is
 - Sealed for God
 - Indwelled by the Spirit
 - Born of the Spirit
 - Baptized with the Spirit



Holy Spirit - Church History

1. Jesus prayed to the Father that the Helper would come to abide (John 14:16-17)
2. On Jesus' resurrection, He came to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22), but instructed them to wait before beginning their ministry until the Spirit come upon them (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)
3. On the day of Pentecost the Spirit came upon the whole body of believers (Acts 2:1-4)
4. After Pentecost, the Spirit was imparted to believers, and in some cases by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17; 9:17)
5. The norm for the Jews and Gentiles were to be saved based on one condition: trust in Christ (Acts 10:44; 11:15-18). This is true for the entire Church Age.
 - a. Every believer is
 - born of the Spirit (John 3:3-6; 1 John 5:1)
 - Indwelled by the Spirit (1 Cor 6:19, compare Rom 8:9-15; Gal 4:6; 1 John 2:27)
 - And baptized with the Spirit (1 Cor 12:12-13; 1 John 2:20, 27)
 - Sealed for God (Eph 1:13; 4:30)

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

Acts 5:3-4

3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**”

The Holy Spirit is God

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Titles/names of the Holy Spirit:

- Author
- Counsellor/Advocate
- Helper/Comforter
- Truth
- Teacher
- Intercessor
- Convictor
- Seal
- Guide
- Spirit of God
- Spirit of Life
- Witness



1. **Author**

- The Spirit moved the authors of all 66 books of the Bible to record exactly what He breathed into their hearts and minds.

2. **Seal**

- From last class, we learned that in the book of Ephesians, the Holy Spirit is God's seal on His people, His claim on us as His very own. The gift of the Spirit to believers is a down payment on our heavenly inheritance, which Christ has promised us and secured for us at the cross. It is because the Spirit has sealed us that we are assured of our salvation. No one can break the seal of God.
- Eph 1:13, 4:30

3. **Spirit of God**

- These names remind us that the Spirit of God is indeed part of the triune godhead and that He is just as much God as the Father and the Son

4. **Spirit of Life**

- The phrase "Spirit of life" means the Holy Spirit is the one who produces or gives life, not that He initiates salvation, but rather that He imparts newness of life. When we receive eternal life through Christ, the Spirit provides the spiritual food that is the sustenance of the spiritual life. Here again, we see the triune God at work. We are saved by the Father through the work of the Son, and that salvation is sustained by the Holy Spirit.



Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. Author
 - 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim 3:1
2. Comforter
 - John 14:6, John 15:26, John 16:7. Acts 9:31
3. Helper
 - John 16:7; Romans 8:26
4. Counsellor, Guide, Advocate
 - John 14:6; Romans 8:14
5. Revealer of Truth
 - John 16:13
6. Teacher
 - John 14:26; 1 Cor 2:13
7. Intercessor
 - Romans 8:26
8. Convictor of Sin
 - John 16:7-10
9. Seal, Deposit, or Earnest
 - 2 Cor 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14
10. Guide
 - John 16:13
11. Spirit of God
 - Matt 3:16; 2 Cor 3:17; 1 Pet 1:11
12. Spirit of Life
 - Romans 8:2
13. Witness
 - Rom 8:16; Hebrews 2:4; 10:15

Who is the Holy Spirit?

John 14:26

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 14:15-18

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:7-8

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:



1. **Teacher**

- Jesus promised that the Spirit would teach His disciples “all things” and remind them of the things He said while He was with them.

2. **Comforter/Helper**

- When Jesus left His disciples after His resurrection, His disciples were worried because they lost His comforting presence. But Jesus promised to send the Spirit to comfort, console, and guide those who belong to Christ (John 14:16-17)

3. **Revealer of Truth**

- Because of the Spirit in our hearts, we are able to understand truth, especially in spiritual matters, in ways that non-believers cannot.
 - “The Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God” ([1 Corinthians 2:10–11](#)). Since we have been given the amazing gift of God’s Spirit inside ourselves, we can comprehend the thoughts of God, as revealed in the Scripture. The Spirit helps us understand. This is wisdom from God, rather than wisdom from man. No amount of human knowledge can ever replace the Holy Spirit’s teaching ([1 Corinthians 2:12–13](#)).
 - Another example is when Jesus explained His purpose of speaking in parables before delivering His famous Parable of the Sower to His disciples:
 - “10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. (Matt 13:10-13)

4. **Guide**

- Just as the Spirit guided the writers of Scripture to record truth, so does He promise to guide believers to know and understand that truth.

5. **Convictor of Sin**

- The Spirit applies the truths of God in our own minds that we are sinners. He does this through the conviction in our hearts that we are not worthy to stand before a Holy God, that we need His righteousness, and that judgment will come to all of us one day.

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Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



1. **Intercessor**

- We often don't know what or how to pray when we approach God, the Spirit intercedes and prays for us. He intercedes for us "with wordless groans," so that when we are oppressed and overwhelmed by trials and of life, He comes alongside us to help.

2. **Witness**

- The Spirit verifies and testifies that we are children of God, that Jesus and the disciples who performed miracles were sent by God, and that the books of the Bible are divinely inspired by God Himself.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

1. Dove
2. Oil
3. Water
4. Wind
5. Fire
6. Seal



1. Dove

- most recognized symbol of the Holy Spirit in the Bible
- The dove is associated with God's blessing and pleasure and expresses the Holy Spirit's gentleness, innocence, purity, and patience

2. Oil

- Sign of the Holy Spirit's approval, anointing, and power
- Biblical scenes of Israel's kings and priests being anointed with oil represent God's choice and blessing
- The New Testament uses the [anointing](#) with oil as a symbol of the blessing of the Holy Spirit to believers: "You have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth" ([1 John 2:20](#))

3. Water

- Symbolizes the cleansing nature of the Holy Spirit's [new birth](#)
- Water also expresses the thirst-quenching, soul-satisfying, life-giving character of the Holy Spirit

4. Wind

- The invisible, everywhere-present power and life-giving influences of the Holy Spirit are expressed as wind or breath in the Bible

5. Fire

- Is A symbol of the Holy Spirit's power and presence

6. Seal

- The Holy Spirit is a seal that confirms a believer's security in Christ - proof that he or she belongs to God forever



Who is the Holy Spirit?

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

1. Dove

- Matt 3:16, Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32

2. Oil

- John 3:34; Heb 1:9; Luke 4:18

3. Water

- John 3:5; John 7:38-39

4. Wind

- John 3:8

5. Fire

- Acts 2:3; Matt 3:11

6. Seal

- Eph 1:13; 4:30



Questions You Must Answer

- Do you know the Holy Spirit? Does He reign in your life?
- Do you want the Holy Spirit? Or do you only want His gifts?
- Do you meet with God? Do you have time for Him? Or are you too busy?
- Does God want your work or does He want you?
- Have I turned from all I know to be wrong, all that grieves the Holy Spirit?

Discussion Questions

1. What title or name do you give to the Holy Spirit?
2. Have you ever been “cut to the heart” by God?