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THE HOLY SPIRIT



LESSON 4: THE HOLY SPIRIT

"What Are the Functions and Attributes of the Holy Spirit in My Life?"

The 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.

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

I. Where do I find the Holy Spirit?

* The Holy Spirit of God lives on this earth inside your body if you are saved. He came in at the moment of salvation and took up permanent residency.

A. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20* is the definitive passage.

B. See also:

John 14:17; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 2:22

II. What is the function of the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin. *John 16:8-9*

1. In the lost, he convicts of sin to bring them to salvation.
2. In the saved, he convicts of sin to keep them clean and show them how to live for Jesus Christ.
3. You must understand the difference between conviction and guilt.

- a. Conviction is God pointing out that something is wrong so you can make it right.

Isaiah 1:18

- b. Guilt is the devil accusing you of being unworthy to receive God's blessing.

Revelation 12:10

B. The Holy Spirit creates and regenerates.

1. The Holy Spirit is active in creation.

Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4

2. In Jesus Christ, you are a new creature, born again by the Holy Spirit.

John 3:3-8

C. The Holy Spirit seals you once you are saved.

Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30

D. The Holy Spirit bears witness to you of your salvation.

I John 4:13; Romans 8:16

E. The Holy Spirit teaches you the Bible.

John 14:26; 16:13-15; I Corinthians 2:9-10

F. The Holy Spirit intercedes in prayer for you.

Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 2:18

G. The Holy Spirit comforts you in time of need.

John 14:15-18; II Corinthians 1:3-4; II Timothy 1:7

H. The Holy Spirit empowers you to serve God.

Zechariah 4:6; Ephesians 3:16; II Corinthians 4:7

III. What is the result of the Holy Spirit in my life?

A. The Holy Spirit of God produces a set of character qualities as you give your life to Him and walk in His power. This set of character qualities is called the fruit (singular) of the Spirit in *Galatians 5:22-23*. It is

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singular because ALL of these qualities are produced at the same time by a close relationship with the Holy Spirit.

B. The fruit of the Spirit consists of:

1. Love.
2. Joy.
3. Peace.
4. Longsuffering.
5. Gentleness.
6. Goodness.
7. Faith.
8. Meekness.
9. Temperance.

IV. Basic questions.

A. What is "being filled with the Spirit" and how can I accomplish this?

1. Comparing *Ephesians 5:18-19* and *Colossians 3:16* shows that investing your life in the word of

God and letting it dwell in your heart will produce the same results in your life as being filled with the Spirit. The more you saturate your mind with the word of God, the closer your relationship to the Holy Spirit will be.

2. Simply WALK in the Spirit. Walking is a steady, consistent, natural process of growth.

Galatians 5:16-18, 25; Romans 8:1

3. Allow God to control your life. The filling of the Holy Spirit is NOT you getting more of the Holy Spirit. You got all of Him there is at the time of salvation. It is the Holy Spirit getting more of you.
4. **BE PATIENT AND CONSISTENT!** Being controlled by the Holy Spirit does not happen overnight. It is a lifelong process of spiritual growth.

NOTES

Key memory verses:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 5:22-23; Galatians 5:16

NOTE: In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. A Christian does not get all of the Holy Spirit at salvation.
2. The Holy Spirit can leave you if you sin.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these teachings are false, and why.

Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.

9. In order for the Christian to be "filled with the Spirit," they must invest time learning and living the _____.

10. True or False

_____ A. I must get more of God's Holy Spirit each day.

_____ B. Being controlled by the Holy Spirit is a lifelong process of spiritual growth.

_____ C. *Romans 8:1* teaches that you must walk after the flesh.

_____ D. *John 6:13* shows us that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth.

_____ E. *Romans 8:26-27* shows us that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our prayers unto God.

11. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

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1. Where do you find the Holy Spirit? List three Scripture references to support your answer.

2. At what time does the Holy Spirit come into the believer's life?

3. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the lost of sin?

4. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the Christian of sin?

D.

E.

F.

G.

5. What is the difference between conviction and guilt?

Conviction:

7. What is the result of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Guilt:

6. List seven other ways that the Holy Spirit works in the life of the Christian.

A.

B.

C.

8. *Galatians 5:22-23* lists for us the _____ of the _____ . These qualities are produced in the Christian by _____ with the _____ .