



# The Power & Ministry of the Holy Spirit

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## DISCIPLE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

### What is the Holy Spirit Doing? Part 2

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**Session Purpose:** The aim of this session is to recognize and understand how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and then learn to live fully by His energizing power

#### Introduction:

#### ❶ The Importance of the Holy Spirit

- Without the Holy Spirit, all of the essentials of the Christian life would not happen (John 16:7)

#### ❷ The Identity of the Holy Spirit

- The Scripture identifies the Holy Spirit in three essential ways:
  - 1) The Spirit is a real Person not a ghost, impersonal force or power.
    - He has personal characteristics (intellect, emotion, will)
    - He has personal names like "*the Helper*" (Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:7)
    - He is referred to with personal pronouns ("*He*" – Jn. 15:26; 16:7, 17-18)
    - He does work that only persons can do (teach-Jn 14:26; reprove-Jn 16:8; intercede-Rom. 8:26; lead-Rom. 8:14; witness-Rom. 8:16)
  - 2) The Spirit is the third co-equal member of the Triune Godhead. There is one God who exists in three co-existent, co-equal, co-eternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
  - 3) The Spirit is God sharing the divine names, attributes, works, authority, and equality

#### ❸ The Illustrations about the Holy Spirit (clothing, dove, pledge, fire, oil, seal, water, wind)

#### ❹ The Instigations of the Holy Spirit

- 1) **He instigates your conviction in coming to Christ**
  - He inspired the Scriptures so you can learn & apply the gospel story to your life that saves (2 Peter 1:21; John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 Jn 4:6; 5:6)
  - He convicts you of sin, righteousness & judgment (John 16:7-11; 3:20)
- 2) **He instigates your conversion to Christ.**

- He initiates your new life “by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the HS” (Titus 3:5), being born again (John 3:5), resurrects your dead heart (Jn 6:63; 2 C. 3:6; Jn 6:63; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13)
- He indwells you (1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:9) personally (Jn 14:16-17), permanently (Eph. 1:13) and powerfully (Eph. 3:16)
- He immerses you into the body of Christ (1 C. 12:13). This is the baptism in/with/by/of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:11; Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16, Jn 1:33, Acts 1:5, 11:16; 1 Cor. 12:13) which happens at the moment of belief (John 7:37-39, Acts 11:17).
- He adopts you into His family (Rom. 8:15)
- He seals you to guarantee your salvation (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14)
- He unites you to Christ (Rom. 8:9-11)

### 3) He instigates your continuation in Christ.

- He glorifies Jesus Christ by pointing you to Him (John 16:13-15; 7:39)
- He instructs you with divine truth (1 Cor. 2:10-16) as the “*Spirit of truth*” (4x – John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13, 1 Jn. 5:7) and guides you into all truth (Jn. 16:13) and reminds you to “*listen*” to what the Spirit says (Rev. 2-3)
- He influences your sanctification (Rm. 8:2; 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 15:16; 1 Pet. 1:2)
- He motivates you through eight specific commands that demands your cooperation so you can grow.
  1. You avoid grieving Him with your sin (Eph. 4:30-32).
  2. You avoid quenching Him with an unwilling, unyielding spirit (1 Thess. 5:19).
  3. You pray in the HS by ordering your prayers according to His will (Jude 20; Eph. 6:18).
  
  4. You are to be “filled with the HS” (Eph. 5:18) – see the handout
  
  5. You “walk by the Spirit” (Gal. 5:16-25).
  
  6. You “take up the sword of the Spirit” (Eph. 6:17) to defend yourself against Satan’s demonic forces.

7. You use your ministry gifts (of the Spirit) to serve and bless the body of Christ (1 Pet. 4:10-11; 1 Cor. 12:7)
  
  8. You are diligent to "*preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*:" (Eph. 4:3).
    - He empowers you to live the Christian life: 5 key energizing empowerments:
      1. He enables you to witness courageously (Acts 1:8).
  
      2. He enables us to worship correctly (Phil. 3:3 – "*who worship in the Spirit of God...*")
  
      3. He enables us to work competently (1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Pet. 4:11-12)
  
      4. He enables us to win confidently against sin (Rm. 8:2; 1 Jn. 3:20; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:30 Rom. 8:12-14; John 14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7; Acts 9:31).
  
      5. He enables us to walk consistently (Gal. 5:16)
- 4) **He instigates your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ**  
(Rom. 8:11)

### **Small Group Questions:**

1. What excites you most about the ministry of the Holy Spirit and why?
2. Which of the 8 commandments God has given you as His disciple to obey in relation to the ministry of the Holy Spirit is your strongest and which is your weakest? How can you better develop your weakest?
3. Read Ephesians 5:18-21. What needs to change in order to keep your heart consciously and consistently full of the Spirit?
4. Regarding the 5 energizing empowerments, which one (witness, worship, work, win, walk) is the hardest for you to live out and why?
5. What are you most looking forward to when the Spirit raises your body from the dead to live eternally with Jesus?
6. What is one thing you learned that can help you become a better disciple of Jesus Christ?