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Lesson Eight:  
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 resident 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.

### Who Is the Holy Spirit?

1. He is God - the third member of the trinity (Matthew 28:19; I John 5:6-7; Hebrews 9:14; Isaiah 48:16-17).
2. He is a person, not just an unseen "force" (Romans 8:27; John 16:7-8, 13-15: note the use of the words "he" and "him").
3. He is distinct from the Father and the Son.
  - A. John 14:16
    1. The Son prays.
    2. The Father sends.
    3. The Holy Ghost comes to abide.
  - B. Acts 2:33
    1. The Son is exalted to the right hand of the Father.
    2. The Father is on His throne.
    3. The Holy Spirit is received by the Son and given to the Church.
  - C. Luke 3:21-22; at the baptism of Jesus
    1. God the Father said, "Thou are my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."
    2. God the Son was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan river.
    3. God the Holy Spirit descended in bodily shape like a dove.

"The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are three separate personalities, with mutual relations one to another, speaking to one another, recognizing each other." - R.A. Torrey

## **What Is the Function of the Holy Spirit?**

1. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin (John 16:8-9).
  - A. In the unsaved, He convicts of sin to bring them to salvation.
  - B. In the saved, He convicts of sin to keep them clean and show them how to live for Jesus Christ.
  - C. Acknowledging conviction by the Holy Spirit can lead to repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation with God (2 Corinthians 5:17-18).
  - D. Ignoring conviction by the Holy Spirit can lead to a seared conscience and hardened heart (1 Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 3:13-15).
2. The Holy Spirit creates and regenerates (Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4). In Jesus Christ, you are a new creature, born again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-8).
3. The Holy Spirit enters you and seals you once you are saved (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30).
4. The Holy Spirit bears witness to you of your salvation (1 John 4:13; Romans 8:16).
5. The Holy Spirit teaches you the Bible (John 14:26; 16:13-15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10).
6. The Holy Spirit intercede in prayer for you (Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 2:18).
7. The Holy Spirit comforts you in time of need (John 14:15-18; 2 Timothy 1:7).
8. The Holy Spirit empowers you to serve God (Zechariah 4:6; Ephesians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 4:7).

## **What is the Result of the Holy Spirit in My Life?**

1. 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. It is singular because ALL of these qualities are produced at the same time by a close relationship with the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
2. The fruit of the Spirit consists of:
  - A. Love
  - B. Joy
  - C. Peace
  - D. Longsuffering
  - E. Gentleness
  - F. Goodness
  - G. Faith
  - H. Meekness
  - I. Temperance

## **What Is “Being Filled with the Spirit” and How Can I Accomplish This?**

1. Comparing Scripture with Scripture shows that by reading the Word of God and letting it dwell in your heart, you can produce the same results in your life as being filled with the Spirit. The more you saturated your mind with the Word of God, the closer your relationship to the Holy Spirit will be (Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16).
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 received all of Him 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.

# Questions & Answers

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1. At what time does the Holy Spirit come into the believer's life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the unsaved of sin?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the Christian of sin?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What can happen if you ignore conviction by the Holy Spirit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. List seven other ways that the Holy Spirit works in the life of the Christian.
  - A.
  
  - B.
  
  - C.
  
  - D.
  
  - E.
  
  - F.
  
  - G.

6. What is the result of the Holy Spirit in your life?
7. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 These qualities are produced in the Christian by a \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In order for the Christian to be “filled with the Spirit,” they must invest time learning and living the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. 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 16:13 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.
10. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

# Key Memory Verses

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*“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (I Corinthians 6:19-20).*

*“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16).*

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).*

# *Additional Thoughts*

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**In many churches today, some popular teaching 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.



