

## Study 5 – The Holy Spirit

### A. The Person of the Holy Spirit

1. He is revealed to us in Scripture as possessing the attributes of personality. He is not merely an abstract force and should not be addressed as “it.”
  - a) Read Ephesians 4:30. What personal emotion of the Spirit is noted here?  
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  - b) Read Luke 12:12. What personal activity of the Spirit is noted here?  
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2. The Spirit is revealed to us as the Third Person of the Trinity, equal in substance, power and authority with the Father and the Son.
  - a) Read Romans 8:9. What two titles are given to the Spirit here?  
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  - b) Read Matthew 28:19. Who are the three distinct persons under whose authority baptism is to be administered?  
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### B. The Work of the Holy Spirit

1. The Spirit works in behalf of all creation (this is commonly referred to as the realm of common grace.). In the exercise below indicate the passages from the given list that best describe the particular activity of the Spirit mentioned in the left hand column.

The Holy Spirit acts as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. The agent of creation         | a. Exodus 31:2,3,5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. The giver of life             | b. Genesis 1:2     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. The giver of reason           | c. Job 33:4        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. The giver of artistic ability | d. Job 32:8        |

2. The Spirit also works specifically in behalf of God's elect (this is commonly called the realm of special or saving grace). Complete the following exercise as previously.

The Holy Spirit acts for God's people as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. The agent of the inspiration of Scripture | a. John 16:13 |
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The applier of the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection Who:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Convicts of sin            | b. John 16:8      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Regenerates the heart      | c. I Cor. 12:1-7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Enlightens the mind        | d. John 3:5,8     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Comforts, helps or defends | e. Rom. 8:11      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Sanctifies the life        | f. John 14:16     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Assures of salvation       | g. 2 Pet. 1:20-21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Makes intercession         | h. 2 Thess. 2:13  |

\_\_\_ 9. Gives us resurrection bodies

i. 1 John 3:24

The equipper of the Church:

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j. Rom. 8:26

### C. The Spirit in the Life of the Believer

1. All believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit at all times.
  - a) Read Romans 8:9. What must an individual have to be a Christian?  
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  - b) Read Romans 8:14. Who are the sons of God?  
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  - c) Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. What is the relationship of the Spirit to all believers?  
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2. The Holy Spirit enters the believer's life at the time of his re-birth. This is also called the "baptism" of the Spirit, but does not refer to any "Second Blessing" occurring after conversion.
  - a) Read John 3:3, 8. What two expressions are used in these verses to refer to salvation?  
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  - b) Read Matthew 3:11. What is the nature of Jesus' baptism as compared to John's?  
Note: The outward sacrament of baptism is a sign and seal of the inward work of the baptism of the Spirit (i.e. regeneration received by faith).  
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  - c) Read Acts 19:2-6. Why had this group not received the Holy Spirit? Note: The outward sacrament of baptism is a sign and seal of the inward work of the baptism of the Spirit (i.e. regeneration received by faith).  
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3. The believer is always to seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit for powerful service and growth in grace, but this fullness can be diminished by the believer's neglect and sins. The fullness of the Holy Spirit should be the normal condition of every believer.
  - a) Read Acts 9:17. What was Christ's plan for Paul? (cf. Acts 13:9)  
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  - b) Read Ephesians 5:18. What positive command is given to all believers?  
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  - c) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19. What are believers to avoid?  
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  - d) Note: The fact that we are commanded to seek this filling implies that there will be times when we have less of the power of the Spirit in our lives. This does not imply, however, that at any time the believer loses the indwelling presence of the Spirit in his life as the guarantor of his salvation.