

LESSON 4 THE HOLY. SPIRIT & SPIRITUAL GIFTS

THE WHY & THE HOW **Our Mission**

We edify believers to mature in Christ, empower believers to engage in the work of ministry and equip believers to disciple the world.

Commitment

noun the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc. *"the company's commitment to quality"*

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What's the point of this study time together?

1. Be a disciple first!

John 14:15 KJV

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.

While we endeavor to live out that instruction by sharing our testimonies that will prayerfully draw our family, friends, etc. We need to understand that sharing God's word is vitally important as well. God's word is the foundation of our faith in God.

2 Timothy 2:15

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2. Make a disciple next!

Matt 28: 19-20 NIV

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Our goal as a child of God is to do what every good child does...obey! Jesus left instructions to share the gospel with everyone we can. This was not a passive conversation to consider if and when we felt like doing it but instruction that we need to live out.



Part 1 The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit

This study is aimed at unveiling to us the personality of the Holy Spirit and His ministry to the believer and to the world. This study is also intended to help the new believer or member ask/pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, the third member of the Godhead (Matthew 3:16-17) In other words, the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:4).

The Holy Spirit can be known by His name just as God is known in the Old Testament by His divine names e.g., Jehovah Shammah - God is present. The Holy Spirit manifests Himself in various ways and these further reveal His works in the believer. Below is a list of the different ways or symbols by which the Holy Spirit may be manifested to man as well as the significance of such manifestation symbols.

- Dove Gentleness, harmlessness (Matt. 3:16-17)
- Cloud divine presence (2 Chron. 5:13-14)
- Wind invisible but powerful (Acts2:2)
- Fire consuming, purifying (Mal 3:2-3, Acts 2:3)
- Rain Blessing (Joel 2:23, Zech. 10:1)
- River abundance, flowing (Hosea 6:3, John 7:38)
- Dew refreshing (Deut. 32:1,2; Ps. 133)
- Oil the anointing (Isa. 61:1, Acts 10:38)
- Water washing cleansing (John 3:5, Ezek. 47)

The Personality of the Holy Spirit

Believers should refer to the Holy Ghost as a person. He may be symbolized by any of the above-named objects, but the point must be made clear that the Holy Spirit must not be equated to any of them, e.g. river, dove, oil, etc. The recognition of the Holy Ghost as a person is the only basis for a perfect relationship with Him. As a person, He does what a person can do, e.g.

- He loves (Romans 5:5)
- He witnesses (Acts 5:32, Rom 8:14)
- He comforts (John 14:16)
- He guides (Ps. 32:8, Acts 16:6-7)
- He has knowledge (1 Cor. 2:11)
- He teaches (John 14:26)
- He has a will (1 Cor. 12:11, Phil 2:13)

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The Ministry of the Holy Spirit - (Eph. 5:18)

The divine nature of God is not known and cannot be known unless it is revealed by the Holy Spirit. There are nine attributes (fruits) unfolding the entire spectrum of the outward manifestation of the indwelling Holy Spirit. These attributes are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control (**Gal.5:22**).



Part 2 Spiritual Gifts

The Gifts of the Holy Ghost (Spirit)

In the 12th Chapter of the 1st Book of Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, he (St. Paul) opens the chapter by telling his audience that he would not like them to be ignorant concerning spiritual gifts. Today, Christians cannot afford to be ignorant of their spiritual gifts. All the gifts of the Holy Ghost always given from the Holy Spirit Himself as He wills. The manifestation of the gifts is given by the Spirit for the general profit of the individual and the whole body (church) of Christ.

The Revelation Gifts

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Discerning of Spirits

Power Gifts

- Faith
- Healing
- Working of Miracles

Utterance Gifts

- Prophesy
- Diverse kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

Note: These Nine gifts constitute the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but in addition, there are office gifts as follows (**Rom.12:6-9**).



The Gifts of the Holy Ghost (Spirit)

Office Gifts

- Prophesy
- Ministering
- Teaching
- Exhortation
- Giving
- Ruling
- Showing mercy (Helps)

In addition, the gifts within a church setting also anoints individuals for various ministerial positions (1 Cor. 1 2:28-29; Eph.4:11) such that every faithful and fruitful believer has a place in the kingdom of God namely: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Governments (Administrators and Managers) Helps, etc. All believers however have one ministry - the ministry of reconciliation (II Cor. 5:18; 11 Tim).

The Holy Spirit's Ministry In Relation to Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit reveals who Christ is (John 16:16-18); 16:11-15); "flesh and blood has not revealed this to you". The role of the Holy Spirit from the birth to the fulfillment of the ministry of Jesus Christ is shown and illustrated in the following scriptures: Birth (Luk1:35); Ministry (Luke 4:1,14; Acts 10:38); Crucifixion (Heb.9:14); Resurrection (Rom. 8:11; 1 Pet. 3:18; Rom. 6:4); Glorification (John 7:39, Acts 2:32-33).



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