

**Holy Spirit Study: Week #1**  
"Introduction to the Holy Spirit"

**I. The Holy Spirit has ALWAYS been present (even in the OT)**

- *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. -Genesis 1:2*
- Genesis 2:7 (God breathes into Adam)
  - Adam became a living being once God breathed his Spirit into Him
    - *The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. -Job 33:4*
- John 20:19-23 (Jesus breathes on the disciples)
- 2 Timothy 3:16 (scripture is "God-breathed" or inspired by the H.S.)
- Genesis 4, 5 & 6 (Man's departure from the Holy Spirit)
  - Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years." -Genesis 6:3
- In the OT, the HS would come upon someone & God would move through them, but then the HS would leave. (i.e. Sampson, King Saul, etc.)

**II. Jesus explains the HS**

- John 14:16-18, 25-28
- John 15:26-27
- John 16:5-15

**III. The "Job Description" of the H.S. from John 14, 15 & 16**

1. Strengthen us
2. Our "Proof of Purchase"
3. Guide us into truth (reveal truth) (discernment)
4. Teach us
5. Comfort
6. Help, guide, counsel
7. Glorify Christ & the Father (He will not speak on his own)
8. Remind us
9. Live in us
10. Testify about Jesus Christ
11. Convict the world of sin ("your conscience on steroids") (not condemn)

## Holy Spirit Study: Week #2

### "Here Comes the Holy Spirit"

#### I. The Holy Spirit is the "Breath of God"

- Genesis 2:7 (God breathes into Adam)
- John 20:22 (Jesus breathes on the disciples)
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (Scripture is God-breathed)
  - "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." -John 14:25-26
  - (\*This is the proof that the Bible is the **inerrant** Word of God!)
- The HS is a "cleansing fire" (so is the Word)
  - John 15:3
  - Ephesians 5:25-27
- Acts 2:2 (HS is evidenced by a strong wind)
  - Ezekiel 37:9-10 (in the Valley of Dry Bones)
  - John 3:1-8 (Jesus speaking to Nicodemus)
    - Jesus is the "2<sup>nd</sup> Adam"
    - Only Adam & Jesus are "born of the HS" at this point!
    - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

#### II. Pentecost! (50 days)

- A Jewish festival 50 days after Passover
- Acts 2:1-4 (this is the "birth of the Church")
- The HS represented by Wind & Fire
  - Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him. -Exodus 19:17-19
  - \*This is when the "Law of Moses" was given by God

#### III. The Holy Spirit & "Spiritual Birth"

- Adam & Jesus Christ were "born of the Spirit"
  - God breathed into Adam
  - Christ was conceived by the Spirit
- Jesus said that we must be "born again" (born of the Spirit)
- The Church was born when the HS came on Pentecost
- The HS was necessary in the building of the Tabernacle!
  - Exodus 31:1-11

\*The HS is necessary for true worship! (John 4:23-24)

**Holy Spirit Study: Week #3**  
"Changes Brought by the Holy Spirit"

I. Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

- **Acts 2:15-21, 38-39**
- The Holy Spirit is for everyone! (our "Proof of Purchase")
  1. *If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" -Luke 11:13*
  2. *The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. - Acts 10:45*
  3. *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. -Ephesians 1:13-14*
  4. **Romans 8:1-17**
  5. *Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. -2 Corinthians 5:5 (NIV)*
  6. *-Now He Who has fashioned us [preparing and making us fit] for this very thing is God, Who also has given us the [Holy] Spirit as a guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise]. -2 Corinthians 5:5 (Amp)*
- The H.S. can now permanently dwell within us b/c Christ has conquered the grave and ascended to the Father. \*(see John 16:7)

II. Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12)

- *Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. -1 Corinthians 1:7*
- *So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church. -1 Corinthians 14:12*

III. Speaking In Tongues

- *Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people -Isaiah 28:11 (NIV)*
- *No, but [the Lord will teach the rebels in a more humiliating way] by men with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people [says Isaiah, and teach them His lessons]. -Isaiah 28:11 (Amp)*
- *Indeed, He will speak to this people through stammering lips and a foreign tongue, -Isaiah 28:11 (NASB)*

- *And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; -Mark 16:17*
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, 28-30 (Spiritual gifts)
- *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. -1 Corinthians 13:1*
- 1 Corinthians 14

#### IV. "Prayer Language"

- *So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance. And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will. -Romans 8:26-27 (Amp)*

\*A few other times when speaking in tongues occurred...

- Acts 10:44-46
- Acts 19:1-6

\*Next week... "The Gifts & Fruit of the Spirit"

- Acts 2:16-21, 38-39
- 1 Corinthians 12
- Galatians 5:16-26

## Holy Spirit Study: Weeks #4 & #5

### "Gifts & Fruit of the Spirit"

#### I. Gifts of the Spirit

- These are more than just abilities or talents (they are God-given)
- Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination]. -1 Timothy 4:14 (Amp)
- That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands with those of the elders at your ordination]. -2 Timothy 1:6 (Amp)
- **1 Corinthians 12 (9 Gifts of the Spirit)**
  1. Wisdom- (Discernment)- Godly decision making skills  
-1 Kings 3:5-14, 1 Kings 5:12, James 1:5-8
  2. Knowledge- (Information)- You could not know it & the HS reveals it to you.  
-Matthew 16:13-20, Acts 5
  3. Prophecy- (Speaking the Word of God)- THE GREATEST GIFT!  
-Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. -1 Corinthians 14:1  
-Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. -1 Corinthians 14:39  
-Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. -1 Thessalonians 5:19-21
  4. Faith- (Increase of faith)- faith beyond salvation  
-The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. -Luke 17:5-6
  5. Healing- James 5:13-18  
-And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.  
-Romans 8:11
  6. Miracles- Let's be honest... this is pretty self-explanatory.
  7. Discerning of spirits- 1 John 4:1-6
    - Holy Spirit
    - Demonic spirit
    - Human spirit

8. Speaking in Tongues- \*see last week's notes
9. Interpretation of Tongues- \*see last week's notes

## II. Fruit of the Spirit

- These are all qualities of God, given to make us more like Him!
- Galatians 5:22-26 (note that there are 9 of them!)
  1. Love- 1 Corinthians 13 & Romans 12:9-21
    - And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. -Romans 5:5 (NIV)
  2. Joy- more than an emotion; God' strength
    - I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. -John 15:11
    - And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. -Acts 13:52
    - The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family. -Acts 16:34
  3. Peace- **Philippians 4:4-9**
  4. Patience- (Longsuffering)- Romans 8:18-39
  5. Kindness- (selflessness)- Philippians 2:1-11
    - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. -Ephesians 5:21
  6. Goodness- (God's goodness revealed in us)
    - Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. -Romans 12:9
    - Gentleness- Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. -Philippians 4:5
    - But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. -1 Peter 3:15-16
  7. Faithfulness- (Piety) (Perseverance)- James 1:2-4
    - Romans 5:1-5, Hebrews 12:1-2
  8. Self Control- (Temperance)-
    - You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. -Romans 8:9

-For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. -2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)  
-For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control. -2 Timothy 1:7 (Amp)

**Holy Spirit Study: Week #6**  
"The Holy Spirit in Every-Day Life"

I. Life by the Spirit (Romans 8)

- **Romans 8:5-8**
- *So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. -Galatians 5:16*
- *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. -Galatians 5:25*

II. Having a Godly Mind-Set

- *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. -Romans 15:5-6*
- *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: -Philippians 2:5*

\*How do we get a Godly mindset?

- *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. -Romans 12:2*
- **1 Corinthians 2**

III. Praying & Speaking in the Spirit (not in tongues)

- **Ephesians 6:10-20**
- *But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. -Jude 1:20-21*
  - Notice that in **John 15**, Jesus is in the middle of explaining the Holy Spirit to His disciples and takes a break to talk about remaining in Him and His love by obeying His commands, then continues teaching about the Holy Spirit.
  - Also notice that **1 Corinthians 13** is a chapter about love in the midst of Paul's explanation of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12, 13 & 14).
- *Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand. -1 Corinthians 14:15 (NLT)*
- **Matthew 10:16-20**

\*Ephesians 5:15-20



**Holy Spirit Study: Week #7**  
"Which Gifts of the Spirit Do I Have?"

I. Decision-making before Pentecost

- Acts 1:12-26

II. Identifying the Holy Spirit

- "Spirit of Truth" (the Holy Spirit always points us to Christ & the Father!)
  - A. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the **Spirit and in truth**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the **Spirit and in truth.**" -John 4:23-24
  - B. Jesus answered, "I am the **way and the truth and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me. -John 14:6
  - C. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **the Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. -John 14:16-17
  - D. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. **But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. -John 14:25-26
  - E. "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the **Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father**—he will testify about me. -John 15:26
  - F. **But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." -John 16:13-15

III. Identifying Ungodly Spirits

- **1 John 4**
- **1 John 5:1-12**

IV. The Holy Spirit's Work in You

- God always confirms (or affirms) when speaking to us through the Holy Spirit!
  - A. **Acts 10 & 11**

### B. Acts 16:6-10

- The Holy Spirit leaves evidence!
  - A. *When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord. -Acts 11:22-24 (NLT)*
  - B. **Acts 15**
  - C. The "Fruit of the Spirit" is our evidence (Galatians 5:19-26)

### V. The Gifts That You Possess!

- God uses us to help encourage, identify and develop the Gifts of the Spirit in each other!
  - A. Barnabas mentored Saul (Paul); Paul mentored Timothy, etc.

### B. Romans 12:3-8

- **A word of "caution" from [allaboutgod.com](http://allaboutgod.com)**  
The Holy Spirit distributes the gifts of the Spirit as He sees fit ([1 Corinthians 12:7-11](#)). God does not want us to be ignorant of how He wants us to serve Him. However, it is very easy for us to get caught up in what spiritual gift(s) we have and then only serve God in that area of ministry. That is not how it works. God calls us to obediently serve Him. He will equip us with whatever gifts of the Spirit we need to accomplish the task or tasks He has called us to. Yes, God calls some to be teachers and gives them the gift of teaching, but that does not excuse the person from serving God in other ways as well. Is it beneficial to know what spiritual gift(s) God has given you? Of course, it is. Is it wrong to focus so much on spiritual gifts that we miss other opportunities to serve God? Yes!

There is no magic formula or spiritual gift test that can tell you what gifts of the Spirit you possess. What we need to focus on is serving God. Do you see a need in your church? Do what you can to meet it. Is there a position in a ministry that is vacant? Pray as to whether God would have you fill it. If we seek God's will and obey His leading, He will always equip us with whatever gifts of the Spirit we need. Spiritual gift tests can be of some value in determining what areas God has especially gifted you. As always, though, place far more emphasis on God's Word and submitting to the Lord's leading than you do on the results of a spiritual gift test.

- **A Spiritual Gifts Assessment Test can be found at [www.spiritualgiftstest.com](http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com)**