

Who Is the Holy Spirit and What Does He Do?

Mini-Lecture #12

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Some Clues that this Is Important

1. _____ said it was.

Jesus: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to 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. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.... 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 14:16-18, 25-26)

Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. (John 16:6-7)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:4-8)

2. We feel the need for _____ and _____.

RVCC Doctrinal Statement about the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christ-follower from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living and transformation, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. Christ-followers seek to live under his control daily.

The Statement Unpacked

1. *The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.*

A. He is _____.

- He is directly _____ God.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God." (Acts 5:3-4)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. (John 14:16)

- He possesses the _____ of God: _____.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. (Psalm 139:7-8)

- He possesses the qualities of God: _____.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)

- He possesses the qualities of God: _____.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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.... Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness." (Genesis 1:1-2, 26)

- He possesses the qualities of God: _____.

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

- He possesses the qualities of God: _____.

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! (Hebrews 9:14)

B. He is a distinct _____.

- Jesus always used the third person personal pronoun (and equivalents) for the Holy Spirit: “_____.” (i.e., see John 14:16-17)
- He does things like a person. For example: he _____ (Acts 8:29; 13:2), is _____ (Ephesians 4:30), _____ (for us, Romans 8:32), and has a _____ (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).

C. He has several “_____.”

- _____ (Acts 5:3-4), _____ (2 Corinthians 3:18), _____ (1 Corinthians 2:10), _____ of _____ (1 Corinthians 3:16), Spirit of _____ (John 15:26), _____ Spirit (Hebrews 9:14), _____ (John 14:16)

2. *The Holy Spirit is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ.*

- Everyone suffers the repercussions of _____ (Romans 3:23).
- People are not aware that sin is their deepest problem.
- The Holy Spirit’s work is to _____ the world.

When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. (John 16:8-11)

3. *The Holy Spirit lives in every Christ-follower from the moment of salvation.*

- The _____ taught this.

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is

for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38-39)

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)

B. The apostles _____ this.

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. (Acts 10:44-48)

[Later Peter reported what had happened and the apostles responded:] *When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.” (Acts 11:18)*

4. *The Holy Spirit provides the Christian with power for living and transformation, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right.*

A. He lives _____ of _____.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

B. He transforms our _____.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”— but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

C. He _____ truth.

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

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 14:26)

All Scripture is God-breathed.... (2 Timothy 3:16a)

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (2 Corinthians 2:10-14)

D. He _____ us (Acts 9:31).

E. He tells us where to _____ (1 Corinthians 2:13; Acts 13:2).

F. He _____ us (Romans 15:16).

G. He _____ us in our weaknesses (Romans 8:26).

H. He _____ our decisions (Acts 16:6-7).

I. He shapes our _____ (Galatians 5:22-23, "fruit of the Spirit").

J. He _____ us of our salvation (he is our "pledge" or "promise" or "seal," 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:14).

K. He _____ us with _____ for service (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10; Ephesians 4:11).

L. He _____ us for service (Acts 1:8, 4:8).

M. He _____ us (Ephesians 5:18).

5. *Christ-followers seek to live under the Holy Spirit's control daily.*

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:15-18)

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. (Acts 4:31-35)

Q. Why Be Filled?

A. So we can _____ and _____ and _____ —to bring _____ to Christ.

Q. How Can We Be Filled?

A. _____ sin and _____. (confess means to agree, repent means to renounce, stop).

B. _____ our will to his will.

C. Accept in _____ that you have been filled.