

# The Spirit Within – Lesson 1

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## Who is the Holy Spirit

**Question:** Let's start with a very basic question, "who is the Holy Spirit?"

The Bible teaches us that He is more than an influence or impersonal power; the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Triune Godhead, worthy of our adoration, love and faith. He is not a 'thing' or an 'it' but just as real and distinct as Jesus.

**John 14:15-17**, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And 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."

A powerful reality for the child of God, is that God Himself dwells within us. When a person is born again, he/she receives the person of Holy Spirit who lives and dwells in them forever.

**John 14:26**, "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."

**Please Read: John 16:5-15**

Just as God the Father and God the Son have many distinctive names, so does the Holy Spirit. There are also symbols of the Holy Spirit that represent the unique ways in which He works.

- Spirit of God- 1 Corinthians 2:11
- Spirit of Christ- 1 Peter 1:11
- The Counselor- John 14:26
- Fire- Purification and empowerment- Luke 3:16; Acts 2:3
- Wind- Work of regeneration and refreshing- John 3:8; Acts 2:2
- Water- Purification, renewing and power John 4:10-14; 7:38-39
- Seal- Branded by God with divine ownership- Ephesians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- Anointing- Equipping for service- Acts 10:38; 1 John 2:20, 27
- Dove- Speaks of the beautiful and majestic presence of God- Matthew 3:16

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would anoint and empower the prophet, priest and king. However, in the New Covenant, He anoints every believer; like Jesus was anointed, just not in the same measure- John 3:34; Isaiah 61:1.

### **Isaiah 11:2**

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

## The Holy Spirit In Salvation

- God spoke through the prophet Ezekiel concerning the miracle of the New Birth
- Since the fall of man God has desired to live with and in us as it was in the beginning

**Ezekiel 36:26-27**, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

**Question:** God's nature is now our spiritual nature, how is this reflected in our lives?

- The Holy Spirit is the one who performs the creative act of making us a new creation
- After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to them to usher in the New Covenant
- John 20:22, "And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

### **Please Read: Titus 3:4-7**

Before Jesus left the earth, He promised that He would send another Helper, Comforter, Counselor and Advocate according to John 16:7- in the Greek the word is '*parakletos*' which means 'One called alongside to help'. We could not make it as Christians without the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

## Lives Within Us

- Just think, through the Person of the Holy Spirit- God the Father and God the Son is in us

**1 John 4:4**, "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

- Dear brother and sister in Christ you are never alone, without value and never unloved
- Regardless of how we “Feel” God dwells within your spirit for all eternity
- The Holy Spirit is the manifest presence of God in the earth today

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17**, “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is sacred, and you are that temple.”

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**, “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.”

**Question:** Since our God is with us where ever we go, what does that mean for us personally?

**Please Read: Romans 8:13-17**

- Notice verse 14, *“the sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.”*
- It is through our spirit that the Holy Spirit is going to guide us in this life
- Primarily the Spirit of truth will lead us by an inward witness or intuition
- It will register in our spirit as a smooth peace or unction to move in a certain direction
- He also leads us by an inward check, like a red light that says stop, look and listen

Many misfortune and disappoint in life can be avoided as well as many a blessing and opportunities can be opened if we learn to listen to and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## The Holy Spirit and the Word of God

**Question:** What does this statement mean “The Word of God and the Holy Spirit agree”

**Please Read: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

- The Scriptures or Bible came to us by the Holy Spirit thousands of years ago
- Therefore, the Holy Spirit would never lead us contrary to what the Bible says
- When He leads us into all truth, that means He leads us in harmony with God’s Word
- It’s the Holy Spirit who makes the Word of God alive and powerful- 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

The presence and fellowship of the Holy Spirit is so sweet and powerful; He dwells within us and is our comforter, teacher, guide, counselor- wonderful friend and ever present God!