

Who is the Holy Spirit?



27) Who is the Holy Spirit?

- A. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit is a person, not just an impersonal spiritual force. Unlike an impersonal force, He teaches, reminds, witnesses, convicts, guides, speaks, declares, inspires, calls, forbids, and intercedes. He has a will, mind, thoughts, knowledge, words, and love. He can be lied to, grieved, insulted, and blasphemed.
- B. The Holy Spirit is a member of the Godhead. He is fully God.

"But I (Jesus) 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. [8] When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:"

JOHN 16:7-8 NIV

"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 NIV

"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? [4] 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 NIV

28) What are the symbols of the Holy Spirit?

- A. The Bible uses many different symbols to describe the Holy Spirit. Each one give us insight into the Holy Spirit and helps us understand His work in our lives.
 - 1. Water
 - a. Water is necessary for life. It is also used in washing, cleansing and fruitfulness.

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"Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, [14] but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

JOHN 4:13-14 NIV

"On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. [38] Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." [39] By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."

JOHN 7:37-39 NIV

2. Fire

- a. The fire of the Holy Spirit is used to refine, purge and purify us.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

ACT 2:1-4 NIV

3. Wind or Breath

- a. Both the Hebrew and Greek words for "spirit" means "wind or breath." Like the wind, the Holy Spirit is invisible, but powerful.

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

JOHN 3:8 NIV

4. Oil

- a. Anointing was always done with oil. The Holy Spirit is the one who anoints the believer with power to live for and serve God.

"As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit -just as it has taught you, remain in him."

1JOHN 2:27 NIV

5. Wine

- a. The wine of the Holy Spirit is the great joy His presence brings into our lives.

"Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ... [15] "These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! [16] No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: [17] "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

ACT 2:13, 15-17 NIV

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EPH 5:18 NIV

6. The Dove

- a. The Holy Spirit is gentle as a dove and much more lovely.

"When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened [22] and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

LUKE 3:21-22 NIV

7. The Seal

- a. Seals were placed on items and documents to indicate ownership or official approval. God has placed His seal of approval on us. We belong to Him.

"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, [14] who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory."

EPH 1:13-14 NIV

8. The Firstfruits

- a. The firstfruits were a down payment on or the guarantee of the promised harvest. The Holy Spirit in our lives is a guarantee of all the promises God has made to us in His word.

"Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies."

ROM 8:23 NIV

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, [22] set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

2COR 1:21-22 NIV

29) What is the Holy Spirit's role in the world?

- A. The Holy Spirit was active in the creation of the world.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [2] 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."

GEN 1:1-2 NIV

"How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ... [30] When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

PSA 104:24, 30 NIV

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- B. The Holy Spirit confronts the world about sin, righteousness, and judgement.
1. Sin: Without the Holy Spirit's convicting power, no man knows his own sin.
 2. Righteousness: While Jesus walked the earth, He was the model of righteous living. With Jesus now at the right hand of the Father, the Holy Spirit takes on the task of guiding men to righteousness.
 3. Judgement: When Jesus died on the cross, Satan was forever defeated. The Holy Spirit upholds that righteous judgement against Satan and anyone who follows his empty lifestyle.

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JOHN 16:7-11 NIV

"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

JOHN 3:18 NIV

"But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify."

ROM 3:21 NIV

"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God."

1COR 4:5 NIV

30) What is the Holy Spirit's role in the life of a Christian?

- A. He gives new birth.

"Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. [6] Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.'"

JOHN 3:5-6 NIV

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

JOHN 6:63 NIV

- B. He indwells or lives within us.

"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."

ROM 8:9 NIV

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C. He is the great Counselor.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - [17] 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 NIV

"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 16:7 NIV

D. He is the Spirit Baptizer.

"For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
ACTS 1:5 NIV

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."
ACTS 2:4 NIV

E. He is the gift giver.

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. [8] To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, [10] to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."
1COR 12:7-11 NIV

F. He prays for us.

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."
ROM 8:26 NIV

G. He is our teacher.

"As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit -just as it has taught you, remain in him."
1JOHN 2:27 NIV

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"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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."

JOHN 16:13 NIV

"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."

1TIM 4:1 NIV

H. He is the source of our resurrection.

"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 through his Spirit, who lives in you."

ROM 8:11 NIV

31) What are the moods of the Holy Spirit?

A. There are many different moods of the Holy Spirit. Depending on the purposes of God, He can be strong and bold or quiet and gentle. He can bring comfort to those in pain or great distress to those who feel the conviction of their sin.

"The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. [12] After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper."

1KINGS 19:11-12 NIV

B. You need to flow with the moods of the Holy Spirit. To do otherwise is to grieve the Holy Spirit.

1. If the Holy Spirit has brought the church to a quiet time, we should not shout or dance.
2. If the Holy Spirit is ushering in strong and bold praise, it is not appropriate to bow in silence before God.

C. If you don't know the moods of the Spirit or have trouble discerning them, you need to flow with the leadership of the church by following their lead.

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

EPH 4:30 NIV

Name: _____ Group Leaders: _____

Date: _____

Homework for Chapter 3

Please answer the following questions from the textbook in full sentences and return to your Group Leaders next week.

- 1) Is the Holy Spirit a person? Explain.

- 2) Name three symbols of the Holy Spirit.

- 3) How does the Holy Spirit convict men of sin, righteousness & judgement?

- 4) Name four things the Holy Spirit does in the life of a Christian.

- 5) Explain what is meant by a "mood" of the Holy Spirit.
