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Lesson One

Introduction and Discussion

For the next several months we are going to engage in the life-changing study of pneumatology. Pneumatol what?!? That’s right pneumatology. What is pneumatology? It’s just a fancy way of saying we are going to study the doctrine or teaching about The Holy Spirit.

Just as with the word *pneumatology* so it is with the teaching about Holy Spirit. We consider Him as hidden, hard, and mysterious. I think without fear of much challenge or reservation, the study of the Holy Spirit is perhaps the most neglected theme in all of the Bible. Brother Leo Boles mused, “It is difficult to understand why this Bible theme freighted with so much importance should be so long neglected. No subject that is so vitally connected with man’s redemption has been neglected as the study of the Holy Spirit.” To which I say, Amen!

In some ways we are like the little boy who when his teacher asked his 5th. grade class to explain electricity. The little boy’s had shot up and waved frantically in the air, follow by the words, “I know, I know!” And the teacher replying, “okay, Jimmy, how would you explain electrify?” Little Jimmy scratched his head and said, “last night I knew it, but this morning I forgot it.” The teacher then said, “how sad, the only person to understand electricity and he’s forgotten it.” This in someways describes us; we accept the facts concerning the Holy Spirit. We have read about His work, word, promises and power. But when it comes to explaining Him we are at a loss.

Some one said, trying to understand God is like trying to capture the ocean in quart jar - it’s impossible. However, there are many things that we can know and understand if we are willing to study and learn. Understanding the position, person and purpose of the Holy Spirit will bring blessing upon bless to the earnest seeker.

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Much controversy and confusion exists in understanding the Holy Spirit.

1. Describe in your own words the Holy Spirit. His person, purpose and work.
2. Why are there so many misconceptions about the Holy Spirit?
3. What are some of the false teachings and common concepts about the Holy Spirit?
4. Why is it important that we have the proper understanding of the person, purpose and work of the Holy Spirit?
5. There are 387 references on 280 verses about the Holy Spirit (in the ESV). Which are most meaningful to you and why?



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Lesson Two

Who is The Holy Spirit

In lesson one, we talked about some of the impersonal and improper ways that the Holy Spirit is spoken of. He is often spoken of as a glorified "it" or a sanctified "thing." The Bible never tries to make a case or defense for the Holy Spirit. He is just spoke of as being.

What is the mean of the term “Holy Spirit?”

1. **He Is Holy.** The word “holy” means, “sacred,” “other,” “distinct,” “set apart.” The word speaks to his nature as well as his character and personality.
2. **He Is Spirit.** The KJV translation uses the word “ghost” in regard to the Holy Spirit. When we think of ghost, we often think of the ghosts of *A Christmas Carol* or the *Ghostbusters* movies. The word spirit speaks to not have a material body or physical form.
3. **Holy Spirit.** The term then speaks to the divinity of the Holy Spirit. He is holy, revered and set apart. He is Spirit, speaks to his nature. “God is Spirit.”

The Godhead (Trinity)

1. **There is only one God** - Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6 (One God, three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Elohim, Genesis 1:1, 26; John 1:1; 1John 5:7)
2. **The Father is God** - John 1:18; 1 Corinthians 8:6
3. **The Son is God** - John 1:1-5; 10:30-33; 20:28;
4. **The Holy Spirit is God** - Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 3:17

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What makes a person, a person?

The composite characteristics of personhood are life, thought, volition, intellect, individuality, emotions and influence. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit possess all of the traits of a person, albeit divine in His attributes.

1. Make a list from these passage which teach us about the personage of the Holy Spirit.

- Acts 13:2
- Romans 8:14, 26
- 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
- Acts 16:6-7
- John 15:26
- Acts 8:29
- Acts 5:3-4,9
- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- Ephesians 4:30
- Matthew 12:31-32
- John 16:13-14,18

The Deity of the Holy Spirit is set for in three areas.

Briefly explain each:

1. Creation

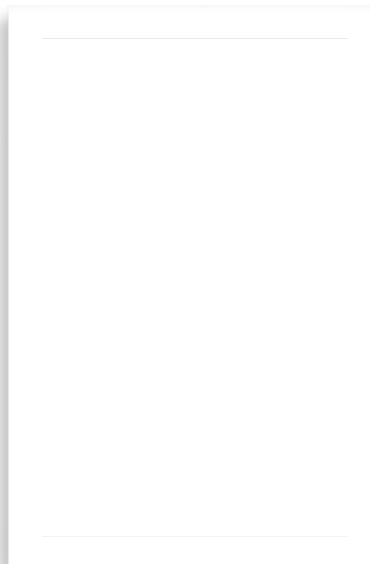
- A. Genesis 1:26-27
- B. Job 26:13; 33:4
- C. Psalms 104:30

2. Inspiration

- A. John 14:16-21
- B. 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- C. 2 Peter 1:20-21

3. Regeneration

- A. Titus 3:5
- B. John 3:3



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Lesson Three

Symbols, Titles, and Descriptions of The Holy Spirit

The Scriptures employ various names and symbols to show the importance of the Holy Spirit and the nature of His work. In his book, **NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, Ray Pritchard catalogs 87 different names by which the Holy Spirit is called. Pritchard says, “Writing about the names of the Holy Spirit poses a fascinating challenge because there aren’t many proper names for the Holy Spirit. Instead, the writers used a combination of descriptive titles. The first occurs in Genesis 1:2 and the last in Revelation 19:10, thus the work of the Holy Spirit spans creation to the crowning events of human history.”

Find the passages which relate to the Holy Spirit using these terms. Also define the meaning of these symbols

→ BREATH

FIRE ←

→ LIVING WATER

DOVE ←

→ COMFORTER

OIL ←

→ TRUTH

EARNEST ←

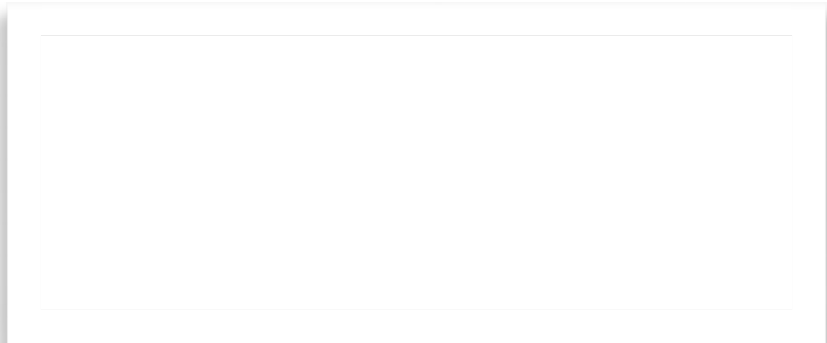
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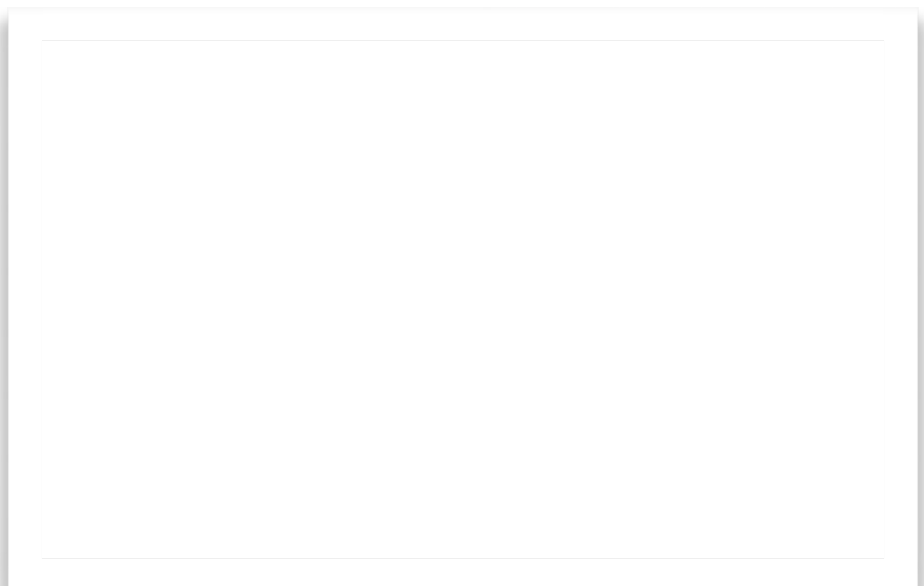
Which of The Spirit's Unique Descriptions That Shows His Relationship With the Father and the Son

- **John 15:26-27**
- **John 16:7-15**
- **Acts 10:38**



The Spirit's Unique Description That Shows His Relationship With the Believer

- **John 14:17, 26**
- **Romans 8:2, 15**
- **Ephesians 1:13**
- **Hebrews 10:29**



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The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

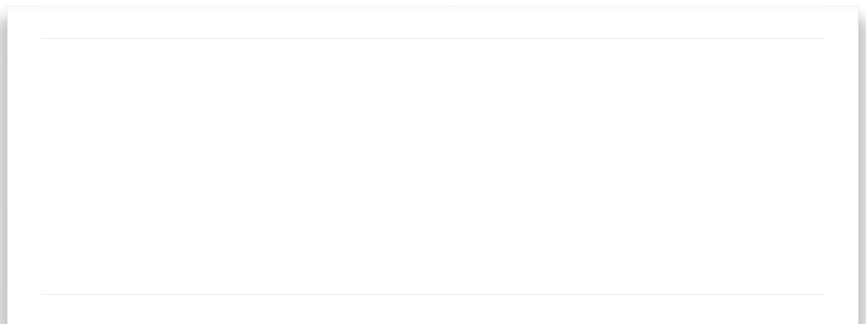
Often when we speak of the Holy Spirit, His nature, His person, and His influence, it is in the context of the New Testament. However, it is the Old Testament in which He is revealed, and many important aspects of His work are given.

1. Write a brief description of the Spirit's impact on the prophets and priests

- Ezekiel - Ezekiel 2:1ff; 3:12-14; 36:25-27
- Jeremiah - Jeremiah 1:9; 30:1-2
- Elijah - 1 Kings 18:12; 2 Kings 2:12-13
- Daniel - Daniel 4:8-9
- Jahaziel - 2 Chronicles 20:14-15
- Zechariah - 2 Chronicles 24:20-22

2. Describe How the Spirit used the Priests and Prophets in these three areas:

- Revelation
- Demonstration
- Restoration



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What influence did the Holy Spirit have on the Kings, Judges and others

1. **Saul** - 1 Samuel 10:6-10; 11:6; 16:14-15; 18:12; 19:20-24; 28:15-16
2. **David** - 1 Samuel 16:13; 2 Samuel 23:1-3; Psalms 51:11-13
3. **Othniel** - Judges 3:9-10
4. **Gideon** - Judges 6:28-34
5. **Jephthah** - Judges 11:29-38
6. **Sampson** - Judges 13:2-25; 14:6,19; 15:14-15
7. **Bezaleel** and **Aholiab** - Exodus 31:1-11
8. **Moses** and **eEders** - Numbers 11:16-17,25-ff

Write any special observations you have:

The activity and agency of the Holy Spirit is clearly seen in the Old Testament. His working was a foreshadow of what would attend God's people under the New Covenant.

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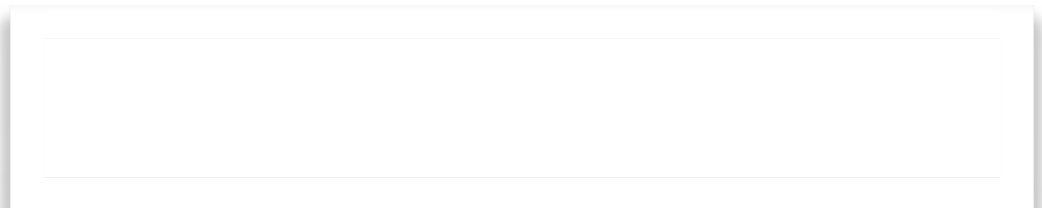
The Holy Spirit and Revelation

The Bible is a remarkable book. It is God’s revelation given to direct the hearts of men. Written over a period of sixteen hundred years by forty different writers, in three different languages on three different continents, without contradiction or contravention. How could that be? The Bible is the product of one Author.

“Know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 2:20-21).

- 1. What was the common affirmation of the individuals in these passages concerning their function and the Holy Spirit?** 2 Samuel 23:2-3; Exodus 17:14; 34:27; Numbers 22:1-6; 23:11; Isaiah 8:1-5; 10:24; 59:21; Jeremiah 1:1-9; 31:31-37; Ezekiel 8:3; 11:1,24-25; Micah 1:1; 6:1; 3:8

David
Moses
Balaam
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Micah



- 2. How did the apostles attest to the directing influence of the Holy Spirit in the lives and work of the prophets?**
 - a. Peter - Acts 1:16-17, cp. Psalms 41:9
 - b. Apostles - Acts 3:14-18; 4:24-25, cp. Psalms 2:1-2
 - c. Paul - Acts 28:23,25, cp. Isaiah 6:9-10
 - d. John - John 12:41, cp. Isaiah 6:10

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One of special ways that Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit was as, “the Helper.” Here Jesus used the word, *paraclete*. This was an ancient warrior term. When soldiers went into battles in pairs. So that when in battle they could help each other. The term literally meant, “back to back,” to cover one another’s “blindsides.” The Holy Spirit is our “battle partner.” The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. He covers us and fights for our welfare.

The Holy Spirit’s Working Through the Word Explain Each

The Holy Spirit	Operation	The Word
Nehemiah 9:30	Instructs	2 Timothy 3:16-17
John 14:16	Teaches	John 6:45
John 16:8	Convicts	Titus 1:9
John 3:5	Begets	Ephesians 1:13
John 6:33	Quickens	Psalms 119:50
1 Corinthians 12:13	Born of	1 Peter 1:23
Romans 15:16	Sanctifies	2 Thessalonians 2:13
Acts 9:31	Comforts	1 Thessalonians 4:18
Romans 5:5	Perfects love	1 John 2:5
2 Corinthians 3:17	Makes free	John 8:32

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Lesson Six

The Holy Spirit and The Christ

The complete cooperation of the Holy Spirit with the Christ is clearly set forth not only in prophecy but also in the New Testament teachings. It is impossible to separate the Holy Spirit and Jesus, the anointed of God, during his earthly ministry.

Describe the role of the Holy Spirit and Jesus in these events:

1. The Holy Spirit and the Incarnation of Jesus.

What is learned concerning the coming of Christ from these passages? Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23; John 1:14; Romans 8:3; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 4:2-4

- a. What was the Holy Spirit's role in the incarnation of Jesus
 1. Matthew 1:18-20
 2. Luke 1:35

2. The Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Jesus

All the gospel writers record the Lord's baptism. Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in the baptism of Jesus and the significance of his baptism - Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:31-34

3. The Holy Spirit and the Public Ministry of Jesus

The Holy Spirit continued His presence, influence, and cooperation with Christ throughout his personal ministry. Jesus is described as having the Spirit without measure.

- a. List some of the work of the Holy Spirit in the work of Christ.
 - a. Acts 10:38
 - b. Matthew 12:18,28
 - c. Luke 4:14; 10:21

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4. The Holy Spirit and the Temptation of Jesus

Jesus “was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15b).

What part did the Holy Spirit have in the temptation of Jesus?

- a. Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12

5. The Holy Spirit and the Crucifixion of Jesus

What does this passage teach regarding the Holy Spirit and the suffering and death of Jesus?

- a. Hebrews 9:13-14

6. The Holy Spirit and the Resurrection of Jesus

What do these passages say regarding the resurrection and glorification of Christ?

- a. Romans 1:4; 8:11
- b. Acts 2:22-36
- c. 1 Peter 3:18-19

How do these passage coincide with Acts 2:24 and John 10:18?

The Teaching of Christ Regarding The Holy Spirit

Explain what Jesus says about the person and work of the Holy Spirit

- Matthew 10:20 (cf. Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12)
- Matthew 12:31 (ct. Mark 3:29; Luke 12:10)
- Luke 11:13
- John 3:5ff
- John 7:37ff
- John 14:16ff,26
- John 15:26ff
- John 16:7-15

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The Baptism of The Holy Spirit

There is probably no aspect of the Holy Spirit which is more misunderstood and misapplied than that of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Here again we are reminded that we must satisfy ourselves with what the Bible Holy Spirit teaches us concerning this topic and not the postulations and suppositions of men.

FIVE BAPTISMS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Name the five baptism and the following

Nature	Purpose	By	Subjects	Elements	Act	Duration
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

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- 1. Holy Spirit baptism was prophesied and promised.**
 - For what reason? Joel 2:27-32; Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:44-49; John 1:29-34; Acts 1:1-25
- 2. Who was the administrator of Holy Spirit baptism?**
 - Luke 3:16; Acts 1:15ff; John 20:22
- 3. To whom was the promise given?**
 - Matthew 10:19-20; Luke 21:13-14; 24:49; John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 1:8
- 4. What are the three examples of Holy Spirit baptism?**
 - Acts 2:1-5
 - Acts 11:15
 - Acts 19:1-6
- 5. What was the point of baptism of the Holy Spirit?**
 - John 15:26-27
 - Acts 2:17
 - Acts 11:18

**What are some of the misguided teachings today
regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

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The Gift of The Holy Spirit

I don't know many people who would turn down a wonderful gift. Do you? The apostle Peter tells us of God's gracious gift. "repent, everyone of you and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Acts 2:38 is one of the most wonderful and wonder filled passages in all of Scripture. It also has been the topic of much debate and speculation.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW:

1. The gift is the Holy Spirit Himself
2. The gift is something that the Holy Spirit gives

Both of these points of view have bases in Scripture. In Acts 5:32, the Spirit is the gift, and in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, the Spirit gives gifts. But in each case it is imperative to look at the immediate context, and the remote context in determining whether or not it is the Spirit as the gift or the Spirit giving the gift.

View #1 - The Holy Spirit as the Gift

The word gift is from the greek word, *dorea* which means a gift. It is sometimes (but not always) synonymous with *charisma* and may mean a gift of grace (cf. Romans 5:15, where both are used). Dorea, often refers to a specific thing which is given, such as justification, salvation, ministry. (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8; 3:7). It can also be more generic, including any or all of God's gifts (John 4:10; 2 Corinthians 9:15; Hebrews 6:4; James 1:17).

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View #2 - The Gifts that the Holy Spirit Gives

The Holy Spirit is clearly represented as giving gifts to men, many of which were miraculous in nature. The gifts that the Holy Spirit gave to men in 1 Corinthians 12-14, were special gifts for a special time and for a specific reason. If Acts 2:38, refers to gifts that the Spirit gives, it would seem that all believers would upon the repentance and baptism have received this gift. But this would conflict with passages that mention ungifted (spiritual gifts) believers. (Romans 1:11; 1 Corinthians 14:16).

In Acts 2:38, the gift of the Holy Spirit is offered to all that were willing to repent and be baptized. Verse 39 refers to a promise which included Peter's immediate audience, their descendants and others that were wanting and willing to obey the Lord's commandment.

It seems clear that Acts 10:44,47; 11:27 are referring to the Holy Spirit as being the gift. While the passage also mentions tongue speaking by Cornelius and his household, the emphasis is upon the fact that the Holy Spirit had been given to the Gentiles.

1. What is the importance of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Christian? (Ephesians 1:13-14)
2. Whenever a gift, of any sort, is not appreciated what happens? What happens when we don't understand or appreciate the gift of the Holy Spirit that is given to us? (Ephesians 4:29-32; Hebrews 10:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)

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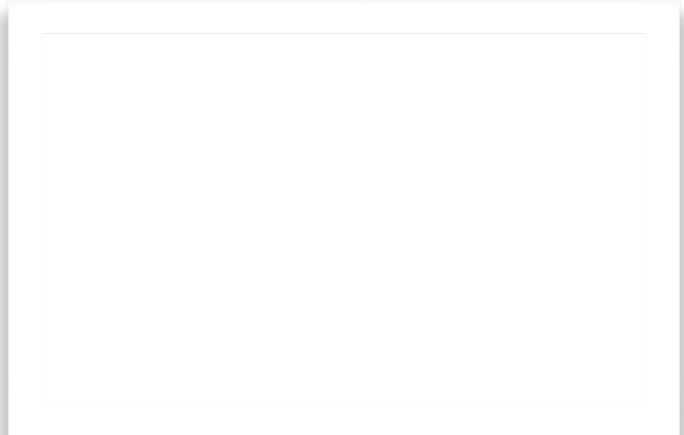
Lesson Nine

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

In the last lesson we talked about the Holy Spirit as a gift given to believers. In this lesson we turn our attention to the gifts which the Holy Spirit gave. They are also called “spiritual gifts” or “miraculous gifts.”

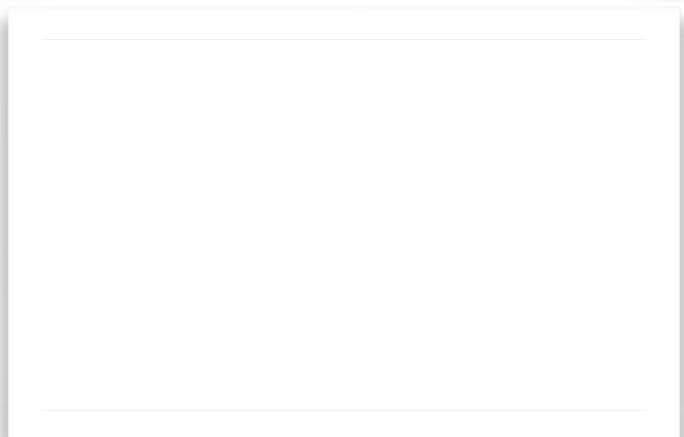
Spiritual Gifts - Their Nature

- 1 Corinthians 2:6-7; 12:8-10
- Acts 5:15-16
- Acts 11:27-28; 21:8-11
- 1 Corinthians 14:27-29



Spiritual Gifts - Their Purpose

- Ephesians 4:12-16
- Hebrews 2:2-4
- 1 Corinthians 14:12-15, 20-25



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Spiritual Gifts - Their Dispersion

Who selected individuals to receive the gifts? Why is this significant?

- 1 Corinthians 12:10; 28-31

Not every Christians received the special endowments of supernatural gifts. The gifts did not save or make one complete in faith. What does that tell us about distribution of spiritual gifts?

Who were some of the individuals what had spiritual gifts?

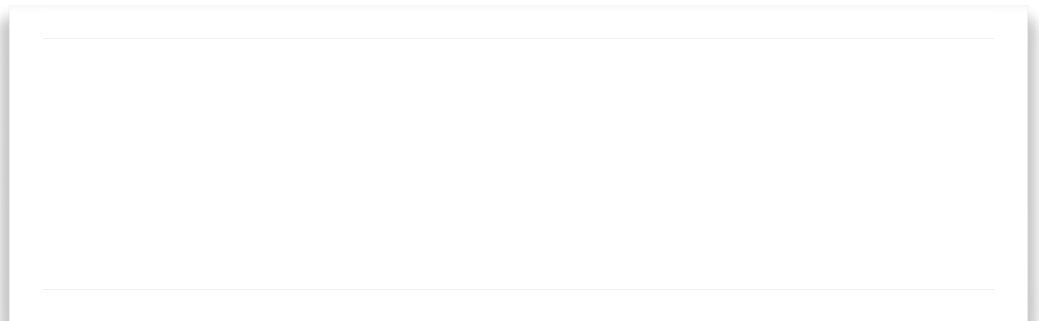
Spiritual Gifts - Their Impartation

What is the connection between the impartation of spiritual gifts, the apostles, and the recipients of the gifts?

- Acts 8:14-17
- Acts 19:1-7
- 2 Timothy 1:6
- Romans 1:11

Spiritual Gifts - Their Duration

Since spiritual gifts were only preferred on those whom the Spirit willed, and could only be imparted by the apostles. What conclusion must be reached? (1 Corinthians 13:8-10).



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Lesson Ten

The Indwelling of The Holy Spirit

Is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit literal or is it figurative? Is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit personal or is it through the word only. These two questions have caused controversy and dispute among brethren. What a pity, the blessing and working of the Holy Spirit in some ways has been obscured and avoided.

What Does Indwelling Mean?

The word *dwell* or *indwelling* both in Hebrew and Greek suggests to be in a residence. They are often used in the ordinary sense of living in a particular place. But the O.T. raises a theological question which the N.T. answers in an exciting way!

The O.T. word *yasah* , means “to sit,” “to remain” or “to dwell.” It is found 1090 times. When used of God it indicates His residence is in heaven. (1Kings 8:27) The other word is *sakan* , it suggests a permanent stay, it is used to show God’s faithfulness to His commitments, to His people. “I live [sakan] in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit” (Isaiah 57:15).

In the N.T. the emphasis shifts from God dwelling *with* His people to dwelling *in* them. Two Greek words are used in this special sense, *enoikeo* , means “to take up residence” (Romans 8:11; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:14). The N.T. tells us that God now resides, not in temples, or buildings made with hands, but now in the hearts of His people. The other Greek word is *katoikeo* , this word means to “establish permanent residence,” as opposed to making occasional visits (Ephesians 3:17; Colossians 2:9-10)

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To whom was the indwelling promise given?

Acts 2:38-39; 5:32; Galatians 3:1-2

Does the Holy Spirit dwell in believers?

Romans 8:9-16; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14;
Galatians 4:6; 2 Timothy 1:14

It is clear from these passages that the Holy Spirit indwells the believer.

What's the parallel between the Holy Spirit and the word.

- Titus 3:5 - 1 Peter 1:22-25
- Ephesian 5:26 - 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Ephesians 3:16-17 - Colossians 2:6-7
- Ephesians 5:18-19 - Colossians 3:16

The Bible is **NOT** the Holy Spirit but it is the instrumentality through which He influences, transforms. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit in conjunction with the word.

What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the Christian?

Romans 5:21; 6:20-22; 8:11; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:1; 3:16ff

What are the results of the Holy Spirit's indwelling?

2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:22-24; Romans 8:11,13,26,27; 15:16

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The Holy Spirit in Conversion

Many honest souls have been lead to believe that unless there is a direct, immediate, and independent operation of the Holy Spirit a person cannot be saved. Many have gone into eternity waiting for an experience or a “better felt than told feeling.”

There are different phrases and names given to the process we call *conversion*. It has been called, “getting religion,” “being sanctified” “getting saved,” etc. The Bible calls it, “born of water and the Spirit,” “the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, “alive together with Christ,” “obedient to the faith,” “added to the Lord” or “turning to the Lord.”

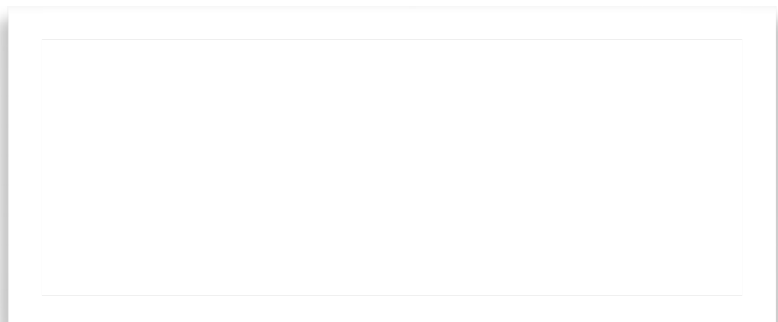
When we speak of conversion we are talking about a person being changed. The word conversion or convert simply means, “to turn.” It is a turning away from self and sin, and towards God and His will (Acts 3:19; 1 Thessalonians 1:9)

The Spirit and The Word in Conversion

Remember the words of Jesus in John 16:7-9, when he promised to send the Helper who would convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgement that was to come. The very clear role of the Holy Spirit is that of revelation and with that revealing would come “being cut” to the heart by the message of salvation.

The Powerful Word of Truth

- John 16:12-13
- 1 Peter 1:22-23
- Ephesians 5:7



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Consider and Discuss These Acts of Conversion

1. 3000 on Pentecost - Acts 2:22,37-38,41,47
2. Lydia - Acts 16:14-15
3. The Samaritans - Acts 8:4-25
4. Saul of Tarsus - Acts 9:1-8; 22:3-16
5. The Ethiopian Eunuch - Acts 8:26-38
6. The Jailer - Acts 16:25-34
7. Cornelius and his household - Acts 10:13-18
8. The Corinthians Acts 18:4-6,8-11
9. 1 Corinthians 4:16-17; James 1:18; John 6:44-45,63; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:14

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Lesson Twelve

The Fruit of The Holy Spirit

The chief work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is transformation and sanctification. The great work that the Holy Spirit does in the our live is to bear His fruit to the glory of God.

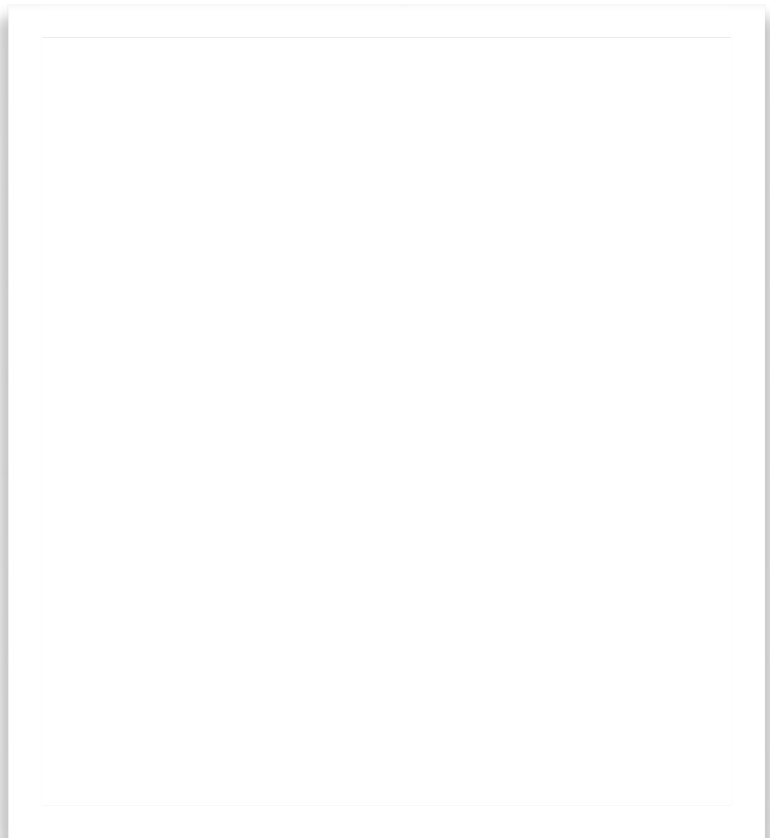
God's People Are Like a Vineyard

Isaiah 5:1-7; John 15:1-11

**What has been the calling
and the challenge for
God's people?**

**How do you know a tree
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you know a Gala from a
Fuji?**

**What is Jesus teaching
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about us?**



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Two Levels of Living:

- The Flesh (lower)
- The Spirit (higher)

Contrast the flesh and Spirit in these passages:

Romans 8:5-14; Ephesians 5:1-18; Galatians 5:16-24

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How the Holy Spirit works in the life of the Christian

- He assist us in prayer - Romans 8:26; Jude 20
- He strengthens us - Ephesians 3:16; Colossians 1:11; 1 Peter 4:14
- He leads us - Romans 8:4
- He give us hope - Galatians 5:5; Romans 15:13
- He give us joy - Romans 14:17
- He helps us to defeat devil - Ephesians 6:10-11,17
- He gives understanding - 1 Corinthians 2:12
- He sanctifies us - Romans 15:16
- He helps us to be holy - 2 Corinthians 6:4-6
- He gives us courage - 2 Timothy 1:7
- He helps to transform us - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

20 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. **21** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, **22** who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

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Review and Reflection

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