



TCN

FOUNDATION OF FAITH

## CLASS 3 THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Class Objective:

To know more about the Holy Spirit, His role in our lives and to continue to walk in the Spirit.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. Ministry of the Holy Spirit (His work in us)
3. Being guided and led by the Holy Spirit
4. Spiritual Gifts
5. Receiving the In-filling of the Holy Spirit

### 1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the **Spirit of God** (Genesis 1:2). The Holy Spirit is a person with thoughts, emotions and will. He is not an “it” but a “He” with whom we can build an intimate relationship, even though He is unseen. *1 John 5:7* reveal the Holy Spirit as a person; the third person of the God-Head.

In John 14:16-17, Jesus introduced the Holy Spirit as **Another Comforter** (*Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strength and Standby*). The word “Another” refers to one who is of the same kind as the other. It implies that the Holy Spirit is exactly like Jesus; having His same character, attributes and dispositions.

The Holy Spirit is the person of God that is present in the world today. He is as real as our inner selves, even more real. (1 Corinthians 6: 19-20).

### 2. The work of the Holy Spirit in us

1. **He teaches us and gives us spiritual illumination into the things of God.** (John 14:26, John 16:12-13).
2. **He leads and directs us.** A Spirit-filled heart never lacks direction *John 16:13, Romans 8:14*.
3. **He helps us in prayer.** By ourselves, we are weak and limited in knowledge of what to pray for. (Romans 8:26-27, Jude 1:20)
4. **He bears the power of the God and enables us to walk in Power and Authority.** He influences us to be bold witnesses of the power of God and resurrection of Jesus Christ *Acts 1:8, Acts 4:29-31, Ephesians 1: 19-20*.
5. **He produces the fruit of the Spirit in us.** The Holy Spirit enables us to live the victorious Christian life by transforming us and giving us victory over the flesh. He produces the life and

fruit of the Spirit in us with God's word. (2 *Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:16, 22-23*)

6. **He distributes Spiritual Gifts to each one of us.** Spiritual gifts are given and administered by the Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 12:7-11**)

### 3. Being guided and led by the Holy Spirit

One of the greatest benefits we have is to be led by God through His Holy Spirit. The leading of the Holy Spirit is conveyed through written and spoken Word of God (John 16:13-15, John 14:26, Hebrews 1:1-2, 1 *Corinthians 2:12*).

We are guided by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with our spirit on things that pertain to life and godliness. *Romans 8:14-16*

Always remember that the Bible teaches that the Spirit of God and the Word of God agree. Anytime the Spirit of God speaks to you, it will always be in line with the written Word. Anything contrary to the written Word is not from the Holy Spirit.

Fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit is sharing our deepest thoughts and feelings with Him and being influenced by His leading. We stay full of the Spirit by maintaining a tender heart before Him, speaking the Word into our lives, praising and worshipping God, praying and giving thanks. (Ephesians 4:29-32, Ephesians 5:17-20, 1 *Thessalonians 5:19*)

### 4. The Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**One of the core roles of the Holy Spirit is to produce the nature of God in us. This is referred to as the fruit of the Spirit.** This is how the Holy Spirit enables us to live the victorious Christian life as we trust and cooperate with Him. He helps in our transformation, giving us victory over the flesh. He produces the life

and the fruit of the Spirit in us with God's word as we acknowledge what He reveals to us through the word of God. Philemon 1:6. (2 *Corinthians* 3:18; *Galatians* 5:16, 22-23 TPT)

**Love | Joy | Peace | Patience or Long-suffering | Gentleness | Goodness | Faith or Faithfulness | Meekness | Self-Control or Temperance**

We are expected to yield to the Holy Spirit as a deliberate action on our part. As we do, the nature of God (fruit of the Spirit) becomes evident/manifest in our character and daily living.

**Also, He distributes Spiritual Gifts to each one of us for the profit of all.** The nine spiritual gifts are the administration and manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers as He wills (1 *Corinthians* 12:7-11).

#### Revelation Gifts:

- **Word of wisdom**—a supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit concerning (a part of) the divine purpose and plan in the mind of God. Future activity
- **Word of knowledge**—a supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts (a part) in the mind of God. Past and present activity.
- **Discerning of spirits**—supernatural insight into the spirit world revealing the spirit in operation.

#### Power Gifts:

- **Faith** — supernatural manifestation where a believer is empowered with special faith to receive miracles.
- **Gifts of healing**—supernatural healing of sickness and diseases without any natural source or means.
- **Working of miracles**—a supernatural intervention by God in the ordinary course of nature.

#### Utterance Gifts:

- **Prophecy** — supernatural utterance in a known

tongue, to speak for God.

- **Divers kinds of tongues**—supernatural utterance in an unknown tongue, a message to the body of Christ in tongues.
- **Interpretation of tongues**—makes the message in tongues understandable by interpretation in a known language.

## 5. Receiving the Infilling of the Holy Spirit

The in-filling of the Holy Spirit is for all believers (John 7:37-39). Jesus said He will ask the Father and He will give us the Holy Spirit who will abide with and be in us forever (John 14:16-17). The Holy Spirit has been given to all believers and He empowers us to fulfil God's purpose (Acts 1:8)

Although we all received the Holy Spirit when we gave our lives to Christ, we are energized by Him through the infilling and baptism of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of this baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues (Acts 2:1-4, Acts 19:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Acts 10:44-46).

Note that this is not a one-off experience, we must continuously be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5: 17-20).

#### To receive the infilling/baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- Believe the Holy Spirit has been given to you.
- Be expectant and ready to be filled by Him.
- Act in faith by releasing yourself unto Him.
- Open your mouth and express the utterance given by Him.

## Class Activity

Spend the next 15 minutes to speak in tongues and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

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