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STUDY GUIDE

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Q: WHAT & WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

'God's Kingdom is right living, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit. It's about our inner life of thoughts and emotions and what is influencing them.'

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"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

The Holy Spirit is present in both the Old and New Testament, in fact from Genesis 1:2 (the 2nd verse in the bible) to Revelation 22:17 (the 5th to last verse in the Bible). Understanding how to interact with the Holy Spirit is a fundamental part of a Christian's life.

This study looks at the theology of the Holy Spirit while the next one looks at the power of the Holy Spirit. We will see that the Holy Spirit relates very differently with Christians and Non-Christians, and between the Old and New Testaments, and He was interacting with us way before we realised it, and now even prays for us!

Many Christians ignore the Holy Spirit, which is sad because He is with us all the time. Imagine how boring it must be for Him to be with you every moment of every day if you are not talking to Him and involving Him in your decision-making!



STUFF TO DO

— HEAD —

YOUNG	<p>What is the Holy Spirit? (<i>a person, a force, a ghost, God</i>)</p> <p>Why is this important?</p> <p>John 16:13-14, 15:26, 16:7-8</p>
GROWING	<p>What are some Biblical pictures of the Holy Spirit as part of the Trinity?</p> <p>Gen 1:2, Acts 28:25, 2 Cor 3:17-18</p>
MATURE	<p>What is the difference between the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments?</p> <p>John 14:16, Jud 6:34, Num 11:25-26</p>

— HEART —

YOUNG	<p>When/how does the Holy Spirit first start interacting with you?</p> <p>John 16:8-11 (<i>note: world means non-Christian</i>) Titus 3:5</p>
GROWING	<p>Does the Holy Spirit have emotions?</p> <p>Eph 4:30</p>
MATURE	<p>What should your relationship with the Holy Spirit be like?</p>

— HANDS —

YOUNG	<p>What should the Holy Spirit be doing in you?</p> <p>Rom 8:16, John 14:26, Acts 8:29, Rom 8:26</p>
GROWING	<p>When we tell people about Jesus what should we say?</p> <p>John 6:63</p>
MATURE	<p>How would you explain the Holy Spirit to a new Christian?</p>



STUFF TO DO

Spend some time talking to the Holy Spirit about your plans and desires for the next week and ask Him to reveal God's desires for your life.

PRAYER POINTS & COMING UP

SAFE CITY PROJECT
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

STUFF TO THINK ABOUT

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE TRINITY

"The circumstances around the baptism of Jesus allow us to make some interesting observations about God Almighty. Let us look at three points in particular: firstly, God the Father's voice was heard, secondly Jesus, or God the Son, was in the water as a man and thirdly, God the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove. Through this we can identify the three manifestations of God which Christian theologians call 'the Trinity'. This word does not appear in the Bible but its theological meaning is three, totally in unity as one. Simply put, it means God the Father acts as the leader/decision-maker, Jesus always obeys and remains in unity with the Father, and the Holy Spirit always tells us what the Father wants us to know about Jesus and other matters. For this reason, any voice from Heaven that claims to be from God must always agree with the Bible because its human writers were inspired to write the passages by the Trinity (2 Timothy 3:15-17).... Another demonstration of the Trinity can be seen in the creation of the world (Genesis 1:1-3). The Bible records that God the Father created matter, time and space; God the Holy Spirit was hovering over the matter, energising creation; and that God's voice (Jesus the Word of God) spoke the design-specifics into creation. We can also see further examples of Jesus paying keen attention to details and showing unswerving obedience to God in the events that immediately followed His baptism."

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WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO NOW?

- On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit gave birth to the church as a body of living members of which Christ is the risen, exalted and living Head (Acts 2:1-4). The foundation of the church is the death and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-27; Eph 1:20-23; 2:15-16). The “new man” is the church.
- The Holy Spirit possessed and indwelt the church as the temple of God. The Holy Spirit indwells the whole church and individual believers simultaneously (Eph 2:19-22; Rom 8:1, 11; John 14:17; 2 Cor 1:22).
- The Holy Spirit confers gifts and graces upon the church for life, fruitfulness and service (John 6:63). The Lord’s life is brought to us by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:2). The life of Christ is “the law of the Spirit” (Gal 5:22-23). The Holy Spirit is the fruitbearer; the word “fruit” is singular, not plural.
- The Holy Spirit imparts anointing, illumination, and guidance for the church (2 Cor 1:21; 1 John 2:20, 27; Rom 8:14). The Holy Spirit’s strategic relationship to the understanding of the truth. The Holy Spirit is the One who seals and anoints (associated with sealing). The Holy Spirit sets apart the child of God for the ministry of God.
- The Holy Spirit presides over and directs the church into the will and plan of God. This explains apostolic ministry in missions (Acts. 13:1-3; 15:28; 20:28; 1 Cor 12:8-11).
- The Holy Spirit baptises the believer into the Body of Christ (Matt 16:18, Acts 1:4-5, 2:3, 2:47, 11:15; 1 Cor 12:13; 6:15-17; Eph 2:16; 4:4-5, 16; 5:30-32; Col 1:24; 2:19; Gal 3:27).
- The Holy Spirit convicts the World. The Holy Spirit reveals the truth of the Gospel and brings people to God. This is made clear from statements such as Rom 3:10-18 (see also: 1 Cor 2:14, Rom 8:5-7, 2 Cor 4:4, Eph 4:18).
- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law (Gal 5:22-23).



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HIS NAMES	HIS ATTRIBUTES	SYMBOLS OF	SINS AGAINST	POWER IN CHRIST'S LIFE
God Acts 5:3-4	Eternal Heb 9:14	Dove Matt 3:16	Blasphemy Matt 12:31	Conceived of Matt 1:18,20
Lord 2 Cor 3:18	Omnipotent Luke 1:35	Wind Acts 2:1-4	Resist (Unbelief) Acts 7:51	Baptism Matt 3:16
Spirit 1 Cor 2:10	Omnipresent Ps 139:7-10	Fire Acts 2:3	Insult Heb. 10:29	Led by Luke 4:1
Spirit of God 1 Cor 3:16	Will 1 Cor 12:11	*****	Lied to Acts 5:3	Filled with power Luke 4:14,18
Spirit of Truth John 15:26	Loves Rom 15:30	*****	Grieved Eph 4:30	Witness of Jesus John 15:26
Eternal Spirit Heb 9:14	Speaks Acts 8:29, 13:2	*****	Quench 1 Thess 5:19	Raised Jesus Rom 8:11

THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Access to God — Eph 2:18	Inspires prayer — Eph 6:18, Jude 20
Anoints for service — Luke 4:18	Intercedes — Rom 8:26
Assures — Rom 8:15-16, Gal 4:6	Interprets scripture — 1 Cor 2:1,14, Eph 1:17
Authors scripture — 2 Pet 1:20-21	Leads — Rom 8:14
Baptises — John 1:23-34, 1 Cor 12:13-14	Liberates — Rom 8:2
Believers born of — John 3:3-6	Molds character — Gal 5:22-23
Calls and commissions — Acts 13:24, 20:28	Produces fruit — Gal 5:22-23
Cleanses — 1 Thess 3:13, 1 Pet 1:2	Empowers believers — Luke 24:49
Convicts of sin — John 16:9,14	Raises from the dead — Rom 8:11



Creates — Gen 1:2, Job 33:4	Regenerates — Titus 3:5
Empowers — 1 Thess 1:5	Sanctifies — Rom 15:16
Fills — Acts 2:4, 4:29-31, 5:18-20	Seals — Eph 1:13-14, 4:30
Gives gifts — 1 Cor 12:8-11	Strengthens — Eph 3:16, Acts 1:8, 2:4, 1 Cor 2:4
Glorifies Christ — John 16:14	Teaches — John 14:26
Guides in truth — John 16:13	Testifies of Jesus — John 15:26
Helps our weakness — Rom 8:26	Victory over flesh — Rom 8:2-4; Gal 4:6
Indwells believers - Rom 8:9-14, Gal 4:6	Worship helper — Phil 3:3

The Holy Spirit is a personal being just as the Father and the Son. The Spirit is not an impersonal “it” or simply an influence. He has personal characteristics: intelligence (1 Corinthians 2:10-11), emotions (Ephesians 4:30) and a will (1 Corinthians 2:11). He teaches (John 14:26), commands (Acts 8:29) and intercedes (Romans 8:26).

The Spirit is described in personal terms grammatically. The Greek word for Spirit (pneuma) is neuter in gender, yet the Bible uses masculine pronouns.

He is treated like God. Yahweh (Isaiah 6:8-13 & Acts 28:25), Spirit of God (Romans 8:9,14; 1 Corinthians 2:11; 12:3; Ephesians 4:30 Acts 5:3,4, 2 Corinthians 3:17,18).

He has God’s attributes: self-existence (Romans 8:2), omnipresence (Psalms 139:7) and performs works only God can do (Genesis 1:2, Romans 8:11)

THE HOLY SPIRIT’S ROLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

He took part in creation (Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30), guided and protected Israel (Isaiah 63:10-14), spoke through prophets to produce Scripture (1 Peter 1:11; 2 Peter 1:20,21).

He selectively and conditionally indwelt certain people in the Old Testament (Joseph - Genesis 41:38; Joshua - Numbers 27:18; Saul - 1 Samuel 10:9,10; David - 1 Samuel 16:13 etc.). The Spirit’s indwelling was specifically related to enabling someone to do a particular task. The Holy Spirit could cease to indwell a person because of their disobedience. The Spirit left Saul (1 Samuel 16:14). When David sinned he pled that the Spirit not be taken from him (Psalm 51:11).

<http://carm.org/holy-spirit>

<http://www.theology.edu/pneumato.htm>

The Holy Spirit - Study By: Sid Litke, <http://bible.org/seriespage/survey-bible-doctrine-holy-spirit>





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