

LESSON 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT

“What are the functions and attributes of the Holy Spirit in my life?”

KEY = PERMANENT RESIDENCE

The day you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, the Holy Spirit (often times called the Holy Ghost) of God took up permanent residence inside your body. This third person of the trinity is perhaps the most misunderstood and ignored part of a Christian’s relationship with God. We will begin by identifying the Holy Spirit and where you can find Him.

What are the attributes of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead (trinity).

1 John 5:7 states, *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”*

As the third member of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit manifests all the attributes of God:

He is Omnipresent (everywhere at all times) – Psalm 139:7

He is Omniscient (all knowing) – 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

He is Omnipotent (all powerful) – Genesis 1:2

He is Eternal (always was, always will be) – Hebrews 9:14

The Holy Spirit does not only manifest the attributes of God, HE IS GOD.

Read Acts 5:3-4. In these passages, it is clear that to lie to the Holy Ghost is the same as lying to God.

Where do I find the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit of God lives on this earth inside your body if you are saved. He came in at the moment of salvation and took up permanent residency.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 is the definitive passage. *“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*

John 14:17 *“...dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”*

Galatians 4:6 *“...into your hearts.”*

Ephesians 2:22 *“...an habitation of God.”*

What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin.

John 16:8-9 states, *“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me...”*

In the unsaved, He convicts of sin to bring them to salvation. In those who are the saved, He convicts of sin to keep them clean and show them how to live for Jesus Christ.

It is important for you to understand the difference between conviction and guilt.

- Conviction is God pointing out that something is wrong so you can make it right.

Isaiah 1:18

- Guilt is the devil accusing you of being unworthy to receive God’s blessing.



Revelation 12:10

The Holy Spirit creates and regenerates.

The Holy Spirit is active in creation. Psalm 104:30 states *“Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.”*

- Genesis 1:2, in the universe
- Job 33:4, in man

In Jesus Christ, you are a new creature, born again by the Holy Spirit.

- John 3:3-8

The Holy Spirit seals you once you are saved.

Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30



The Holy Spirit bears witness to you of your salvation.

Even at times that we may not feel saved, His Spirit gives us assurance.

1 John 4:13; Romans 8:16

The Holy Spirit teaches you the Bible.



John 14:26, 16:13-15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

The Holy Spirit intercedes in prayer for you.

Romans 8:26-27 states, *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

See also: Ephesians 2:18

The Holy Spirit comforts you in time of need.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 states, *“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; [4] Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”*

See also: John 14:15-18; 2 Timothy 1:7

The Holy Spirit empowers you to serve God.

Zechariah 4:6 states, *“...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”*



See also: Ephesians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 4:7

What is the result of the Holy Spirit in my life?

The Holy Spirit of God produces a set of character qualities as you give your life to Him and walk in His power. This set of character qualities is called the fruit (singular) of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. It is singular because ALL of these qualities are produced at the same time by a close relationship with the Holy Spirit.

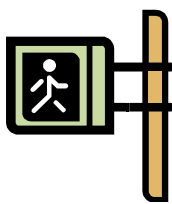


The fruit of the Spirit consists of:

- Love (*is unconditional*)
- Joy (*internal delight regardless of circumstances*)
- Peace (*between you and God and other people*)
- Longsuffering (*patience*)
- Gentleness (*calmness*)
- Goodness (*righteousness*)
- Faith (*being faithful*)
- Meekness (*power under control; having the right, but not doing it*)
- Temperance (*self control; spirit controlled*)

Understanding what it means to be “filled with the Spirit”

Comparing Ephesians 5:18-19 and Colossians 3:16 shows that by getting into the Word of God and letting it dwell in your heart allows you to be filled with the Spirit. The more you saturate your mind with the Word of God, the closer your relationship to the Holy Spirit will be.



Simply WALK in the Spirit. Walking is a steady, consistent, natural process of growth. Just as a newborn develops into a toddler who begins to walk and continues to grow and walk steadily, so will your walk with Christ become strengthened as you “walk in the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:16-18; Romans 8:1

Allow God to control your life. The filling of the Holy Spirit is NOT you getting more of the Holy Spirit. You got all of Him there is at the time of salvation. It is the Holy Spirit getting more of you.

BE PATIENT AND CONSISTENT! Being controlled by the Holy Spirit does not happen overnight. It is a lifelong process of spiritual growth.

2 Corinthians 3:18 states, *“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

Filled with the Spirit = Filled with God = Filled with the Word of God

Memory Verses

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Galatians 5:16 [This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.