

## **The Dove**

### **The Symbols of the Holy Spirit Part 1**

#### **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**

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#### **Why the Dove?**

1. Gentle
2. Pure and clean (weddings and homegoing celebrations)
3. Constant in love (cannot be irritated)
4. Clean in what it eats (used in sacrifice, not a scavenger)

#### **Three Times the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit Comes Within the Earth (Creation, Jesus, The Church)**

Genesis 1:2 ESV

Matthew 3:16-17 ESV

Acts 1:8 ESV

Genesis 8:1-12 ESV

#### **Three Times the Dove was sent out - It represents the three times the Holy Spirit came into Earth.**

1. The first time he had mud and dirt. (The Holy Spirit had temporary ministry)
2. The second time he returned with an olive branch (peace) He landed on Jesus and ministered for 3½ years with Jesus and returned.
3. The third time the dove went out he never returned. He found a place to land permanently. (The Church)

John 14:16-17

The Holy Spirit has found a permanent resting place because the olive branch represents the peace we have with God (Reconciled). The ministry of the Holy Spirit was not within the ark. It was on the earth. The Father's ministry is in Heaven. The Lord Jesus's ministry right now is in Heaven. The Holy Spirit's ministry is permanently on the earth within us.

## **FACTOR POINTS**

**Worship** – The Holy Spirit has come, and now we may worship with hearts that have been reconciled (reconnected) to God the Father, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

**Learn** – The Holy Spirit has gently revealed God’s purpose and plans for our life.

**Serve** – The Holy Spirit's ministry has moved from heaven to earth. We are His permanent dwelling place, where He can declare the good news to others.