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There are two things to know about the Holy Spirit right off the bat. First, the Holy Spirit is **one very busy Fellow!** You see that in the Old Testament. For example, Genesis 1:2 tells us the Spirit was fully involved in making Creation happen. From Haggai 2:3-5 and Isaiah 44:1-3, we see that the Spirit miraculously protected and blessed God's chosen people, the Jews. By the way, He's still doing that today. In regard to Jesus, the Holy Spirit and Christ literally walked hand-in-hand throughout our Lord's earthly life. The Spirit caused Mary to conceive the Messiah (Luke 1:35). He filled Jesus (Luke 4:1) and empowered Jesus (Acts 10:38) to perfectly live God the Father's will during His sojourn on Earth. And it was the Spirit's might that raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 1:4). In relation to you and me, the Holy Spirit worked to bring us to faith in Christ and is constantly at work, right this very moment (24/7), mentoring us to become more *faithful to Christ*. Which is the second thing we have to immediately realize about God's Spirit: He's **one very essential Fellow!** So much so that the only way to successfully and joyfully live as a Christian is to be in total partnership with the Holy Spirit ... just like Jesus was. What that means and how we do that is what we'll be studying in this lesson. Know this for sure: The closer we get to the Holy Spirit, the more we will love the Holy Spirit of God because...

The fruit the Spirit produces to transform one's life is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO US

(Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 13:14)

The Holy Spirit is...

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES FOR US

- 1. (John 15:26; 16:18) He's the One who brings you to...
- 2. (Romans 8:9,11; 1 Corinthians 2:12) He commits to be your...
- 3. (1 Corinthians 12:13) He makes you a permanent ...
- 4. (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:16)) He gives you a special ability to help...
- 5. (Ephesians 1:13-14) He forever protects and preserves your God-given...
- 6. (John 14:26; 16:13) He will help you learn and...
- 7. (Romans 8:16; Galatians 4:6) He will constantly reassure you that you genuinely ...
- 8. (Romans 8:26) He will always lift you up by...

HOW TO RELEASE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US

(Ephesians 5:18)