

## The Holy Spirit Part 1 | Who

### Connect with us - Next Steps Form

- Text “Element” to 97000

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- <https://theelement.church/app>

### Masks Optional @ Kellogg

#### Easter - April 17th

- Egg hunt
- Text invite - 2 people
- Social like and share

#### All campus worship night - April 23rd

### GIVING TIME:

- **4 WAYS TO GIVE**
- ONLINE: <https://theelement.churchcenter.com/give>
- APP: Give Tile
- TEXT: Text an “amount” to 84321
- MAIL: PO Box 52 East Lansing MI 48826

### Sensing the need to teach elemental foundations! ;)

### Acts - trials. - emphasize the Spirit

### Grace & Truth

### Word & Spirit

### Two Week Series: The Holy Spirit

- Spoke in IN
- Some of our family - asking about it
- Leading up to Easter

### Why?

## Different streams of Christianity

The active interface between us and heaven

- fruit of spirit
- Gifts of the spirit

### ILL. Crisp fall day - October 16th - 1982 (seeing & hearing)

- Wisconsin football playing MSU at Camp Randall Stadium
  - 78,187 in attendance
  - Wisconsin in a battle & at times losing but crowd cheering?
    - Muddy Waters (MSU Coach) - “Couldn’t figure out why they were cheering while we were marching into their red zone [toward a score]?”
    - 79 miles away the Milwaukee Brewers were rallying back against the St. Louis Cardinals in game 4 of the Baseball World Series. (a game they would win 7-5)
    - Back then, MANY fans had **portable radios** & were listening and responding to the Brewers comeback as the Spartans were marching down the football field.
  - “Hearing something different than what they were seeing”
    - Celebrating victory in the presence of obvious defeat?
      - Both were realities
      - Two different arenas
      - Two different narratives
      - Two different stories

### Not a perfect analogy, but it helps paint an idea/parallel.

- There are so many “losing” narratives right now.
  - Racial tensions, Political unrest, Discouragement & Defeat
  - Sometimes it seems like reality is bleak - marching for a score

- **What if:**
  - God was speaking another reality on another station?
  - God wanted to communicate His perspective ALL THE TIME?
  - God wanted us to have the **ability** to tap into HIS STATION ALL DAY, EVERY DAY no matter what?

I believe He does.

But I didn't always.

- When someone talks to God we say, "They are praying"
- When someone claims that God talks to them we can think they are "weird"?

ILL. 19 yr. Old - Convo on trampoline: "God helped me find my necklace".

- With Ericka
- "I'm not sure God does that."
- "Frankly not sure He cares about your necklace"

What if He DOES do that?

What if He DOES CARE about or necklaces?

The entire N.T. is full of God leading, urging, assisting, directing & speaking to His Children

- Did He suddenly stop?
- IF you have/had kids would you stop speaking to yours?

"If God doesn't speak today than the greatest disservice we could ever do to people is tell them they could have a personal relationship with God." - Dallas Willard

**Q: What if God Established a way for us to experience **HIS****

- Hope
- Freedom
- Peace
- Satisfaction
- Purpose
- Pleasure
- Power
- **Now matter what we SEE on the field**
- A different program, voice, story....

**Q: HOW WOULD WE TUNE IN, & STAY TUNED IN TO IT?**

**A: The Bible**

- We make lots of decisions that are not prescribed for us in life that are not prescribed in the Bible
  - Where to go to school, work?
  - To get married, to whom?
  - How many children to have?
- The right thing with the right attitude
  - We need something else to help alter our feelings
  - Relevation from outside of us (Bible), Transformation inside of us (Spirit)

**A: The Holy Spirit**

**Next Two Weeks: Three Questions relating to H.S.**

- 1.) Who is the Holy Spirit? (4)
- 2.) What will The Holy Spirit do?
- 3.) What are we invited to do?

## Part 1 - Who

## Part 2 - What

### 1.) Who Is The Holy Spirit?

- A. The Holy Spirit is a person, not a thing

**Hebrew: Ruwach** – a wind, breath, a violent exhalation, blast of breath.

#### **Genesis 1:2**

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the *Spirit* of God was hovering over the waters.

**Greek: Pneuma** – a current of air, blast of breath, a strong breeze.

#### **Acts 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- **Ruwach/Pneuma/Ghost/Spirit**
  - Spirit - essence - life force?
  - Mistake Him to be Impersonal?
- He is a person!

#### **John 14:7**

“The world cannot accept Him [The Holy Spirit], because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you...”

- **The Holy Pneuma is a Him. (4 “Hims” & a “He”)**

- Not a force, a person
- **We relate to a person... personally**

## We GET TO KNOW HIM as a person

He is a Person, not a thing.

Who is the Holy Spirit?...

- **B. The Holy Spirit is NOT weird**

- The Spirit is mysterious in that we don't understand ALL, but we do understand a lot.
- Something very helpful to me...

“The river of the Spirit flows through the banks of Scripture”

### **John 16:13**

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- Jesus actually said we would be better off if we had the Holy Spirit than having Jesus here - He didn't send back His weird cousin.

### **ILL. Charismatic God vs. Charismatic Culture**

- Charismatic = divine empowerment
- **People can be weird - but the Holy Spirit is not weird**

### **1 Cor. 14: 32-33**

“The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace...”

- Paraphrase: The Spirit of God is a gentleman respecting our free will.
- The abuse of something does not diminish the value of its intended purpose

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Holy Spirit is personal

Holy Spirit is not weird

- **C. The Holy Spirit is God**

- People comfortable with God the Father
- People comfortable with Jesus the Son
- God the Holy Spirit??
- **GodHead/The Trinity:**
  - Father
  - Son
  - Holy Spirit
- Each distinct & yet completely & equally God when alone
  - Two way equality w distinction
  - Egg illustration doesn't work
  - Me as three roles doesn't work
- **ILL. Triple Point**
  - Convergence of temp. & pressure
  - **H2O exists as liquid, gas & water at the same time in the same place.**

- The Holy Spirit is God

- **D. The Holy Spirit is God - living in us**

- **Genesis**
  - Creative life of God on earth
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- **Old Testament** = Humans visited by and visiting God's Spirit
  - Temples
  - God would show up and do a miracle and depart
    - Joseph - interpret dreams
    - Artisans/construction
    - Prophets
  - Priests would visit in temple
  - Holy of Holies
- **New Testament** = Jesus operating in a different way with God's Spirit...
  - **Jesus is a Mystery**
    - 100% man
    - 100% God
  - **How did this work?**
  - **God chose to operate as a man under God's spirit**

**Philippians 2:6–7 ESV** - Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

- Matthew 24:36 - no one knows the time [of return] not even the Son, only the Father. (He limited His divinity)
- Hebrews 4 - a high priest that can sympathize with every weakness, was tempted in the same way we are tempted. (He limited His divinity)
- **OLD TESTAMENT** - Holy Spirit would descend and leave
- **JESUS** - Holy Spirit Descended & for **the first time - STAYED**

### **Matthew 3:16-17 ESV**

16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



- NEW MODEL FOR US??
  - I can't be God
  - I can't be Jesus
  - I CAN BE (and am) a Human Being filled with God's Spirit

### **Acts 2:1-4**

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them... ability.

### **1 John 4:17 NIV**

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

The Holy Spirit stays... A new type of being!

## ILL. New Temples

### **Matthew 27:50-51**

When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He yielded up His spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split.

- TEMPLE VEIL TORN...
  - The HOLY SPIRIT LEFT the (O.T.) TEMPLE
- Where did the Holy Spirit go?

### **1 Corinthians 3:16**

Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

## **2 Corinthians 6:16**

... For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people."

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is a person not a thing

Is not weird

Is God

Is God living in us

- *A different program, voice, story....*

All who are led

**Romans 8:14**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

**He knows where all of our necklaces are  
He cares about each detail**

**He is Here - inviting us to Know Him MORE - Let's say Yes.**

**Ask for leading**

**Ask for gifts**

**Ask for fruit**

**Salvation**