

WOMEN IN THE WORD
FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED
Exploring the Father's Promise to Believers

Scripture Reference Notes for
Lesson TWO
ATTRIBUTES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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In our introduction and our first lesson we talked about the Holy Spirit being the third person of the Trinity and His having full and equal status with the Father and the Son. They are all the "Being of God". They do not exist independently one from the other.

In this lesson we want to talk more specifically about the Holy Spirit's attributes...His characteristics if you will.

Again, we are going to allow the scriptures to speak for themselves.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CHARACTERISTICS:

1. He is God. Acts 5:3-4--But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."
2. He is eternal. Hebrews 9:14-- How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
3. He is omniscient. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12 -- For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

4. He is omnipresent. Psalm 139:7-10--Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
5. He is omnipotent. Job 33:4"The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Gen 1 :2--The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.
6. He is the writer/inspiration of scripture. 2 Peter 1:21--for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
7. He witnesses. John 5:26 -- When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.
8. He loves. Romans 15:30--Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.
9. He has mind/intellect. Isaiah 11:2--The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
10. He has a will. I Corinthians 12:11--But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.
11. He has emotions. Eph 4:30--Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
12. He is a reflection of Jesus—John 16: 15--All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Now let's look at the Holy Spirit's attributes/personality and see how HE puts them into action!

1. The Spirit testifies/witnesses. John 15:26--"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me. Romans 8: 16--The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.
2. The Spirit guides. Romans 8: 14--For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
3. The Spirit convicts/convinces. John 16:8— And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.
4. The Spirit restrains. Acts 16:6--They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;
5. The Spirit commands/directs. Acts 8:29--Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot."
6. The Spirit performs miracles. Acts 8:39--When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.
7. The Spirit calls for special service. Acts 13:2--While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
8. The Spirit sends forth into service. Acts 13:4--So being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
9. The Spirit intercedes. Romans 8:26—In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
10. The Spirit can be blasphemed. Matt [2:31--"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

These are not just lists of attributes and personality traits of the Holy Spirit for us to learn and make part of our knowledge base. .NO! It is to give us a greater insight into who HE is.

John Bevere in his book "The Holy Spirit" "In order for us to enter into a close relationship with another person we must first seek to understand what makes that individual tick. A greater knowledge of a person's likes, dislikes, aims, and ambitions will help develop that deeper friendship. Likewise, if we are to be intimate with the Holy Spirit, we must first seek to understand His personality."

Our bodies are the temple (house, residence) of the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 6: 19-20--0r do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

Do we not want to know, understand and have a relationship with the Person who has taken up residence within us?

We are "hosting the Presence" or the very essence of the Almighty God Himself. We have a "royal Guest" within.

SO WHAT?

Ask yourself what am I doing to make my temple ready for my Guest?

Am I making my Guest feel welcomed?

Am I getting better at recognizing His Presence with me?

Let's take a little closer look at the verse in II Corinthians 13:14 we have adopted as our study's theme verse.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

This is from Paul's last letter to the Corinthian church. Note how Paul, through the direction of the Holy Spirit's inspiration chooses as the conclusion.

THE FELLOWSHIP (COMMUNION) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.....

John Revere writes... "If we return to the original Greek, we find that the Greek Word for "communion/fellowship" is Koinonia. Here are some definitions found for this Greek word:

Fellowship and companionship and communication and intimacy and sharing together and social interaction and partnership and joint participation and close mutual association. All of these other words illuminate the full meaning of "koinonia".

He continues... . . ."That's a long comprehensive and powerful list!" Yes and this is what the Lord is inviting each of us into as "fellowship with the Holy Spirit".

Thank you, LORD!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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ATTRIBUTES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1---Does the Holy Spirit share the same attributes (characteristics) as the Father?

2---We are looking at God's Omnipresence, Omniscience and Omnipotence.

Define them:

Omnipresence is defined as

Omniscience is defined as

Omnipotence is defined as

3---Look up the following scriptures to support these and list the attribute.

Psalm 139:7-10

I Cor 2:10-12

Job 33:4

Gen 1:2

Romans 8:11

4---What does I Cor 2:10-11 reveal about the Holy Spirit's relationship to God the Father?

Also see I Peter 1:2

and Matt 28:19.

5---What does Jesus say in John 14 will be the Holy Spirit's job?

What stands out to you the most in this chapter?

6---We see that the Holy Spirit has a mind, a will and emotions. See the following verses and comment on them.

Romans 8:27

Acts 16:6

Eph 4:30

Hebrews 10:29

7---According to the following verses what divine work does the Holy Spirit have to do in the life of a believer?

John 3:5-6

Psalm 104:30

Romans 8:26

Matt 1:20

John 16:8-11

8---From these verses in question 5 and 7 which of the works of the Holy Spirit do you see evidenced in your life?

9---Are there any works of the Holy Spirit you desire to experience more in your life?