

Calvary Chapel El Monte

Essentials of the Faith

Session 5 – God the Holy Spirit

The motivation for this series is rooted in:

2 Corinthians 11:3–4 (NKJV) “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!”

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit

As we learned in session 2, the Holy Spirit is **not an “it” or a “force,”** but a Person, a “He” with a will (John 14:16; 16:13; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Corinthians 12:11).

John 14:16 (Wuest) “And as for myself, I will ask the Father, and another Counsellor of the same kind as I am He will give to you in order that He might be with you forever.”

Ephesians 4:30 reveals He can be grieved (emotions)

1 Corinthians 12:11 reveals He has a personal will (volition)

II. The Purpose of the Holy Spirit

It’s fascinating when we compare the names (titles) of the different members of the Trinity. We’ve learned about the Father, we can all relate to the Son, but why is the third Person of the Trinity called the “**Holy** Spirit?” Aren’t they **all** holy? Isn’t the Father still a Spirit only? (John 4:24).

We believe that at least part of the reason He is called the Holy Spirit is because His function (purpose) is to make us holy. It is by the Spirit we are saved and Sanctified.

A. Salvation

Christian salvation means we are saved from the power, penalty, and one day the presence of sin (in heaven).

All three members of the Godhead are involved in our salvation, but it is the current ministry of the Holy Spirit to bring us to salvation.

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said in:

John 16:8 (NKJV) "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"

We were saved by the Father when He chose us before time began. We were saved by the Son, when He died for us on the cross. And we were saved by the Holy Spirit the moment we were born-again."

John 3:5 (NKJV) "Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'

B. Sanctification

Sanctification literally means to be "set apart," as Christians we are set apart to God. But the implication of sanctification also means we are being made more and more like Jesus.

Positionally, we are immediately sanctified, but practically sanctification is a lifelong process.

The **Spirit** of God will use the **Word** of God, to conform us into the **image** of God (His Son).

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

(See also 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2)

III. The Prepositions

Calvary Chapel believes in three "positions" of the Holy Spirit

A. With

John 14:16-17 (NKJV) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with** you and will be in you."

Prior to salvation, the Holy Spirit is "with" us, convicting us of sin, convincing us of our need for the Savior, drawing us to God. (John 16:8)

Although the Holy Spirit is with mankind drawing us to Him, we must still open our hearts and respond to the Gospel; tragically many resist the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51).

B. In (John 20:22; Romans 8:9, 11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19)

The moment we're saved the Holy Spirit comes and takes up residence within us.

John 20:22 (NKJV) "And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV) "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

C. Upon (Luke 24:49; *Acts 1:8; 2:1-4)

Luke 24:49 (NKJV) "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father **upon** you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Although sometimes this happens simultaneously, usually subsequent to salvation, the Holy Spirit can come "upon" us, to empower us to serve God and be His witnesses.

Even Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16; Luke 4:18).

After a believer has been initially baptized with the Holy Spirit and He comes "upon" us, He is available to then "fill" us (influence us) (Luke 4:1; Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31; 9:17; 13:9, 52; Ephesians 5:18).

How can we be baptized and filled? Ask (Luke 11:11-13).

IV. The Presents (Gifts) of the Holy Spirit

We are all born with natural talents that we can offer to God, but when we're born-again we are given supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit. He distributes the gifts as He wills (1 Corinthians 12:11) and places us in different places in the body, none more important than any other, we're simply different. It is our responsibility to discover, develop, and to deploy our gifts.

1 Corinthians 7:7 (NKJV) "For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that."

Romans 12:6 (NKJV) "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them...*"

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV) "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

1	Administration	1 Cor. 12:28
2	Discerning of spirits	1 Cor. 12:28; Ephesians 4:11
3	Evangelism	Ephesians 4:11
4	Exhortation	Romans 12:8
5	Faith	1 Cor. 12:9
6	Giving	Romans 12:8
7	Healings	1 Cor. 12:9, 28
8	Helps	1 Cor. 12:28
9	Interpretation of Tongues	1 Cor. 12:10
10	Leadership	Romans 12:8
11	Mercy	Romans 12:8
12	Ministry	Romans 12:7
13	Miracles	1 Cor. 12:10, 28
14	Missionary	1 Cor. 12:28; Ephesians 4:11
15	Pastor	Ephesians 4:11
16	Prophecy	1 Cor. 12:10, 28; Romans 12:6
17	Singleness	1 Cor. 7:1, 7
18	Teacher	1 Cor. 12:28
19	Teaching	Romans 12:7; Ephesians 4:11
20	Tongues	1 Cor. 12:10, 28
21	Word of Knowledge	1 Cor. 12:9
22	Word of Wisdom	1 Cor. 12:8

There very well may be more gifts of the Spirit, but we are able to point to these explicitly in Scripture.

It is tragic that some Christians (cessationists) do not believe in all the gifts for today, but there is no Scriptural support for this belief, on the contrary, we need **all** God has to give as the days grow darker.

It is an absolute grace and privilege to exercise these gifts for God and His people, but if we refuse to use them for God, there is also a heavy warning of loss of reward (see Luke 19:12-27). This parable may also teach that a person who refuses to serve God in this way, is not saved.

V. The Productivity of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 22-23)

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

Although this list is not exhaustive – Galatians 5:22-23 gives us the fruit of the Spirit in 9 words. As we bear fruit, we manifest the external evidence that we are truly saved.

The fruit reveals the root, the reality of our Christianity. All Christians have an inner witness (Romans 8:16) as well as an outer witness of salvation.

Luke 3:8-9 (NKJV) Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ⁹ And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

V. The Pictures of the Holy Spirit

1. Clothing (Luke 24:49)

Moody Handbook of Theology, "*The word is passive, indicating the individual does not clothe himself; someone else (God) does it for him. The meaning of clothing is explained in the text by the phrase "with power."*

2. Dove (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22)

In John's Gospel we discover that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus out of heaven, emphasizing the power of God and the purity of God (Matthew 10:16).

3. Fire (Acts 2:3)

The fire symbolizes the pure presence of God (Exodus 3:2)

4. Oil (Zechariah 4:1-11)

The anointing oil is seen throughout the Scriptures, vividly in the book of Zechariah 4:6. The constant flow (connections) is what we desperately need to complete the work God has assigned us.

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) "So he answered and said to me: "This *is* the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."

5. Water (John 7:37-38)

John 7:37-38 (NKJV) On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

6. Wind (John 3:8; Acts 2:2)

We can't see the wind, but we CAN see the effects of the wind! The same is true of the Holy Spirit.

The Wind may be the most natural representation of the Holy Spirit since the Greek word (pneuma) may be translated either spirit or wind.