

The Faith

LESSON FIVE

Our Faith in the Holy Spirit

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.” (John 16:7–14)

Introduction: _____

1. The Assignment of the Holy Spirit

- A. He was sent by Jesus Christ upon His departure.
- B. He was sent to minister to and through Christ's followers.
 1. To comfort them
 2. To teach them

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26)

3. To glorify Jesus

2. The Attributes of the Holy Spirit

A. His attributes express deity.

1. He is eternally existent.

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14)

2. He is omnipresent —everywhere at once.

“Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.” (Psalm 139:7–10)

3. He is omnipotent —all powerful.

“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee...” (Luke 1:35)

4. He is omniscient —all knowing.

“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10–11)

5. He imparts life.

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” (Romans 8:11)

6. He authorized the Scriptures.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:21)

B. His attributes exhibit personality.

1. He possesses the characteristics of a person.

2. He performs the actions of a person.

3. He receives the treatment of a person.

3. The Activities of the Holy Spirit

A. The Holy Spirit is at work in the World at large.

1. He strives with mankind, restraining sin.
2. He convicts mankind.
3. He witnesses to mankind.

“And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.” (Acts 5:32)

B. The Holy Spirit is at work when someone receives Christ.

1. The Holy Spirit regenerates our spirit.

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;” (Titus 3:5)

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24)

2. The Holy Spirit baptizes us into the body of Christ.

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:13)

“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” (John 14:20)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Romans 8:1)

3. The Holy Spirit seals us.

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)

4. The Holy Spirit indwells us.

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Romans 8:9)

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)

5. The Holy Spirit gifts us.

C. The Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of Christians.

1. He will control us, if we yield to Him.

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.” (Galatians 5:16–18)

2. He will teach us, if we hear Him.

“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.” (1 John 2:27)

3. He will strengthen us, if we submit to Him.

“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;” (Ephesians 3:16)

4. He will lead us, if we will follow Him.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Romans 8:14)

5. He will empower us, if we ask Him.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...” (Acts 1:8)

6. He will love through us, if we allow Him.

“And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” (Romans 5:5)

7. He will assure us, if we are sensitive to Him.

“And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.” (1 John 3:24)

8. He will fill us, if we avail ourselves of Him.

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” (Ephesians 5:18)

Conclusion: _____

