



Title: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Main Scripture: Mark 1:7-12, 3:28-30

The Holy Spirit comes to bring His power and presence.

(Mk 1:7-12; Acts 1:4-5, 2:1-4, 10:38; Jn 14:12)

The work of the Holy Spirit can be diminished or driven out of our lives.

(Mk 3:28-30; Judg 13:24-25, 14:5-6, 15:14; Eph 4:30-31; 1 Thes 5:19-22; Acts 5:1-11)

How do I receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in my life?

(Acts 2:17-18, 39; 1 Cor 14:1; Lk 11:13; Jn 20:22; Acts 5:32; Eph 5:18)

How to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Surrender all of who you are (spirit, soul, body) to Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:1-2 (God can't fill what He can't have.)

Ask. God could fill us with His Spirit without our asking, but He wants our will to be engaged.

Luke 11:13 "... [The] *Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.*"

Receive by faith just as we received the Lord in salvation by faith.

John 20:22 "*Then he breathed on them and said ... "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

Obey. Choose to live His way.

Acts 5:32 "*The Holy Spirit [is] given to those who obey Him.*"

Remember

- The Promise of the Spirit is for **EVERYONE**.

Acts 2:17-18 "*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*"

- The Promise is for **YOU!**

Acts 2:39 "*The promise (the gift of the Spirit) is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.*"

“The Holy Spirit”

Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 1:7-12, 3:28-30

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Prayer: *God, we thank You for today. We thank you for the opportunity to sit in Your presence with those here. We pray that, through this time together, You will be glorified and praised in our study and in our conversations. We pray that You protect our hearts, minds and bodies. We thank You that the victory has already been won. Amen.*

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. What did you like and appreciate about this message?
2. What was something that you learned from this message?
3. Pastor Al spoke about a passage in John 14:12 where Jesus promised that we could have the same power of the Spirit of God living within us.
 - a. What does this look like in our lives?
 - b. What does this greater power through the Spirit look like?
4. Read Acts 2:1-4. What are some of the key points that caught your attention?
5. Read Mark 3:28-30. This is quite a serious passage; why was this correction from Jesus needed?
6. Pastor Al spoke about how the Bible warns us about wrong conduct in worship.
 - a. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22. Where have you fallen into the trap of impacting the presence of the Spirit?
 - b. How can we spur each other on and push each other to a closer relationship with Him through our worship?
7. Pastor Al stated that the promise of the Holy Spirit is for everyone.
 - a. How has the Spirit worked in your life?
 - b. How can we share this promise and great news with those in our life this week?

Prayer: *God, again we thank You for today. We thank You for Your Spirit that is with us today. We thank You that Your Holy Spirit is our Advocate, our Comforter and our Teacher. We thank You that Your Spirit is for everyone. We pray that as we go on from here today that we won't get in the way of Your Spirit, that we would be open to what You have in store. May Your will be done here as it is in heaven. Amen.*