

Foundations in Faith Week 5 - Holy Spirit

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Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is the third person of the trinity and is thus God. Like the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit displays all the same qualities of deity.

He is _____ -

_____...

Genesis 1:1-2 NKJV

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Speaking of the trinity involved in creation we read...

Genesis 1:26 NKJV

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

The Holy Spirit is _____ - _____

Psalms 139:7-8 NKJV

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.

The Holy Spirit is _____ - _____

Romans 8:26–27 NKJV

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

So we see that the Holy Spirit knows **our needs** and knows _____, and as a result prays through and for us with a _____ that we do not have.

The Holy Spirit knows all things about the Father and works within us to reveal those things to us.

1 Corinthians 2:11 NKJV

¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is _____, not an essence or an abstract force. Remember that the Holy Spirit is the _____.

He has a _____ and makes

_____ like a person does. When talking about the various gifts of the Holy Spirit given to church we read this...

1 Corinthians 12:11 NKJV

¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

The Holy Spirit has emotional responses to our behavior.

Ephesians 4:30 NKJV

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit is _____ upon us (sealed) until Christ returns.

The Holy Spirit _____ us for the work of ministry that God in Christ has called each one of us to do for His glory. In fact, it is _____ for us to serve God or represent Christ to others without the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit would come upon a person for a particular work. For example when Moses was getting overwhelmed with doing too many things God provided of His Spirit to help with the work by anointed others to help.

Numbers 11:25 NKJV

²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that *was* upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them,

that they prophesied, although they never did so again.

We see this work of the Holy Spirit _____ coming upon various leaders throughout the Old Testament book of Judges. In Judges the Spirit of the LORD came upon Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson to name a few. Each of those occasions was a temporary coming upon for a specific work. For instance...

Judges 14:6 NKJV

⁶ And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though *he had* nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

We see this same pattern of the Holy Spirit _____ coming upon various others throughout the Old Testament for various works or to be equipped to handle various situations within positions of spiritual leadership such as when David was anointed King by Samuel.

1 Samuel 16:13 NKJV

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

The Holy Spirit also came upon the _____ so that they might speak a word from the LORD.

Peter explains to us that those prophets really were speaking by the Holy Spirit and not of themselves.

2 Peter 1:21 NKJV

²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

In fact it was a prophecy from the book of the Old Testament prophet _____ that informed us that God would do a fresh a powerful work in our very day by His Spirit.

Joel 2:28–29 NKJV

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

In the church age the Holy Spirit fills the believer in Christ _____ and uniquely filled the last Old Covenant prophet that we see in the NT...

Luke 1:15 NKJV

¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.

We also know that during this same time it was the Holy Spirit who came upon Mary to conceive Christ within her as we looked at on our study about Jesus in week 1. Jesus is our perfect example of living a Holy Spirit filled life!

Luke 1:35 NKJV

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*

John the Baptist under inspiration of the Holy Spirit told us that the Christian would have the _____.

Matthew 3:11 NKJV

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus Himself when He was baptised by John in the Jordan showed us that the _____ of the Holy Spirit was what we should expect.

Matthew 3:16 NKJV

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Ok, so we need to ask ourselves why the Person and work of the Holy Spirit is so important and why we need Him to fill us. Well, to begin with let's look at what _____ taught us about the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives as Christians.

John 14:15–18 NKJV

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper,

that He may abide with you forever—

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:25–26 NKJV

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Jesus goes on to say this about what the role that He the Holy Spirit will have in the world...

John 15:26–16:15 NKJV

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

¹ “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

² They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

³ And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

⁴ But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. “And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’

⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

Now you remember from Acts 1 when Jesus made the _____ that the time had come for the Holy Spirit to come.

Acts 1:4-8 NKJV

⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me;

⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

We of course see this fulfilled on the day of _____ which you can go home and read on your own. With the Holy Spirit arriving on the day of Pentecost the church age began.

The promise of the Holy Spirit had come and with that came the ability to be _____ everywhere He would send us (Acts 1:8). As we said earlier, it is _____ to live the Christian life without the indwelling _____ of the Holy Spirit.

The work of the Holy Spirit is described as _____ experiences.

The Holy Spirit is _____ the sinner to draw them to repentance as we saw in John 16:8-11.

The Holy Spirit is _____ the Christian to seal us...

Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Romans 8:9 NKJV

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

But the _____ of the Holy Spirit also reveals to us and reminds us that we are God’s children.

Romans 8:15–17 NKJV

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

The Holy Spirit also does the work of _____ so that we can live holy lives before God. In fact the Apostle Paul warned the Ephesian church to rely on the Holy Spirit for that purpose.

Ephesians 5:15–18 NKJV

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

The Holy Spirit also _____. The idea is that He overflows on us! Some use the term being filled with or others might use the term the baptism of the Holy Spirit. While those terms are not necessarily synonymous depending on who you are talking to, they do typically all speak of a similar experience of the Holy Spirit upon the Christian.

What they are all really saying is that they want to be _____ to the Lord. You see it's not so much about us getting ahold of the Holy Spirit so much as it is about the Holy Spirit _____. It is a life that desires to be fully surrendered to Christ that will receive the overflow, baptism, of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

This is something that can happen multiple times in the life of the Christian and it absolutely should!