

# THE ROCK

## Who is The Holy Spirit?

**Matthew 7:24-25** “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

-THE HEART OF THIS SERIES! ALL AGES TOGETHER!

-SOAP: Scripture.....Observation.....Application.....Prayer

CHURCHWIDE!

-Materials: “FOUNDATIONS” Julie Nelson

WEEK 1: WHO IS GOD?

WEEK 2: WHO IS JESUS?

TODAY: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? (TRINITY)

THIS WEEK’S VERSE:

**John 14:16** “I will ask My Father and He will give you another Helper. He will be with you forever.”

EXPAND TEXT: (John 13-17 Last Supper)

**John 14:1-17** “Do not let your heart be troubled. You have put your trust in God, put your trust in Me also. <sup>2</sup> There are many rooms in My Father’s house. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going away to make a place for you. <sup>3</sup> After I go and make a place for you, I will come back and take you with Me. Then you may be

where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know where I am going and you know how to get there.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way to get there?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one can go to the Father except by Me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known Me, you would know My Father also. From now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father. That is all we ask.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time and you do not know Me yet? Whoever has seen Me, has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and that the Father is in Me? What I say to you, I do not say by My own power. The Father Who lives in Me does His work through Me.

<sup>11</sup> “Believe Me that I am in the Father and that the Father is in Me. Or else believe Me because of the things I do. <sup>12</sup> For sure, I tell you, whoever puts his trust in Me can do the things I am doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so the shining-greatness of the Father may be seen in the Son. <sup>14</sup> Yes, if you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, you will do what I say. <sup>16</sup> Then I will ask My Father and He will give you another Helper. He will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> He is the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot receive Him. It does not see Him or know Him. You know Him because He lives with you and will be in you.

**TODAY: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

**- I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FRIEND!**

TRINITY: (egg....shell, white, yolk)	(I AM ONE PERSON)
- God the Father is creator of all	(I AM A SON)
-Jesus the son.....God in the flesh	(I AM A HUSBAND)
-Holy spirit.....Helper-Dwells in us!	(I AM A FATHER)



ANNOINTING: (Prophecy about the Messiah)

**Isaiah 61:1–3 ‘The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because he’s anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He’s sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.’**

COMPASSION & DIRECTION:

**Ezekiel 36:26–27 ‘I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.’**

PROMISE: (It was for everyone)

**Joel 2:28–29 But afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions, Even on my servants both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.’**

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS:**

**Luke 1:35 The Holy Spirit will come upon you; the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.**

-Mary’s Cousin Elizabeth was pregnant with John The Baptist!

**Luke 1:41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

-John the Baptist talked about Jesus!

**Luke 3:16** John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

-First foreshadowing of being baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire!

**Luke 4:1-2** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

-Jesus goes into the Synagogue to DECLARE his launch of His PUBLIC ministry!

**Luke 4:16-21** He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.<sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

## **JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**John 7:37-39** On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

-JESUS WAS GIVING HIS FOLLOWERS A GIFT:

**John 14:16-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

**John 14:25-27** “All this I have spoken while still with you.<sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

THEN.....AFTER THE RESSURECTION.....JESUS TOLD THEM WHAT TO DO:

**Luke 24:49** “I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

**Acts 1:4-5** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you’ve heard me speak about. For John baptized with water; in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

**Acts 1:8-9** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

THEY WAITED.....THEN:

**Acts 2:2-6** Suddenly a sound like a blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what

**seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.**

**<sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

**<sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.**

## **PETER WENT OUT AND STARTED TO PREACH!**

-It says that some made fun of them saying they were just drunk.

PETER ADDRESSED THE CROWD:

-He explained what had happened and went back to what the prophet Joel had said about it in scripture,

**Acts 2:17-19** 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. <sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, And they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below.

EVERY AGE, EVERY GENDER, EVERY RANK, RACE &  
BACKGROUND “SUPER-NATURAL”

**Acts 2:38–39** Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

CLEARLY NOT JUST FOR THAT GROUP OF PEOPLE...IN THAT TIME!

**Acts 2:41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

THEY WERE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND RECEIVED POWER!

-120 people were filled with the Holy Spirit and a few verses later it says that

-3000 people accepted Christ that day and were baptized.

NOT A BAD DAY!!!!!!

**THIS WAS THE BIRTH OF THE NT CHURCH!!!**

I ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT STILL IS ALIVE AND WELL!

-AND WORKING IN OUR LIVES TODAY!

**SO IF JESUS LEFT US THIS HELPER.....WHAT DOES HE DO?**

-A helper doesn't do all the work, THEY HELP!

SUPER-NATURAL (We still do the natural)

KEY TRUTH: **The Holy Spirit doesn't do the work FOR you.....  
.....He does it WITH you.**

QUICKLY: 6 THINGS THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER TO DO:

**1) POWER TO BE A WITNESS**

-a witness tells what they have seen and experienced  
(our mission: make disciples) We are the hands and feet of Jesus

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

## 2) POWER TO SERVE (9 Tools in the toolbox)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 <sup>1</sup>Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. ....<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

## 3) POWER IN PRAYER

Romans 8:26-27 “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”

-Personal prayer language “Speaking in tongues” (Like Acts 2)

1 Corinthians 14:2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10-13 “But God has revealed his plans to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not

in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”

#### 4) POWER OVER SIN (Victory)

Galatians 5:16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Romans 8:13 If you do what your sinful old selves want you to do, you will die in sin. But if, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you destroy those actions to which the body can be led, you will have life.

#### 5) POWER OF PEACE

Romans 8:6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

#### 6) POWER OF LOVE

Context: 1 Corinthians 13 is right after chapter 12 about the 9 spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily

angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails.

**Galatians 5:13-17** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

-We want to be LED by the Holy Spirit!

-Jesus said his we would be known by our fruit:

**Galatians 5:22-25** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

**The Holy Spirit doesn't just make you jump and shout**

-He helps you walk out your faith with a humble boldness

-Not just a feeling or emotional experience!

-Not just a revival moment, but a relationship!

He wants:

-Daily conversation

-Sensitivity to His voice

-Obedience when He nudges

**Romans 8:14:** “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”

Being Spirit-led is receiving help and direction from the helper!

THIS WEEK'S VERSE:

**John 14:16 "I will ask My Father and He will give you another Helper. He will be with you forever."**

YOU WANT POWER! (witness, serve, pray, victory, peace, love)

Gifts cannot be forced on anyone; they must be offered by the giver and then received by those to whom they are given.

God makes the offer of His Spirit, so all you need to do is relax and seek all that God is wanting for you!

The Holy Spirit is not a doctrine to debate.

He is a part of **God to be known.**

He is:

Not loud, but **gentle**

Not distant, but **near**

controlling, but **comforting**

Not

The same Spirit who filled the Upper Room is still filling hearts today.

So the question is not:

"Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?"

The real question is:

"Do you know Him?"

RESPONSE:

We pray to say YES to Jesus all the time.....

.....TODAY SAY YES TO THE HELPER

-HOLY SPIRIT!

YES TO MORE OF YOUR PRESENCE!

