

# Disciple and the Holy Spirit - 3

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John 3:5-8

## *Introduction*

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### Review

We have been dealing with the topic of Discipleship. Disciples are “learner-followers” of Jesus. This is a direct relationship with Jesus and it does not need any other mediator. It involves following Jesus and learning relationally to become Christ-like.

Within this Study on discipleship we have had a “Mini Series” about the Disciple and the Holy Spirit in which we have learned that the Holy Spirit a Person, and not a thing. He is God, the Spirit, the third person of the Trinity and He comes as another Helper or Advocate or Counsellor i.e. He is to be to us as Jesus was to the Disciples. We are born again by the Holy Spirit and we are baptized into the Holy Spirit. This week we will learn about how the Holy Spirit leads the Disciple.

### Proposition today is:

The leading by the Holy Spirit is essential in the life of a disciple

Rom. 8:14

## *The Teaching and Example of Jesus*

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### Jesus taught

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Being or Person that is capable of doing what only a person can do. In John’s Gospel, Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit was capable of the following 7 personal actions:

1. He teaches.<sup>1</sup>
2. He reminds.<sup>2</sup>
3. He hears and speaks.<sup>3</sup>
4. He guides.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John 14:26

<sup>2</sup> John 14:26

<sup>3</sup> John 16:13

<sup>4</sup> John 16:13

5. He convicts the world.<sup>5</sup>
6. He brings glory to Jesus.<sup>6</sup>
7. He gives power.<sup>7</sup>

His Relationship with the disciple is a real relationship that is spiritual, not mystical. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be both “*with*” and “*in*” us forever.<sup>8</sup>

#### **In His life, Jesus demonstrated that:**

1. He was anointed by the Spirit.<sup>9</sup>
2. He was led by the Spirit.
  - a) He was led into the desert to be tempted by the devil.<sup>10</sup>
  - b) When He travelled through Samaria, He was led in the very journey to stop at a well and to meet with a particular person there with implications for the whole town.<sup>11</sup>
  - c) Furthermore, Jesus withdrew when the Pharisees plotted against Him.<sup>12</sup>
3. He ministered in preaching, teaching and healing through the Spirit.<sup>13</sup> It was this fact that provoked the Pharisees to blaspheme the Holy Spirit.<sup>14</sup>
4. He rejoiced in the Spirit.<sup>15</sup>

## ***The Example of the Early Church***

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#### **The Holy Spirit convicts the world**

1. Peter’s Preaching.<sup>16</sup>
2. Stephen’s Preaching.<sup>17</sup>

#### **The Holy Spirit speaks**

1. To Philip.<sup>18</sup>
2. To Peter.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> John 16:8-11

<sup>6</sup> John 16:14-15

<sup>7</sup> Acts 1:5,8

<sup>8</sup> John 14:16-17

<sup>9</sup> John 1:32-34; 3:34-35

<sup>10</sup> Matt. 4:1//Luke 4:1,14

<sup>11</sup> John 4:4

<sup>12</sup> Matt. 12:9-21

<sup>13</sup> Luke 4:14,18-22

<sup>14</sup> Matt. 12:22-32

<sup>15</sup> Luke 10:20-21

<sup>16</sup> Acts 2:37-39ff

<sup>17</sup> Acts 7:51ff

<sup>18</sup> Acts 8:29 The Greek word, “*lego*” means to speak or to point out with words.

### 3. To the Church.<sup>20</sup>

#### The Holy Spirit reminds

Peter was reminded of Jesus' words by the Holy Spirit.<sup>21</sup> This is a common experience in ministry where the Holy Spirit reminds us of Scripture.

#### The Holy Spirit guides

1. The Church's decisions were guided by the Holy Spirit.<sup>22</sup>
2. Paul's decisions in regard to his travels to Ephesus and to Jerusalem were guided by the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup>

## ***The Application***

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#### To the disciple and the Holy Spirit

Consider how the Holy Spirit does for us everything that Jesus did for His Disciples while He was on earth.

The leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit is crucial matter in the life of the Christians and of the Church.

#### To your life

1. Some crucial questions
  - a) What does the Holy Spirit want to do in me?
  - b) How do you know it's the Holy Spirit speaking or leading?
  - c) Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ that is led by the Holy Spirit?
  - d) Is the Holy Spirit able to glorify Jesus through me?
2. Matters for prayer:
  - a) The baptism in the Holy Spirit
  - b) Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit
  - c) Discerning of spirits

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<sup>19</sup> Acts 11:12

<sup>20</sup> Acts 13:2

<sup>21</sup> Acts 11:16

<sup>22</sup> Acts 15:28

<sup>23</sup> Acts 16:6; 20:22-24; 21:4-11