



# PARAKLETOS

A STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



**CROSSROADS CHURCH**  
STATEN ISLAND

Week 1:  
Identity of The Holy  
Spirit

## Parakletos

*A Study of The Holy Spirit*

**Objective:** *To provide a thorough description of the Holy Spirit.*

### **Goals:**

Increase awareness of the Holy Spirit

Increase availability to the Holy Spirit

Increase application of the Holy Spirit

### **Lesson and Schedule Considerations:**

**Week 1:** *Identity of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

**Week 2:** *Baptism of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

**Week 3:** *Acts of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

**Week 4:** *Grieving The Holy Spirit.....Dan Cognetta*

**Week 5:** *Quenching The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

**Week 6:** *Indwelling of The Holy Spirit....Dan Cognetta*

**Week 7:** *Fruits of The Holy Spirit.....John Palombo*

**Week 8:** *Gifts of The Holy Spirit.....John Palombo*

**Week 9:** *Filing of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*



# Small Groups

Week 1:  
*Identity of The Holy Spirit*



Get Connected.....15 Minutes

**Opening Discussion Questions:**

1. *What are some words to describe the Holy Spirit?*

2. *Why is studying the Holy Spirit important?*



3. *What do you hope to get out of this Bible Study group?*

**Memory Verse | Week 1:**

*"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 that I have said to you." John 14:26, ESV*

**Host Tip:** *Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.*



Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

## Week 1: Identity of The Holy Spirit

— With Ray Parascando



Misconceptions about the person and work of the Holy Spirit abound. As a result, there is *no more maligned, misunderstood, or misrepresented theological subject than the Holy Spirit.*

His relationship with the Christian is often shrouded in mystery, leaving many confused about His purpose and perhaps even fearful of His work. Thankfully, God's Word clarifies the Spirit's work for those who read it humbly and prayerfully apply its contextual interpretations.

### **Misconceptions:**

- Mystical Force
- Magical Power
- Mysterious Subject
- Meaningless Theology

#### **1. Scripture teaches that the Spirit is not an "it" but a distinct Personality**

*John 14:16-17 / ESV, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."*

- **We know that the Spirit can be "grieved."**

*Isaiah 63:10 / ESV, "But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them."*

*Ephesians 4:30 / ESV, "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."*

## **2. Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit is God**

Acts 5:3-4 / ESV, *“But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”*

Genesis 1:1-2 / ESV, *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”*

## **3. Scripture teaches that The Spirit is a member of the Holy Trinity.**

Matthew 28:19 / ESV, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

## **4. Scripture teaches that the Spirit has several purposes:**

*“Without the Spirit’s work, we would have no spiritual life at all.”*

### **• Empowers believers**

Zechariah 4:6 / ESV, *Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.*

### **• Convicts**

John 16:8 *And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment*

### **• Comforts**

Romans 8:29 / ESV, *“And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”*

### **• Leds**

Romans 8:14, *“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”*

### **• Prays**

Romans 8:26 / ESV, *“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 through wordless groans.”*

**. Guides**

*John 16:13 / ESV, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”*

**. Searches the mind**

Romans 8:27 / ESV, “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 through wordless groans.”

**. Seals Believers**

Ephesians 1:13 / In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, Application

**Additional Take aways....**

1. You can pray to the Holy Spirit
2. You can trust the Holy Spirit
3. You can wait on the Holy Spirit



Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes

**Host Tip:** Take time to field prayer requests. You can designate someone to pray prior to the gathering or coordinate group prayer.

**Closing Discussion Questions:**

1. Review and discuss the misconceptions of the Holy Spirit listed?
2. How does pride impact the application of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
3. What does this week's memory verse mean to you?