

The Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force or power. He is a divine person, just as the Father and the Son are divine persons, we should honor and relate to Him in that way.

What we believe about the Holy Spirit...

- **The Holy Spirit is fully God.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

- **The Holy Spirit dwells in all believers.**

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

- **The Holy Spirit works salvation in those being saved.**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

- **The Holy Spirit manifests God's presence and power.**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- **The Holy Spirit empowers believers for service.**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Here's how we have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit...

1. Invite Him to fill your life. "Holy Spirit, come and fill me completely to overflowing."
2. Spend time in active conversation with Him in the Bible. "Spirit, open my eyes, ears, and heart to receive and perceive what You want me to be and to do."
3. Intend to obey His directives. "Holy Spirit, lead me and empower me to do Your will."
4. Surround yourself with Spirit-filled and mission-directed believers to reach others for Christ.

Let's Talk About It

Many of us are so connected to our mobile devices, that if we misplace or lose them, we feel lost or experience anxiety. We will thoroughly search or retrace our locations until we find that phone or tablet. Have you ever felt that way when you've lost connectivity with God, the Holy Spirit? David longingly penned the words found in Psalm 51:11, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me." Ever since the Father and Jesus sent the Spirit to indwell believers, He never leaves us. Yet our awareness of His nearness is dulled or even silenced. What have you done to reconnect with God? Pray as David prayed, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

Psalm 51:10-12; 2 Corinthians 13:14, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Acts 1:8, John 14-17

Purple Book, review:

- What did you learn about Biblical prosperity and generosity from chapter ten of TPB?
- What is the law of sowing and reaping? How has it affected you?

Sermon questions:

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- What challenges you in developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit? The amount of time spent in prayer and the word? Misconceptions of Him being an impersonal force or influence?
- Read Psalm 51:10-12. How have you experienced the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? If not yet, would you want to?
- God desires to manifest His presence and power among us and through us. When was a recent time God used you to be a blessing to others and you knew it wasn't of your own power or experience? Please share that occasion.
- Read Acts 1:8. God empowers and enables by His Spirit us to testify of His love and goodness to others. Are there people you are reaching and praying for their salvation? Can we pray together with you for your list?

Take a Step

- Reconnect with the Holy Spirit this week. Ask God to pour out the Holy Spirit in a fresh way in your life as you spend extra time lingering in His presence.

Here's My Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank You that You're with me and live inside of me. Thank You for taking the words of Jesus and making it real to me. Fill me afresh, empower me to share the good news about Jesus. Please lead me this week to be a blessing to others.