

# ZOOM STUDY: IMPORTANT BIBLICAL WORDS

## HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE

1.) What does this passage tell us about the Holy Spirit's presence? How does that comfort you when you are lonely? When you are sick? When there is strife? When death draws near?

**Psalms 139:7-10** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

2.) What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit and...

a.) ...the Word?

**John 6:63** "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit [or Spirit] and they are life."

**1 Corinthians 2:9,10,13** However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ...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.

b.) ...the sacrament of baptism?

**John 3:5-6** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

**Acts 2:38** 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."

c.) ...the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

**1 Corinthians 11:23-25** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

3.) In light of question #2, how does the Spirit come to us and do his wonderful work in us and others? How does that impact how we spend and prioritize our time or how we evangelize?

4.) Is there any way that the Holy Spirit is working in you and me differently than he has been working in believers in all times and places? What is the only different in the New Testament age?

**Ezekiel 36:26** “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.”

**John 17:14** “The world cannot accept [the Spirit of truth], because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

**2 Corinthians 5:2, 5, 7** We groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling... Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. ...We live by faith, not by sight.

**Hebrews 11:3ff** By faith... Abel... Enoch... Noah... Abraham...

**Joel 2:28** “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.” (fulfilled on the day of Pentecost – Acts 2:16ff)

5.) What is the Spirit currently doing in our lives?

**1 Corinthians 12:3** No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 5:22-23** The fruit of the Spirit (or spirit) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

6.) The Holy Spirit is called a “deposit,” or a downpayment, of what we will someday receive. Can you explain what that means?

**2 Corinthians 1:21b-22** [Christ] anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

**Ephesians 1:13-14** Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

*Closing Prayer: Holy Spirit, supreme proclaimer of God’s Word, thank you for filling our hearts with confidence in Christ. Always lead us to the message of Christ found in your holy Scriptures and sacraments, for therein you give us forgiveness and faith, comfort and power, in life and in death. Amen.*