

The Christian and the Holy Spirit series

LESSON 1

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHY DID HE COME?

Objective: To become acquainted with the Holy Spirit and to understand His mission

Memorize: John 16:13, 14

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

While there is a degree of divine mystery to the nature of the Holy Spirit, He definitely is not a

bundle of warm feelings or good memories. Neither is He a vague cosmic force. In this lesson, you will study biblical evidence proving that the Holy Spirit is a real person who loves and cares for you. You also will discover why He came and how He can make a difference in your life.

BIBLE STUDY

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?



The Holy Spirit is a person, the third person of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is

not a vague, ethereal shadow, nor an impersonal force. He is a person equal in every way with the Father and the Son. All the divine attributes ascribed to the Father and the Son are equally ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

1. Personality (a person) is composed of intellect, emotions, and will. In **1 Corinthians 2:11**, what indicates that the Holy Spirit has intellect?

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

What evidence do you observe in **Romans 15:30** that the Holy Spirit has emotion?

³⁰ I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

How does the Holy Spirit exercise His will as recorded in **1 Corinthians 12:11**?

¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

2. Find the one word that describes **the nature of the Holy Spirit** in each of the following references.

Romans 8:2

² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

John 16:13

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Hebrews 10:29

²⁹ How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Romans 1:4

⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. What is His function or role?

John 14:16, 26

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

²⁶ 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.

1 Corinthians 3:16

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

John 16:13, 14

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

Acts 1:8

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.”

4. What **specific actions** does the Holy Spirit perform?

Acts 13:2

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 8:29

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Romans 8:14

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

John 16:7, 8

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

Romans 8:26

²⁶ 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.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

5. What are His attributes?

Hebrews 9:14

¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Psalms 139:7

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

1 Corinthians 2:10, 11

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

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WHY DID HE COME?

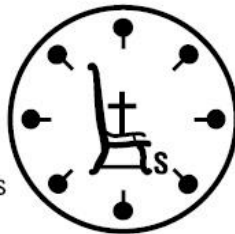
1. What is the chief reason the Holy Spirit came (**John 16:14**)?

14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

2. What will be a logical result when the Holy Spirit controls your life?

3. How does the following diagram compare with your life?

Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Faithfulness
Goodness



Life is Christ-centered
Empowered by Holy Spirit
Introduces others to Christ
Has effective prayer life
Understands God's Word
Trusts God
Obeyes God

LIFE APPLICATION

1. Write one new insight you have gained from this lesson concerning the Holy Spirit.
2. In what area of your life do you believe the Holy Spirit needs to be more in control?
3. What will be the result when He is in control?