

## Lesson 11

### “God the Holy Spirit” — Part II

#### I. Introduction

In our study of the Holy Spirit we have seen only a part of His ministry. In this lesson, we shall explore the references in the New Testament concerning the Holy Spirit. The names of the Holy Spirit in His relationship to the Father and the Son — the work of the Holy Spirit in the church —the characteristic of the Person, God the Holy Spirit—the teaching of our Lord concerning the Holy Spirit —finally, the fruit of the Spirit. These will help you understand a little more concerning the Holy Spirit. There is no way to cover the entire work of the Holy Spirit in three lessons, but we have a good beginning—a foundation. Personal study will be easier in reference to this great truth.

#### II. Basic Scriptures:

Genesis 6:3; Numbers 27:18; Isaiah 32:15; Joel 2:28-29; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 28:20; John 14:16,17,26; Acts 13: 2,4,9,10; Romans 8; I Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13,14,17; 2 Corinthians 1:22 Galatian 4:6; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 3:7; I Peter 3:18; I John 4:2,6,13; Rev.1:4.

#### III. The Nucleus Of The Truth:

The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, abides in the hearts and souls of believers in Christ. He is the body of Christ, the church. This is the age of the church, and since Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has been the power in the church to spread the Gospel of Christ and to call out a people for His Name.

In this age of grace and the church, the Holy Spirit is not greater; He is later. He came after Jesus ascended. He could not come until Jesus left the earth. Jesus said, “If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you” (John 16:7).

This is the age in which the Holy Spirit teaches the believers all the truths of Scripture (John 14:26). He, the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit of truth, and He testifies of Jesus Christ (John 15:26).

One significant thing about the Holy Spirit should be observed by the student. The Master Said, “When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will glorify Me” (John 16:13-14).

#### IV. The Great Truth: “God The Holy Spirit” Part II

##### A. References To The Holy Spirit In The New Testament.

1. There are 262 Passages in the New Testament Which Mention the Holy Spirit.
  - a. These 262 Passages are found in 24 of the 27 books of the New Testament. The only books in which the Holy Spirit is not mentioned are Philemon and III John.
  - b. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, contain 56 passages referring to the Holy Spirit.
  - c. The Acts of the Apostles (Known also as The Acts of the Holy Spirit) contain 57 references to the Holy Spirit.
  - d. Paul’s Epistles contain 113 passages referring to the Holy Spirit.
  - e. The other books, General Epistles and Revelation, contain 36 references to the Holy Spirit.

2. In Both Testaments, Old and New, There are 350 References to the Holy Spirit. The subject is of paramount importance to be mentioned so often in Scripture. The Bible places great emphasis on the Person of the Holy Spirit. We Should Him to teach us all truth, including the truth concerning Himself.

## B. The Teaching Of Jesus Concerning The Holy Spirit.

### 1. The Testimony Jesus Gave to the Holy Spirit.

a. The first testimony regarding the Holy Spirit and the first definite teaching about the Holy Spirit came from the Lord Jesus.

b. His teachings were spoken before Pentecost, and this should be remembered.

### 2. The Specific Teachings of Jesus About the Holy Spirit.

( The teachings are not chronological but are listed to obtain some order of doctrine.)

a. Jesus claimed that He was led by the Holy Spirit and taught by the Holy Spirit in all He did. In His opening sermon, Jesus said, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 8:18).

Write in John 3:34 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit spoke in the Old Testament and, in fact, caused it to be written (Matthew 22:43;44).

c. Jesus taught that salvation is due to the work of the Holy Spirit (John 37-3).

d. Jesus taught the abundant life to His disciples. Write in John 7:37 -39:

e. Jesus taught of the quickening power of the Holy Spirit (quickenning means “make alive”) (John 3:63).

f. Jesus gave the baptismal formula naming the Trinity. Notice, “the name (singular) of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19).

g. Jesus promised the presence of the Holy Spirit in the work of His disciples—the actual words they were to speak (Mark 13:11).

h. Jesus had a message to the church in reference to teaching and the Teacher (John 16:13-16).

Here we have His name— “The Spirit of Truth.” Here also we have His function — “He shall glorify Christ.” In John 16:8-11, He names the three great themes of the testimony of the Holy Spirit. What are they?

\* ”of sin” because of unbelief.

\* ”of righteousness” which God requires.

\* ”of judgment” already declared upon the cross.

i. So Jesus announced the truth by which the Holy Spirit convicts the world:

\* My sin

\* Christ’s righteousness

\* God’s judgment

j. As the Son spent His early life in seeking to glorify the Father, so the Holy Spirit spends His time in seeking to glorify the Son.

## C. The Names of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

### 1. Names Expressing His Relationship to the Father.

a. ”The Spirit of God” (Matthew 3:16).

- b. "The Spirit of the Lord" (Luke 4:18). In Acts 5:9 and 8:39, the expression "Lord" may refer to Christ.
- c. "The Spirit of our God". (I Corinthians 6:11).
- d. "The Spirit of the Living God" (II Corinthians 3:3).
- e. "The Spirit of your Father" (Matthew 10:20).
- f. "The Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of God" (I Peter 4:14; 3:1).
- g. "The Promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4).

2. Names Expressing His Relationship to the Son.

- a. "The Spirit of Christ" (Romans 8:9).
- b. "The Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:9).
- c. "The Spirit of Jesus" (Acts 16:7).
- d. "The Spirit of His (God's) Son" (Galatians 4:6).
- e. "Another Comforter". (Paraclete) (John 14:16).

3. Names Expressing His Own Essential Deity.

- a. "One Spirit" (Ephesians 4:4).
- b. "Seven Spirits" (the complete perfect Spirit) (Revelation 1:4; 3:1).
- c. "The Lord the Spirit (II Corinthians 3:18).
- d. "The Eternal Spirit" (Hebrew 9:14).

4. Names Expressing the Gifts Which He Bestows.

- a. "The Spirit Of Life" (Romans 8:2; Revelation 11:11).
- b. "The Spirit of Holiness" (Romans 1:4).
- c. "The Spirit of Wisdom" (Ephesians 1:7).
- d. "The Spirit of Faith" (II Corinthians 4:13).
- e. "The Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17; 16:13).
- f. "The Spirit of Grace" (Hebrews 10:29).
- g. "The Spirit of Adoption"(Romans 8:15).
- h. "The Spirit of Power, Love, and Sound Mind" (II Timothy 1:7)

This variety of names tells us something of His deity, His power, His influence, His ministry among us and in us, His Person.

D. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In The Church.

1. The Church Became A Spiritual Organism.

a. Jesus had promised the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5).  
 When the Holy Spirit descended, He dwelled in the hearts of believers, and they became a unified spiritual organism, called the body, with Christ as the Head (Colossians 2:19).

Write in Ephesians 1:22-23: \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. The Holy Spirit forms the church. When does one become a part of the body of Christ? At the time we accept Christ as Savior, we accept His forgiveness and atonement. He, the Holy Spirit, baptizes us into the body of Christ, the church. Write in I Corinthians 12:13: \_\_\_\_\_

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c. When one receives Christ, he is sealed by the Holy Spirit in Christ (Ephesians 1:13).

## 2. The Results of The Work of The Holy Spirit In The Church.

a. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon and filled the 120 people in the Upper Room (Acts 2:1-4).

b. The two operations of the Holy Spirit are distinct and are identified. Baptism,” as mentioned by Jesus in Acts 1:5 and “filling” (Acts 2:41).

c. Peter preached the message from Joel 2:28-29, and 3000 souls were saved (Acts 2:41).

d. Under persecution, the preaching of the Gospel caused 5000 men plus women to accept Christ (Acts 4:4).

e. In (Acts 8 the Gospel spread from Jews to the Samaritans and the Ethiopians eunuch.

f. The spreading of the Gospel was according to the outline of Jesus Christ in Acts 1:8.

## 3. The Holy Spirit Still Does His Work In The Body.

a. The Holy Spirit came to indwell and administer the church of the Lord.

b. He abides “with you forever.” He never leaves us.

c. He came to teach us about Jesus. He does that work in and through believers, His church.

## E. The Characteristics Of The Person Of The Holy Spirit.

### 1. In A Personality, Four Characteristic Are Obvious.

a. A person is one who can think (he has a mind, understanding).

b. He can feel (he has emotions).

c. He can choose ( he has will, volition, purpose).

d. He can do (he can act).

### 2. All Four Characteristics Can Be Seen In The Holy Spirit.

a. The Holy Spirit can think—He has a mind and understanding. He is presented as such in Acts 15:28 and I Corinthians 2:10-11 and Ephesians 1:17.

b. He, the Holy Spirit, can feel (Ephesians 4:30).

c. The Holy Spirit can choose: He has will (I Corinthians 12:11).

d. The Holy Spirit can do and act. He is the author of Scripture (II Timothy

3:16; Acts 1:16; Hebrews 10:15-16).

He convicts us of sin and is the instrument of our salvation (Titus 3:5-6; I Thessalonians 1:5).

He is the teacher of truth (John 14:16; Romans 8:14).

He helps us and sustains us (John 14:16-18; Romans 8:26-27).

#### F. The Fruit of The Holy Spirit.

##### 1. The Fruit of the Spirit Reveals Christian Character.

a. The fruit of the Spirit is found in Galatians 5:22-23: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. The “fruit “ is singular. One can know Christ will produce some “fruit.” of the Spirit by the indwelling Spirit.

##### 2. Fruit Comes From the Spirit Filled Life.

a. The Lord Jesus is the great example of the fruit of the Spirit. He possessed all the qualities of Galatians 5:22-23.

b. One cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit by his own activity or goodness — but by yielding to the Holy Spirit.

#### G. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Christians.

##### 1. Walking In The Spirit.

a. Write in Galatians 5:16: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. The Holy Spirit will lead our walk. He will direct our paths.

##### 2. Renewing of The Spirit.

a. Write in Titus 3:5: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. This refers to a renewing of the Spirit to live a victorious Christian life.

##### 3. Leading of The Spirit.

a. Write in Romans 8:14: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. The Holy Spirit is always present to give guidance in our lives. The secret is found in “As many are led—— “.

##### 4. Indwelling of The Spirit.

a. Write in I Corinthians 6:19: \_\_\_\_\_

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Read and underline John 7:37-39.

5. Hearing of Faith:

a. Write in Galatians 3:2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. Underline John 3:6-7.