



GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT Part 2

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REVIEW: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS...

- ➊ a person
- ➋ God
- ➌ Essential for Christian living

(John 16:7)

→ Jesus' preferred name for the Holy Spirit = Parakletos (Παράκλητος) = One who comes alongside us to help, guide, intercede, comfort, counsel, defend, etc.

→ He is sent by the Father at the Son's request (John 14:16-18; 15:26)

→ He shows us our desperate need for Christ (John 16:8)

→ He breathes new life into our dead spirits (John 6:63)

→ He takes up residency inside of us (John 14:17; 1 Corinthians 6:19)

→ He seals true believers as a foretaste of what is to come (Ephesians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

→ He seeks to make us like Jesus (John 14:26; 15:26; Galatians 5:22-23)

→ He gifts, enables & commissions us for ministry (Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 12:4,7)

• Be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) / Be led by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18) / Keep in step with the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:25)

SIGNS OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ➊ Growing in Christ-likeness
- ➋ Saying "No" to sin
- ➌ Saying "Yes" to ministry

CORE BELIEF / CORE VALUE / VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- CORE BELIEF - We believe the Holy Spirit lives inside Jesus-followers, empowering them to understand God and live as He intended.
- CORE VALUE - Therefore we will rely on the Spirit's power to live in obedience to God's will.
- VISION FOR THE FUTURE - Mobilization in Ministry

RECOGNIZING THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ➊ Is it consistent with Scripture?
- ➋ Is it consistent with God's gifts?
- ➌ Does it have a servanthood dimension? (Acts 20:22-23)
- ➍ Proceed with caution if...
 - a. a leading requires you to make a major, life-changing decision very quickly
 - b. a leading requires you to go deeply in debt or places someone else in a position of awkwardness, compromise or danger
 - c. a leading requires you to compromise your family relationships or important friendships
 - d. a leading goes against wise counsel

OBEDIENCE & DIMMER SWITCH PRINCIPLE

- We show our love to God through obedience (John 14:15)
- PRINCIPLE: When we respond in obedience to the light we have, the Holy Spirit gives us more light. When we don't, He takes away the light we already have. (Proverbs 4:18-19)

- Before making big life-decisions, I will seek the counsel of at least two mature Christians.
- I will give the Holy Spirit 10-minutes of silence & undivided attention this week.
- I am becoming a follower of Jesus today!
- I want to be baptized.



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Lesson Aim: To dig deeper in our understanding of who God the Holy Spirit is so that we can climb higher in our ability to rely on the Spirit's power to live in obedience to God's will.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you, speak to you, and guide you during your time together.

Icebreaker: How are you at saying "goodbye"? Is it harder for you to be the one leaving home, or the one left behind? Explain.

1. **READ John 14:15-27.** According to these verses, who is the Holy Spirit and what are some of the things the Holy Spirit does?
2. What does the title "Counselor" (verse 16) tell us about the Spirit's ministry?
3. What is one way you have seen the Holy Spirit work in your life that aligns with Jesus' words here in John 14?
4. In what ways do you need the Holy Spirit's peace and/or comfort right now?
5. In John 16, Jesus knows that He will die in less than 24 hours, and the disciples are now faced with the reality of this. **Read John 16:5-16.** Based on Jesus' words in these verses, how would you describe the mood among the disciples? How would you have felt if you had been there?

6. In what ways is it more profitable today to have the Holy Spirit actively present than to have Jesus here on earth?
7. What did Jesus say would be the Spirit's ministry toward the world (vs. 8-11)? From these verses, what can we infer is our part in bringing people to faith in Jesus? What is the Spirit's responsibility?
8. How have you seen or experienced the Holy Spirit's work in bringing people to faith in Jesus?
9. One of the Spirit's ministries is communication. What specific things did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would communicate to His disciples (verses 12-15)?
10. With which decision(s) you are facing right now would you appreciate the Holy Spirit's guidance?
11. List below the potential choices you have regarding this important decision(s) you need to make. Now look over the section in your notes from Pastor Scott's teaching titled "Recognizing the Voice of the Holy Spirit." How do your potential choices hold up under the scrutiny of these questions and cautions?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

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