

Who is the Holy Spirit? Lesson 2 – The Work of the Holy Spirit (Part 1)

Introduction:

- What is the _____ of the Holy Spirit?
 - We want to discover which _____ have been specially assigned to the Holy Spirit by God the Father and God the Son.
1. The work of the Holy Spirit is to _____ the active presence of God in the world and especially in the church.

A. God is already present and at work everywhere in the world.

B. But God only manifests Himself so that we become _____ of His presence and work at certain times and places of His choosing.

- In creation, the Holy Spirit's work was to _____ what the Father designed and the Son had created.

***Gen 1.2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was **hovering** over the face of the waters.*

- In redemption, the Holy Spirit's work is to grant _____ to the church, which is God's new creation.

***Acts 1.8** 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.*

- Was the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of Old Testament believers before the time of Jesus?

C. In the Old Testament, it was predicted that the Holy Spirit would be poured out in greater _____ in the New Testament.

- The difference between the Holy Spirit's work in the Old Testament and His work in the New Testament like the difference between sprinkling and _____.

***Isa 32.14–18** For the palace is forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watchtower
will become dens forever,
a joy of wild donkeys,*

a pasture of flocks;

15 **until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,**
*and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.*

16 *Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.*

17 *And the effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.*

18 *My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.*

Joel 2.28–29 *“And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.*

29 *Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.*

- **The Holy Spirit’s work in the New Testament has not changed from His work in the Old Testament, it is simply done now with greater _____.**
- **The reason God poured out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was to give us _____ to spread the Gospel.**

Acts 1.8 *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.”*

2. The specific _____ that the Holy Spirit manifests God’s power and blessing.

A. The Holy Spirit _____.

- **He gives _____.**
 - **He gives and sustains the _____ life of all humans and animals.**

Psa 104.30 *When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.*

Job 34.14–15 *If he should set his heart to it
and gather to himself his spirit and his breath,
15 all flesh would perish together,
and man would return to dust.*

- He gives Christians _____ life.

John 3.6–7 *That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’*

Eph 2.5 *even when **we were dead** in our trespasses, [He] **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.*

- He _____ Jesus in the womb of Mary his mother.

Matt 1.18 *Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to **be with child from the Holy Spirit**.*

- He gives power for _____.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

- **EXAMPLE:** He empowered Moses to _____ Israel from the Egyptians.

Isa 63.11b *Where is he who **put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit**,
12 who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,*

- **EXAMPLE:** He empowered Joshua with _____ skills.

Num 27.18 *So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, **a man in whom is the Spirit**, and lay your hand on him.*

Deuteronomy 34.9 *And Joshua the son of Nun was full of **the spirit of wisdom**, for Moses had **laid his hands on him**. **So the people of Israel obeyed him** and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.*

- **EXAMPLE:** The Holy Spirit came mightily on David to equip him to fulfill the task of _____.

1 Sam 16.13 *Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. **And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward**. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.*

- **EXAMPLE:** When Israel returned from many years of captivity in Babylon, the Holy Spirit _____ them and kept them from fear.

Haggai 2.5 according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. ***My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.***

- **EXAMPLE: The Old Testament _____ a time when the Holy Spirit would anoint the Messiah and give Him great fullness and power:**

Isa 11.1–2 *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

2 *And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

- **EXAMPLE: His _____ and empowering of Jesus as the Messiah.**

Matt 3.16 *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;***

Luke 4.14 *And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.*

Then the very next thing Jesus did, was go to the synagogue and say this:

Luke 4.18–19 *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

Luke 4.21 *And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*

- **EXAMPLE: The Holy Spirit empowered Jesus’ disciples for various kinds of _____.**
 - **Evangelism of unbelievers**

Acts 1.8 *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.*

- **Edification of believers**

1 Cor 12.4 *Now there are **varieties of gifts**, but the **same Spirit**;*

1 Cor 12.11 *All these are **empowered by one and the same Spirit**, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

Eph 4.12 *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, **for building up the body of Christ**,*

1 Cor 12.7 *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit **for the common good**.*

- **Prayer**

Eph 2.18 *For through him we both have **access in one Spirit to the Father**.*

B. The Holy Spirit _____.

- **He exercises _____ influence in the lives of unbelievers, as He convicts the world of sin.**

John 16.8–11 *And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin** and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

Rom 1.24–25 *Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

Rom 1.26–27 *For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.*

Rom 1.28–29a And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.

- He _____ the sins of believers when they are saved.

1 Cor 6.11 And such were some of you. **But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Titus 3.5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the **washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,**

- He _____ the character of God in believers after they are saved.

Gal 5.22–23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Phil 2.13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

2 Cor 3.18 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.

Gal 5.16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

C. The Holy Spirit _____.

Acts 2.17–18 And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
 and your **sons** and your **daughters** shall prophesy,
 and your **young men** shall see visions,
 and your **old men** shall dream dreams;
18 even on my **male servants** and **female servants**
 in those days **I will pour out my Spirit,** and they shall prophesy.

- On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit created a new community called “the church” that was marked by unprecedented _____ and _____.

1 Cor 12.13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

- The early church recognized their spiritual unity and very quickly began implementing _____ that reflected how unified they were in the Spirit.

Acts 2.44–47 *And all who believed were **together** and **had all things in common**. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple **together** and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Eph 4.3–6 *eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is **one body and one Spirit**—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 **one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.***

Conclusion:

- **When the Holy Spirit is working strongly in a church, several things will be evident:**
 - **The power of the Holy Spirit through:**
 - _____ evangelism to grow the church.
 - Widespread _____ by believers using their gifts to edify the church.
 - **The purifying of the Holy Spirit to _____ sin in the church.**
 - **The unity of the Holy Spirit to bring _____ to the church.**