

## Who is the Holy Spirit? Lesson 3 – The Work of the Holy Spirit (Part 2)

### Introduction:

1. The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world and especially in the church.
2. The specific ways that the Holy Spirit manifests God's power and blessing.
  - A. The Holy Spirit empowers.
  - B. The Holy Spirit purifies.
  - C. The Holy Spirit unifies.
  - D. The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.

1. He revealed God's \_\_\_\_\_ to the Old Testament prophets and New Testament apostles, so that these words could be put into Scripture.

***2 Tim 3.16*** All Scripture is ***breathed out by God*** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

- This is what we mean when we say that the Scriptures are \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

***2 Pet 1.21*** For no prophecy was ever ***produced by the will of man***, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

***Matt. 22.43-44*** He said to them, "How is it then that David, ***in the Spirit***, calls him Lord, saying,

***44*** "The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

***John 16.13*** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

- There is no ***NEW*** revelation from God that has the same level of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Scriptures.
- The Scriptures are the \_\_\_\_\_ authority in all matters of belief and practice.

***Deut. 4:2*** You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

**Prov 30:6** *Do not add to his words,  
lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.*

**Rev 22.18–19** *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.*

- **Since the Holy Spirit has completed His work of revealing the Scriptures, we can be sure that the Scriptures are \_\_\_\_\_ for the guidance of our lives.**

**Psa 119.105** *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures.

- **Unbelievers cannot understand the Scriptures because they are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Cor 2.14** *The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is **not able to understand them** because they are spiritually discerned.*

- **The illuminating work of the Holy Spirit is His work of enabling believers to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual things.**

**1 Cor 2.12** *Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **that we might understand** the things freely given us by God.*

**Psa 119.18** *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*

- **The ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Scriptures to us is how the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us God's truth.**
- **When we grow in the understanding of the Scriptures, we are growing in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Eph 1.17–19** *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give you the Spirit of wisdom** and of revelation in the **knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened**, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might*

3. He gives evidence of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- The work of the Holy Spirit is to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

***John 15.26*** But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness about me.**

***John 16.14*** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

- But the work of the Holy Spirit is to also make His own actions and words and presence \_\_\_\_\_.
- In both the Old and New Testaments, the Holy Spirit frequently made Himself known by \_\_\_\_\_ that indicated His activity.
- **EXAMPLE: The seventy elders with Moses who prophesied.**

***Num 11.25–26*** Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ***26*** Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

- **EXAMPLE: Samson who gained supernatural strength.**

***Judges 14.6*** Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him (Samson), and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

- **EXAMPLE: King Saul who prophesied.**

***1 Sam 10.6*** Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

***1 Sam 10.10*** When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.

- **EXAMPLE: Jesus' anointing for ministry at His baptism.**

***Matt 3.16–17*** 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; ***17*** and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- **EXAMPLE: The Apostles' empowerment for ministry at Pentecost.**

**Acts 2.2–3** *And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.*

- These were \_\_\_\_\_ evidences of the Holy Spirit’s power and presence for special situations.
- In the lives of most Christians, the Holy Spirit makes Himself known in \_\_\_\_\_, less spectacular ways.
- He provides an invisible Godlike \_\_\_\_\_ when He manifests His presence.
- The Holy Spirit’s presence sometimes causes people to feel things like:

- **Conviction for sin**

**John 16.8** *And when he comes, he will **convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

- **Faith**

**Acts 2.37–38** *Now when they heard this they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “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.*

**Acts 2.41** *So those who **received** his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

- **Fear of the Lord**

**Acts 5.9** *But Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.”*

**Acts 5.11** *And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.*

- **Love**

**Rom 5.5** *and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s **love** has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

- **Joy**

**1 Thess 1.6** *And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the **joy** of the Holy Spirit,*

- **Peace**

**Rom 14.17** *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit.*

- **Truth**

**John 14.17** *even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

- **Wisdom**

**Deut 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.*

- **Comfort**

**Acts 9.31** *So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the **comfort** of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.*

- **Freedom**

**2 Cor 3.17** *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**.*

- **Righteousness**

**Rom 14.17** *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

- **An awareness of our adoption**

**Rom 8.15–16** *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption** as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

- And many other things such as Hope, Zeal, Etc.
- The manifestation of God's Spirit can cause you to have:
  - Tears
  - Shouts
  - Singing
  - Silence
  - Deep reverence for God
  - Prayer
  - Boldness in proclaiming Christ

4. He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's people.

- How does the Holy Spirit lead us?
- Christians are commanded to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit.

**Eph 5.18** *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,***

- To be filled with the Holy Spirit means to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 4.1** *And Jesus, **full** of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness*

**Matt 4.1** *Then Jesus was **led** up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

**Mark 1.12** *The Spirit immediately **drove** him out into the wilderness.*

- Like wind filling the sails of a ship to drive it forward, when we are filled with the Spirit, we will be driven or led by Him to do the things that fulfill His will.
- To be filled the Spirit is to be controlled by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Eph 5.18–19** *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,** 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,*

**Col 3.16** *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

- To be filled with the Spirit, requires us to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God by obeying and wisely applying His Word.
- To walk in the Spirit is to walk in \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word, rather than in obedience to the lusts of the flesh.

***Gal 5.16–17** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

5. He gives us \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Holy Spirit gives us an inner \_\_\_\_\_ that we are truly God's children.

***Rom 8.16** The Spirit himself **bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God,*

- The Holy Spirit causes us to love and cry out to God as our \_\_\_\_\_.

***Gal 4.6** And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

- The Holy Spirit provides a \_\_\_\_\_ of our future fellowship with Him in heaven.

***2 Cor 1.22** and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*

- The Holy Spirit assures us that God \_\_\_\_\_ in us and that we are abiding in Him.

***1 John 3.24** Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.*

***1 John 4.13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.*

**Conclusion:**

- The Holy Spirit's work of revelation is always connected to **SCRIPTURE**.
  - Revealing Scripture
  - Illuminating Scripture
  - Manifesting Himself by applying the blessings and curses of Scripture
  - Controlling us with Scripture
  - Assuring us with Scripture