



The Power & Ministry of the Holy Spirit

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DISCIPLE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

What is the Holy Spirit Doing?

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Session Purpose: The aim of this session is to recognize and understand how the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

Introduction:

Let's review

❶ The Importance of the Holy Spirit

- Without the Holy Spirit, most of the essentials of the Christian life would not happen (John 16:7)

❷ The Identity of the Holy Spirit

- The Scripture identifies the Holy Spirit in three essential ways:
 - 1) The Spirit is a real Person not a ghost, impersonal force or power.
 - He has personal characteristics (intellect, emotion, will)
 - He has personal names like *"the Helper"* (Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:7)
 - He is referred to with personal pronouns (*"He"* – Jn. 15:26; 16:7, 17-18)
 - He does work that only persons can do (teach-Jn 14:26; reprove-Jn 16:8; intercede-Rom. 8:26; lead-Rom. 8:14; witness-Rom. 8:16)
 - 2) The Spirit is the third co-equal member of the Triune Godhead. There is one God who exists in three co-existent, co-equal, co-eternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
 - 3) The Spirit is God sharing the divine names, attributes, works, authority, and equality

❸ The Illustrations about the Holy Spirit (clothing, dove, pledge, fire, oil, seal, water, wind)

❹ The Instigations of the Holy Spirit

- 1) He instigates your _____ in coming to Christ

- He inspired the Scriptures so you can learn & apply the gospel story that saves (2 Peter 1:21; John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 Jn 4:6; 5:6)
- He convicts you of sin, righteousness & judgment (John 16:7-11; 3:20)

2) He instigates your _____ to Christ.

- He initiates your new life “by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the HS” (Titus 3:5), being born again (John 3:5), resurrects your dead heart (Jn 6:63; 2 C. 3:6; Jn 6:63; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13)
- He indwells you (1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:9) personally (Jn 14:16-17), permanently (Eph. 1:13) and powerfully (Eph. 3:16)
- He immerses you into the body of Christ (1 C. 12:13). This is the baptism in/with/by the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16, Jn 1:33, Acts 1:5, 11:16; 1 Cor. 12:13) which happens at the moment of belief (John 7:37-39, Acts 11:17) to all believers
- He adopts you into His family (Rom. 8:15)
- He seals you to guarantee your salvation (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14)
- He unites you to Christ (Rom. 8:9-11)

3) He instigates your _____ in Christ.

- He glorifies Jesus Christ (John 16:13-15; 7:39)
- He instructs you with divine truth (1 Cor. 2:10-16) as the “*Spirit of truth*” (4x – John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13, 1 Jn. 5:7) and guides us into all truth (Jn. 16:13) and reminds you to “*listen*” to what the Spirit says (Rev. 2-3)
- He influences your sanctification (Rm. 8:2; 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 15:16; 1 Pet. 1:2)
- He motivates you through eight specific commands that demands your cooperation so you can grow.
 1. You avoid grieving Him with your sin (Eph. 4:30-32).
 2. You avoid quenching Him with an unwilling, unyielding spirit (1 Thess. 5:19).
 3. You pray in the HS by ordering your prayers according to His will (Jude 20; Eph. 6:18).
 4. You are to be “*filled with the HS*” (Eph. 5:18)
 5. You “*walk by the Spirit*” (Gal. 5:16-25).
 6. You “*take up the sword of the Spirit*” (Eph. 6:17) to defend yourself against Satan’s demonic forces.
 7. You use your ministry gifts (of the Spirit) to serve and bless the body of Christ (1 Pet. 4:10-11; 1 Cor. 12:7)
 8. You are diligent to “*preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*.” (Eph. 4:3).

- He empowers you to live the Christian life: 5 key energizing empowerments:
 1. He enables you to witness courageously (Acts 1:8).
 2. He enables us to worship correctly (Phil. 3:3 – *“who worship in the Spirit of God...”*)
 3. He enables us to work competently (1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Pet. 4:11-12)
 4. He enables us to win confidently against sin (Rm. 8:2; 1 Jn. 3:20; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:30 Rom. 8:12-14; John 14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7; Acts 9:31).
 5. He enables us to walk consistently (Gal. 5:16)

4) **He instigates your _____ in Christ**
(Rom. 8:11)

Small Group Questions:

1. What truth about the instigations of the Holy Spirit motivates you to think more intentionally about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. What is one of the best ways to bring conviction to sinners who need Christ? Read Romans 1:16
3. Which of the six instigators regarding your conversion do you appreciate knowing about most as a believer? Why?
4. Which of the 8 commands God has given regarding our relationship to the Holy Spirit do you need to strengthen in your life and why?
5. Which of the 5 enablement’s do you need to better develop in your life? Why ?
6. What is one thing you learned today that can help you be a better disciple of Jesus Christ?