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THE HOLY SPIRIT

LESSON 4

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One of the most misunderstood doctrines in the word of God is the doctrine of the Person and Work of the Holy Ghost. Either He is mystified as an emotional influence causing irrational behavior, or He is misunderstood as being unimportant in the life of a believer. The Holy Ghost should be very precious to you as a Christian because He came to dwell inside of your body at the moment of your salvation (i.e. the baptism of the Holy Ghost). The following lesson is given to teach you what the Bible says about God the Holy Ghost, to help you appreciate Him, and to exhort you to have a better relationship with Him.

The purpose of this lesson is to give the individual an understanding of who the Holy Spirit of God is and what He does in your life.

I. THE HOLY GHOST IS THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD (THE TRINITY)

1 John 5:7- *"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one.**"*

See the equality of "the Father," "the Word" which is Jesus (John 1:1,14-18), and "the Holy Ghost." The text plainly says, "these three are *one*." See also Genesis 1:26 and 11:5-7 to see the plurality of the one God - "us." See also Matthew 28:19.

The Bible teaches that there is a triune God. He is one, but He is three! Impossible? Not with God! If you could understand God, then He would not be any smarter than you! Believe it because God said it, regardless of whether you can explain it or not. Think about water how it can become three parts - water, ice, and steam yet it is all water. They are all the SAME molecule but in different FORMS.

The Holy Ghost is the third person of the Trinity. God the Holy Ghost is not just an influence or feeling in your life, but He is a person (just as the Father and the Son) that can be "grieved" by you (Ephesians 4:30) and lied to by you as well (Acts 5:3). Be careful to maintain a proper relationship with Him.

II. THE HOLY GHOST LIVES WITHIN EVERY SAVED INDIVIDUAL

The Holy Ghost is "in your body" if you are saved. Through this indwelling, one is "born of the Spirit" (John 3:6,7). He came in at the moment of

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salvation and took up permanent residency. Every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit in the same manner.

The Bible states that every Christian has the Holy Ghost living in them, and if a person does not have God's Spirit in them, then they are not saved! Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 6:19,20; I Corinthians 3:16.

III. THE NAMES OF THE HOLY GHOST

- A. The Holy Ghost John 14:26
- B. The Holy Spirit Luke 11:13
- C. The Comforter John 14:16
- D. The Spirit of truth John 14:17)
- E. The Spirit of the Lord Acts 5:9

IV. THE WORK OF THE HOLY GHOST

- A. Creator - Genesis 1:2 (earth); Job 33:4 (man); II Corinthians 5:17 (the "new creature" you became at salvation's spiritual birth)
- B. Comforter - John 14:16,18,26; 16:7
- C. One who reproves - John 16:8-11
- D. Teacher - 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; John 14:26; John 16:13. He also assures us of our salvation Romans 8:16.
- E. Sealer - Ephesians 1:13,14; 4:30 (The Holy Spirit keeps the believer saved until Heaven!)
- F. Interceder - Romans 8:26,27
- G. One that empowers - Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:4; Ephesians 3:16; Romans 15:13.
- H. He convicts of sin.
 - 1. In the lost - He convicts in sin to bring them to salvation.
 - 2. In the saved, He convicts of sin to keep them clean and show how to live for Jesus Christ.
 - One must understand the difference between conviction and guilt.
 - 1. Conviction is the Holy Spirit pointing out something in your life that is wrong, that you need to make right. Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 1:9
 - 2. Guilt is remorse for past sins that are not reversible. Psalm 51
 - a. The Holy Spirit will allow guilt in your life to remind you never to do that sin again.
 - b. False guilt is something Satan uses to try and defeat us.
 - 1. False Guilt should never be dwelled on, move on, it is under the blood, forget about those things. Philippians 3:13; 1 John 1:7.

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V. THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit of God produces a set of character Qualities as you give your life to Him and walk in His power. This set of character qualities is called the fruit (singular) of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, 25. It is singular because ALL of these qualities are produced at the same time by a close relationship with the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit consists of:

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| 1. Love | 2. Joy | 3. Peace | 4. Longsuffering |
| 5. Gentleness | 6. Goodness | 7. Faith | 8. Meekness |
| 9. Temperance | | | |

VI. BASIC QUESTIONS

A. What is "being filled with the Spirit" and how can I accomplish this?

1. Comparing Ephesians 5:18-19 and Colossians 3:16 shows that investing your life in the Word of God and letting it dwell in your heart will produce the same results in your life as being filled with the Spirit. The more you saturate your mind with the Word of God, the closer your relationship to the Holy Spirit will be. The context of the listed verse includes the admonition not to be "drunk with wine," therefore being filled with the Spirit is the opposite of being filled with alcohol. Just as the drunkard is controlled by his drink, you should let the Spirit of God control you. You can only do this if you daily "walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16). If you do not you will fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Even though every child of God does "live in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25), it is by daily choice to "walk in the Spirit". You do this by "yielding" to Him daily.

2. Simply WALK in the Spirit. Walking is a steady, consistent, natural process of growth. But remember you are in a battle against your mind, so keep your thoughts on the Lord, meditating on the word, singing to yourself. Galatians 5:16-18,25; Ephesians 5:19

3. **BE PATIENT, PERSISTENT AND CONSISTENT** Being Consistently controlled by the-Holy Spirit does not happen overnight. It is a **lifelong process of spiritual growth**.

4. **REMEMBER** you received all of the Holy Ghost when you were saved (Romans 8:9), but it is up to you to give Him more of you.

CONCLUSION: Review this lesson to be grounded in the important truth of the Holy Ghost and His work. DO NOT believe the false teaching that the Holy Spirit is unimportant, nor believe the lies about the Holy Spirit being more important than the word of God. This latter movement is NOT Biblical and bases all its' teaching on emotionalism and irrational behavior, certainly not in the Bible. The "tongues" and "miracles" movement is totally unscriptural. Do not get deceived!

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Your name _____

1. Where do you find the Holy Spirit?

List three scripture references to support your answer.

1.

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2. At what time does the Holy Spirit come into the believer's life?

3. Who does the Holy Spirit convict of sin?

4. Why does the Holy Spirit convict the Christian of sin?

5. List five names of the Holy Spirit.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

6. What part of the trinity is the Holy Spirit? (need a verse to back-up your answer)

7. Galatians 5:22-23 lists for us the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

8. There are eight works of the Holy Spirit listed in this lesson, what are they?

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- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.
- G.
- H.

9. In order for the Christian to be "filled with the Spirit", they must invest time learning and living the

10. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

11. There are nine character qualities produced all at one in a Christian's life that each of us should strive to allow God to accomplish in our lives daily, what are they?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.
- h.
- i.

9. True or False

- I must get more of God's Holy Spirit each day.
- Acting uncontrollably and/or uttering non-understandable sounds is a sign of one being filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Dwelling on guilt is good for your Christian walk.
- The Holy Spirit can leave you if you sin.



Scripture memorization (write these out on the back page in KJV)

1 John 5:7; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:19