

Fundamentals of the Faith

Lesson Seven: The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit? Is the Holy Spirit God? Is He present in every believer? What is His purpose in the believer's life?

1. Is the Holy Spirit a person?

- John 14:17 and 16:13-14 refer to the Holy Spirit as? **HE, HIM and HIS** . We call these words **PERSONAL PRONOUNS** .
- How do the following verses describe the Holy Spirit as a person?
 1. John 14:16,26 **PERSONAL CARE OF BELIEVERS** _
 2. 1 Corinthians 2:11 **HIS INTELLECT** _
 3. Romans 8:27; 15:30 **HIS FEELINGS** _
 4. 1 Corinthians 12:11 **HIS WILL** _
 5. Acts 13:2 **HIS SPEAKING** _

(Also see John 16:8-11, Rom. 8:26, John 16:13-14 & Acts 16:6-7)

I think you get the picture; according to the Bible **the Holy Spirit is definitely a person.**

2. Is the Holy Spirit God?

- What attributes are attributed to the Holy Spirit in the following verses?
 1. Isaiah 40:13-14 **OMNISCIENT – ALL KNOWING** _
 2. Psalm 139:7 **OMNIPRESENT – PRESENT EVERYWHERE** _
 3. Hebrews 9:14 **ETERNAL – W/O BEGINNING AND END** _
 4. 1John 5:7; John 16:13 **TRUTH – VERACITY; INTEGRITY** _

Who else has these same attributes? **GOD** _

- Who does 2 Corinthians 3:17 say that the Holy Spirit is? **GOD** _
 - According to Acts 5:3-4, lying to the Holy Spirit is the same as lying to **GOD** _
- I think you get the picture; according to the Bible **the Holy Spirit is definitely God.**

3. What does the Holy Spirit do?

- The Holy Spirit (John 15:26) **ATTESTS THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST** _
- The Holy Spirit (John 16:13) **WILL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF** _
- The Holy Spirit (John 16:14) **WILL DISCLOSE OR REVEAL CHRIST** _
- The Holy Spirit (John 16:7-8) **CONVICTS THE WORLD OF SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGEMENT** _
- The Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5-6) **CLEANSSES ME FROM SIN AND GIVES ME THE GIFT OF A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE** _
- The Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13) **BAPTIZED ME INTO THE BODY – THE CHURCH** _ this is known as the Baptism by the Holy Spirit. When does this occur? **AT THE TIME OF SALVATION** _ . How often does it occur? **ONCE** _ .
- The Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14) **SEALS ME WITH A PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE** _ . This is known as the Sealing of the Holy Spirit.

4. How does the Holy Spirit minister in the believer's (my) life?
- The Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9) LIVES IN THE BELIEVER (ME) .
 - The Holy Spirit (1 Corin. 2:12-13) TEACHES ME THE THINGS OF GOD .
 - I am exhorted to:
 1. Ephesians 4:30 NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT .
 2. 1 Thess. 5:19 NOT TO QUENCH (PUY OUT) THE HOLY SPIRIT .
 3. Ephesians 5:18 BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT .
 4. Galatians 5:16 WALK IN THE SPIRIT .

What is the difference between being “filled with the Spirit” and “walking in the Spirit”?

All believers have the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit as a personal power for living to please God. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to “be under His total domination and control”. It involves confession of sin, surrender of will, intellect, body, time, talent, possessions, and desires. It requires the death of selfishness and the slaying of self-will. It means being filled with His Word and as such it, the Word, controls our thinking and actions (our walk). Walking in the Spirit requires the same thing. The word “walk” indicates continuous action and implies progress – the believer grows in his spiritual life. Therefore, being filled with the Spirit is the same as walking in the Spirit.

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Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Is it possible to be a Christian and not be “filled with the Spirit”? NO .

Is it possible to be a Christian and not be “walking in the Spirit”? YES/NO/MAYBE .

If you are “filled with the Spirit” and “walking in the Spirit” you will exhibit certain qualities, such as (Galatians 5:22-23):

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| 1. <u>LOVE</u> | 6. <u>GOODNESS</u> |
| 2. <u>JOY</u> | 7. <u>FAITHFULNESS</u> |
| 3. <u>PEACE</u> | 8. <u>GENTLENESS</u> |
| 4. <u>LONGSUFFERING</u> | 9. <u>SELF-CONTROL</u> |
| 5. <u>KINDNESS</u> | |

Are you exhibiting these qualities in your own life?

Next time we will be looking at “Prayer and the Believer”. Think about it – What is prayer? What is the purpose of prayer?