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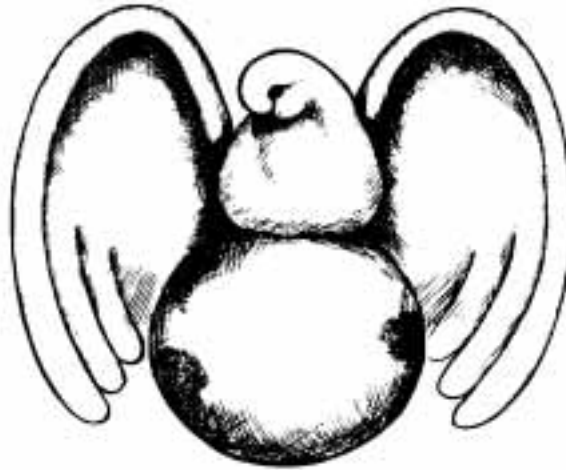
# The Holy Spirit

The disciples knew that Jesus was going away. He had told them so. At first it didn't sound like good news and their hearts were troubled. They loved Jesus; they had walked three years with Jesus. How could they live without Him?

Jesus read their hearts and He assured them that it was best for them that He return to His Father in heaven. His Father would send the Holy Spirit (part of the Trinity we read about in lesson 2) and they would never be left alone.

God's Spirit wouldn't be felt in just one country, or minister to just one race of people—but over the whole earth. On the Day of Pentecost Peter spoke to the crowd representing at least 15 different language groups. Acts 2:16-17 tells us what he said: “This is what the prophet Joel spoke about: This is what I will do in the last days, God says: I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.”

In Lesson 6 we studied about salvation. Did you know that we are brought to salvation through the work of the Holy Spirit? Let's study about the Holy Spirit and His work in us.



**In this lesson you will study . . .**

The Person of the Holy Spirit  
The Work of the Holy Spirit

**This lesson will help you . . .**

- Describe the person of the Holy Spirit.
- Explain the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation.
- Understand the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

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## THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Objective 1.** Describe who the Holy Spirit is and state at least five of His qualities.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person in the Godhead, called the *Holy Trinity*. Like the Father and the Son, He also has other names. Some are the *Holy Ghost*, the *Spirit of God*, the *Spirit of Truth*, the *Comforter*. Matthew 28:19 mentions all three Persons. “Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

The Holy Spirit is like God the Father. He is eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere. He works together with the Father and the Son and was with them at Creation. Let’s look at some verses that tell us about the Holy Spirit.

“Through the eternal Spirit he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to God”  
(Hebrews 9:14).

“The Spirit searches everything, even the hidden depths of God’s purposes”  
(1 Corinthians 2:10).

“God’s spirit made me and gave me life” (Job 33:4).

The Holy Spirit moved on prophets and priests in Old Testament times. He helped men and women to serve God. Of Joseph who was sold as a slave into Egypt it was said, “We will never find a better man than Joseph, a man who has God’s spirit in him” (Genesis 41:38).



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### For You To Do

- 1 The Holy Spirit is the ..... Person of the ..... He works together with the ..... and the ..... and has been on earth since .....
- 2 Read the following Scriptures. By each write the quality or characteristic of the Holy Spirit that the verse mentions.
  - a Romans 15:13 .....
  - b Hebrews 10:15 .....
  - c 1 Peter 4:14 .....
  - d 1 John 5:6 .....
  - e John 14:26 .....

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## THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Objective 2.** Identify six functions of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Bible.

The Holy Spirit plays an essential part in our salvation. He shows us how wrong our sins are and helps us accept Jesus as our Savior. He changes our lives.

And when he comes [the Holy Spirit], he will prove to the people of the world that they are wrong about sin and about what is right and about God’s judgment (John 16:8).

“I am telling you the truth,” replied Jesus, “that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. A person is born physically of human parents, but he is born spiritually of the Spirit” (John 3:5-6).

The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer. He enters the heart when conversion takes place. “To show you that you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who cries out, ‘Father, my Father’” (Galatians 4:6). Romans 8:9 says further, “Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.” If we belong to the family of God, His Spirit dwells within us.

For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God’s children, and by the Spirit’s power we cry out to God, “Father! my Father!” (Romans 8:15-16).

We have talked about the *indwelling* of the Holy Spirit and we may also have the infilling of the Holy Spirit which occurs after conversion. It is sometimes, called the *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*. Not every believer is baptized in the Holy Spirit, but it is an experience God wants all His children to have.

He [Jesus] has been raised to the right side of God, his Father, and has received from him the Holy Spirit, as he had promised. What you now see and hear is his gift that he has poured out on us (Acts 2:33).

Peter said unto them, “Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God’s gift, the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

The Holy Spirit is our Comforter, our Helper. He teaches, gives us love and fellowship, and guides us into truth. He has fruit for us, like joy, peace, patience, humility and self-control (Galatians 5:22) and spiritual gifts with which to minister unto the Lord and to our fellowman (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).



**For You To Do**

**3** Circle the letter in front of the following statements that are TRUE.

- a** The Holy Spirit is present in every believer.
- b** The Holy Spirit guides us toward salvation.
- c** Conversion and baptism in the Holy Spirit are the same.
- d** The Holy Spirit declares us children of God.

**4** Read the Scripture references on the left. Write in front of each the number of the work of the Spirit listed on the right that is mentioned in the reference.

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| .... <b>a</b> Isaiah 11:2   | 1) Gives power                           |
| .... <b>b</b> Ezekiel 36:27 | 2) Teaches                               |
| .... <b>c</b> Joel 2:28     | 3) Reveals the truth                     |
| .... <b>d</b> Luke 12:12    | 4) Gives wisdom, knowledge, and skill    |
| .... <b>e</b> Micah 3:8     | 5) Gives prophecies, dreams, and visions |
| .... <b>f</b> John 16:13    | 6) Causes you to keep God’s laws         |



## Check Your Answers

- 1** third  
Trinity.  
Father  
Son  
creation.
- 3 a** True.  
**b** True.  
**c** False.  
**d** True.
- 2 a** Power.  
**b** Witness.  
**c** Glorious.  
**d** Truth.  
**e** Helper.
- 4 a** 4) Gives wisdom, knowledge, and skill.  
**b** 6) Causes you to keep God's laws.  
**c** 5) Gives prophecies, dreams, and visions.  
**d** 2) Teaches.  
**e** 1) Gives power.  
**f** 3) Reveals the truth.

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