



Foundations of Faith

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Session 3 - The Spirit's Role: His Gifting and Direction

Who is he?

- ★ What do you think of when you hear:
“Holy Spirit”?
“Holy Ghost”?

Jesus was about to go to the cross. He had shared his last Passover meal with his disciples, and he clearly told them:

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you ... On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

📖 John 14:15-17; 20

He is the Comforter ➔ “Paraclete”

- Advocate
- One who pleads/intercedes for another
- Helper

★ He, the Spirit, gives birth to the church in Acts Chapter 2.

He is God (third Person of the Trinity)

One of the first incidences of sin in the church brings great clarification to the identity of The Holy Spirit.

Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit ...? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

📖 Acts 5:3,4b

What does he do?

Before Conversion:

- Conviction - Jn. 16:7,8

Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.

At Conversion:

- Rebirth/Regeneration - Jn. 1:12,13; 3:5-8 [Children born of God]

- Baptism - 1 Cor. 12:13 [Rom. 8:9 ➔ No Spirit, then no belonging to Christ]

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

★ Anointing 2 Cor. 1:21 and Indwelling 1Cor. 6:19



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- **Sealing** - 2Cor. 1:22
He set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
- **Gifting** - Rom. 12:4-7; 1Cor. 12 [Many different gifts, one and the same Spirit]
Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1Cor.12:7

How do we respond to him?

Four clear commands:

1. Do not _____ (“put out the Spirit’s fire”) 1Thes. 5:19
2. Do not _____ Eph. 4:30
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Context ➔ How we treat one-another [rage, anger, brawling, slander]; Instead, treat each other with kindness and forgive one another as Christ forgave you.

3. By getting _____ Eph. 5:18
Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
4. _____ by the Spirit Gal. 5:16
So I say, live (walk) by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

What does he produce in our lives?

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

📖 Galatians 5:22-25



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DEFINITIONS OF THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TIME	MINISTRY	VERSES	EXPLANATION	CONDITIONS	REPEATED	RESULTS	MISTAKES
Before conversion (also common grace of Spirit)	Conviction -of sin -to Christ	Jn. 16:8-11 Rom. 8:30	The conscience toward sin and judgment and call to Christ and righteousness given by the Spirit, through the Word, Christians, and a person's thoughts.	All	Yes, but can stop	Turning to receive Christ	
At conversion When you receive Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit.	Regeneration /Rebirth	Jn. 1:12,13 Born of Spirit Titus 3:5 Washing of regeneration	The act of God which gives us new birth, and starts us with a new nature or spirit within us. It wipes out the past as a new indwelling source of power. (2 Cor. 5:17)	At salvation - All Christians	No	2 Cor. 5:17 New person. New righteous standing before God.	
	Indwelling	1 Cor. 6:19 Body is his temple	The Holy Spirit comes to live in you. He dwells in your spirit and life. His is Christ in your heart. Eph. 3:17	At salvation - All Christians	No	He guides, bears fruit, is source of faithful Christian life.	Some Christians don't have. NOT SO. Rom. 8:9 <u>Special Case</u> Unity of Church Acts 8:14-17 Samaritans
	Anointing	2 Cor. 1:21 1 Jn. 2:20,27	God's presence in a life, setting the person apart for service and holiness. Similar to indwelling but emphasis on the Spirit's arrival.	At salvation - All Christians	No 2 Cor. 1:21 aorist, past tense. Done.		
	Baptism by the Spirit	Acts 1:5 1 Cor. 12:13 Eph. 4:5 Gal. 3:27	The Spirit's immersing us into the body of Christ.	At salvation - All Christians <i>Note: no command for believer to <u>be baptized</u> by Spirit.</i>	No All have <u>been</u> . Once for all	1. Member of body of Christ 1 Cor. 12:13 2. Union w/ Christ in death & resurrection Rom. 6:1-10	1. Confused with filling. 2. Some Christians don't have. NOT SO. 3. That tongues always did/does accompany.

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At conversion When you receive Spirit of Christ, Holy Spirit.	Sealing	2 Cor. 1:22 Eph. 1:13 With the Spirit. Eph. 4:30	The security/assurance stamp on the believer's life.	At salvation - All Christians Eph. 1:13	Once for all.	1. Certainty of by God. 2. Promise of things to come.	
	Gifts	Rom. 12:4-7 1Pet. 4:10	Spiritual abilities to minister to and build the body of Christ.	At salvation – All Christians 1 Pet. 4:10 Each one.	Possibly Can seek & develop.	1. Special interest and abilities, motivations. 2. Edify	
After salvation for growth, sanctification	Filling, Control	Eph. 5:18	Doing what Spirit wants you to do; control in all areas of life.	Yield control to Holy Spirit	Yes	Fruit of Spirit: Obedience, all areas of life.	1. Once for all. 2. Physical signs
	Discernment Guidance	1 Cor. 2:13,14 1Jn. 2:27	Leadership and understanding through the Word and conscience.	Seek, pray; study obey	Yes	Walking in the Spirit; conviction on what to do.	That guidance is mostly physical. Rules out human teachers. NO. Eph. 4:11-13 1Thes. 5:12,13
	Comfort-Peace	Rom. 15:13	Sense of security, rest.	Believe, trust	Yes	Rest (Heb. 4)	
	Fruit of Spirit	Gal. 5:22-23	His production of characteristics of God.	Abide in Christ, walk in Spirit.	Yes	Image of Christ.	All put-ons; or impossible
	Gifts-Development	Rom. 12	Use of spiritual abilities his way.	Obey, serve	Yes	Minister his way: build.	All for all; strain to get.