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### THE HOLY SPIRIT

*(This lesson is designed to teach us about the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. We cover aspects of the Holy Spirit's work such as being filled with the Spirit, walking in the Spirit, being led by the Spirit and baptism in the Holy Spirit).*

#### **The Holy Spirit Is a Person**

The analogy of "wind."

The Hebrew and Greek words for 'Spirit' literally mean wind.

Hebrew "*ruach*" = "breath; air; strength; wind; breeze"

Greek "*pneuma*" = "the wind," "breath," "to breathe, blow"

Wind—we do different things

We breathe air (wind)

We feel the wind

We can generate energy from the wind

We can use the wind to sail

We can pull into the wind to fly an airplane

In a similar manner, we can just remain at the level where we "breathe" the wind of the Spirit or we can go further and learn to pull into the wind of the Spirit and fly into greater realms. There is a lot we can experience of the "wind" of the Spirit.

Though the words used in Scripture are translated "wind," we must always remember that the Holy Spirit is a Person, a real Spirit-Being. He is God, co-equal with the Father and the Son, and to be equally honored and worshipped.

#### **The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Believer**

##### **At the New Birth**

*Born again by water and the Spirit*

John 3:1-8

**There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be**

born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Water represents natural birth. It could also signify new birth through the power of the Word, since water is a symbol of the Word of God.

1 Peter 1:23

**Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.**

John 15:3

**You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.**

Ephesians 5:26

**That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,**

*Born of the regenerative work of the Spirit*

Titus 3:4,5

**But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,**

The Spirit of sonship has been sent into our hearts

Galatians 4:6,7

**And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

The Holy Spirit gives us the "assurance" of our sonship/salvation.

Romans 8:14-16

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

## In Every Day Life

*Crucifying the flesh*

*(Study Romans chapters 6, 7 & 8 and Galatians chapter 5)*

Galatians 6:8

**For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.**

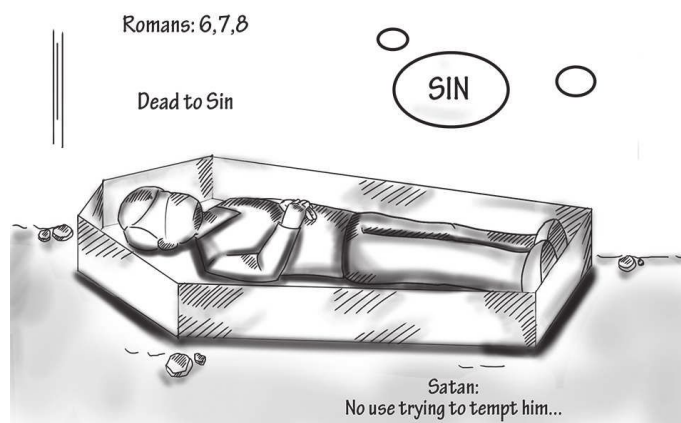
*Temples of the Spirit*

1 Corinthians 3:16,17

**Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.**

1 Corinthians 6:19,20

**Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**



*Changes us into Christ-likeness*

2 Corinthians 3:18

**But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

*Walking in the Spirit / Being filled with the Spirit***What does it mean to be filled by the Spirit?**

Ephesians 5:18-21

**And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.**

The word compares “being filled with the Spirit” to a drunken state. When you see a person under the influence of alcohol or in a drunken state you can tell. How? They don’t walk straight. They don’t talk straight. And if you are close enough you can even smell the alcohol!!!

We should be so intoxicated by the Spirit, that people can tell when they see us that we are filled by the Spirit.

The characteristics that set apart a person that is filled by the Spirit or walks in the Spirit is in Ephesians 5:19-21:

Speaking Galatians 5:16-24

**I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

*The Fruit of the Spirit (Christ-like virtues)*

Galatians 5:22,23

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*Revelatory work of the Spirits*

Knowledge of the things prepared for us

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

**But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received,**

*Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.*

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.*

*Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*



not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

*Guides us into all truth*

John 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**Being Led by the Spirit**

Romans 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

*Conscience bearing witness with the Holy Spirit*

Romans 9:1

**I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit.**

How to test what I feel is the "leading of the Spirit?"

- The Spirit and the Word agree.

1 John 5:7

**For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.**

- Is Jesus glorified?

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- Is it righteous?
- Do other godly believers bear witness to this?



**The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is empowering to be a witness for Jesus.

Matthew 3:11

**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

After His resurrection, Jesus met with the disciples, breathed on them and they were born again.

John 20:21,22

**So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

He then told them to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:48,49

**And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**

Acts 1:4,5,8

**And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is distinct from the "new birth" experience.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit or the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for all believers.

### *Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit*

Acts 2:1-4, 14-18, 38,39

**When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."**

Acts 8:5-21

**Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.**

Acts 9:17,18

**And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.**

I Corinthians 14:18

**I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.**

Acts 10:44-48

**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.**

Acts 19:1-7

**And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all.**

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit or the baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by supernatural manifestations—praying in other tongues being the most common.

What is the difference between the indwelling of the Spirit and the baptism of the Spirit?

John 4:13,14

**Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**

John 7:37,38

**On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."**

## The Benefits of Praying in the Spirit

*(Please take a copy of the APC Publication 'The Wonderful Benefits of Praying in Tongues' and study it)*

- Praying without boundaries—praying the mysteries of God

1 Corinthians 14:2

**For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.**

- Praying according to God's perfect will

Romans 8:26,27

**Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

- Helps overcome the weaknesses of the flesh

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Matthew 3:11,12

**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

The baptism in fire at a personal level has to do with the burning up of the chaff, the things of the flesh.

- Personal edification—builds you up spiritually

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Jude 1:20

**But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,**

Ephesians 3:16

**That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,**

- Rest and refreshing

Isaiah 28:11,12

**For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," and, "This is the refreshing;" yet they would not hear.**

1 Corinthians 14:21

**In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; and yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord.**

- Another way to praise and magnify God

Acts 10:46

**For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.**

- Enables your spirit to receive the mysteries (hidden secrets) of God for your own life. Very often the meaning of what you are saying is conveyed to your own spirit as you are praying.

1 Corinthians 2:7-16

**But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.**

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- Helps stir up the gifts of God within you—being the most basic spiritual gift, when you stir yourself up in this area.

2 Timothy 1:6

**Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.**

## KEY MEMORY VERSES

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## APPLICATION

1. How can you grow in your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

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2 Are there areas in my life, where I need to depend more on the Spirit's help, to see change and transformation? What are some of these? Begin praying/talking about these to the Holy Spirit and seek His work in those areas.

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