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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Deity of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the children to the concept of Trinity.
- To help children understand that the Holy Spirit is God.
- To help children understand the attributes of God in the Holy Spirit.
- To help children understand the works of God in the Holy Spirit.



MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:19: “Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...”



TEACHING CONTENT

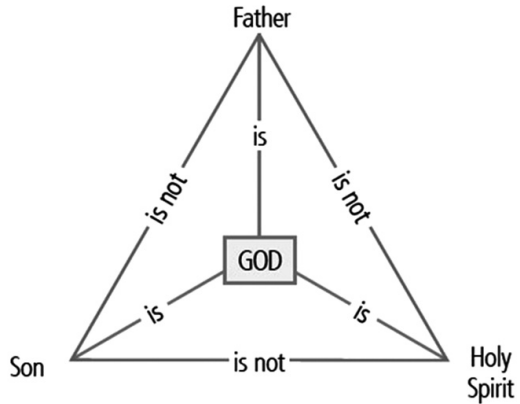
The Holy Spirit is God. He is definitely not just a “force” or “power” of God, but He is God. We believe in one God—this truth is found in Deuteronomy 6:4: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

We also believe that this one God expressed Himself in three persons—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. People have called

this Trinity—three in unity, and though we do not find the word ‘Trinity’ in the Bible, we find the word ‘Godhead.’

Father, Son and Holy Spirit are completely ‘God’ because each One of them fully possesses the nature of God. Yet, each Person of the Trinity is different in role and relationship, with respect to the others. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father and the Father is not the Holy Spirit.

Eg.,: I am a daughter/son to my parents, a sister/brother to my sisters/brothers, a student to my teacher, a granddaughter/grandson to my grandparents and so on. I am just one person, of the same nature and characteristics, but I have different roles and hence different names. Similarly, God is **One** but because of His different roles, He has made Himself known in three different Persons.



Completely understanding the Trinity is beyond our little human minds. As Christians, we accept the Trinity by faith because certain aspects of God are beyond our understanding. It is important that we understand who the Holy Spirit is and are able to see from Scripture why we believe what we do about Him. From the Bible, let us establish the following three points:

- I. The Holy Spirit Is God
- II. The Attributes of God in the Holy Spirit
- III. The Works of God in the Holy Spirit

I. Holy Spirit Is God

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and, He is equal to God the Father and God the Son.

A. The Holy Spirit Is Mentioned on an Equal Level with God

We will look at three references in the Bible where all three persons of the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are mentioned. This will help us establish the truth that all three are One, though they have different roles. In these references we will also see that the Holy Spirit is mentioned on an equal level with God.

- In **Matthew 28:19**, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as God when He told His disciples to go and make disciples by baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19: “Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...”

- In 2 Corinthians 13:14 and 1 Peter 1:2, both the writers refer to the Holy Spirit in this same manner. They specifically list all three persons of the Trinity or Godhead.

2 Corinthians 13:14: “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

1 Peter 1:2: “Who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood ...”

These verses show that the Holy Spirit is God, equal with God and yet separate from the Father and Son.

B. The Holy Spirit and God Are One

A few verses in the Old Testament that refer to God when in the New Testament are ascribed to the Holy Spirit, which means they are one God.

Isaiah 6:8-10: “Then I heard, the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send?’ ... He said, ‘Go and tell this people: Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’ Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.’ ”

This verse refers to God speaking. The same verse is mentioned in Acts 28:25-27 but says that the Holy Spirit said it.

Acts 28:25-27: "They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: 'The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when He said through Isaiah the prophet: 'Go to this people and say, you will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'"

Read Psalm 95:7-11.

Psalm 95:7-11: "... for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert, where your fathers tested and tried Me, though they had seen what I did. For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known My ways.' So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

This verse speaks of hearing God's voice. The same verse mentioned in Hebrews 3:7-9 refers to the Holy Spirit speaking.

Hebrews 3:7-9: "So, as the Holy Spirit says: 'Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, where your fathers tested and tried Me and for forty years saw what I did.'"

Hence we see from these verses that God and the Holy Spirit are one.

II. Attributes of God in the Holy Spirit

An attribute is a quality or characteristic that is natural in a person. The attributes of God are those qualities or characteristics that belong to Him. The Bible ascribes many attributes to the Holy Spirit; all of them ascribe Him as God. Let us look at four attributes of God and see if they are ascribed to the Holy Spirit as well.

A. God Is Eternal

The word eternal means "everlasting, having no beginning and no end." God has no beginning and no end. He has always been and He will always be forever.

Hebrews 9:14 – speaks of “the eternal Spirit.”

“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”

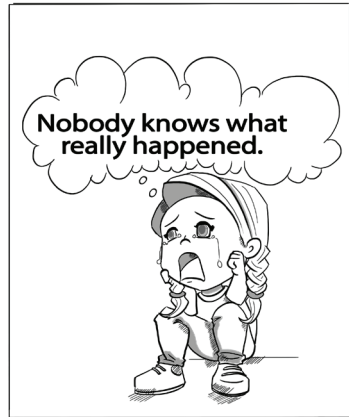
Thus showing us just as God is eternal the Holy Spirit is also eternal, hence He is God.

God knows ALL things

B. God Is Omniscient

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 – says the things of God are known only by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit’s wisdom is infinite.

“... but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”



The Holy Spirit therefore knows all things, and is able to teach us all things.

C. God Is Omnipresent

Psalms 139:7-8 – David says the Holy Spirit is everywhere.

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.”



This verse reveals that it is through His Spirit that God makes Himself present everywhere at the same time. No matter where we may go, God is

there by His Spirit—invisible, but we cannot escape from His presence.

D. God Is Omnipotent

The works that God does by His power, such as creation, are also ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

Job 33:4: “The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

Psalms 104:30: “When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.”



Omnipresence, omnipotence and omniscience are attributes of God. The Holy Spirit has these attributes of God, hence He is God.

III. Works of God in the Holy Spirit

Many of the works of the Holy Spirit are those that can be performed only by God Himself. Such actions show that the Holy Spirit is God.

A. The Spirit was Active in Creation



In the Bible, the act of creation is attributed to God. The Bible also makes it clear that the Holy Spirit was involved in creation; He is the Creator of the world.



Genesis 1:2: “Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

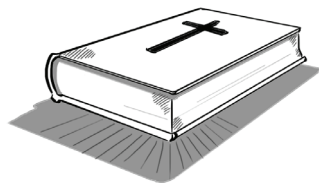
This verse speaks of the Spirit moving on the face of the waters and present during creation.

Genesis 1:26: “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness ...’ ”

This gives us a glimpse of the Trinity working in harmony to create man. ‘Let us make man in **our** image.’ The “Us” here is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

B. The Holy Spirit Inspired the Bible

The Bible makes it very clear that it was the Holy Spirit who revealed truth to the writers of the Bible and who inspired them, so they wrote what He wanted them to write.



2 Peter 1:21: “For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

C. The Act of Begetting Christ

Jesus was born through the conception of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:36: “The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.’”

In this single verse, we see that the power of the Spirit and the power of God (“The Most High”) are equal causes for the virgin birth of Christ.

Creating, inspiring the Bible and Begetting Jesus are the distinctive works of God. The Bible ascribes these works to the Holy Spirit which indicates that the Holy Spirit is God.

You will notice that we did not just rest on one verse, but instead we compared Scripture with Scripture. Our interpretation is based on the whole of Scripture and not just an isolated verse.





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

People find it easy to believe that the Father and Son are God; but why do you think most people have a problem believing that the Holy Spirit is God?

Why is it important for us to study the Holy Spirit and know He is God?

Why did God who is One, express Himself in three persons to mankind?

Deity of the Holy Spirit

What is the role of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?

Role of God the Father

Role of God the Son

Role of God the Holy Spirit

Real Life Example:

Maybe you are still confused about the Trinity. Take a few minutes to read the experience of Bob as narrated by a pastor. This may help you.

“Thirty years ago a friend came to see me with a problem. He was a member of the church where I was a minister. I will call him Bob. He had been disappointed in the choice of a career and was uncertain about what he should do. Something was missing in his life. We soon got on to talking about the Gospel and our relationship with God. He admitted that he wasn’t too sure about that.

Shortly after, in company with another mature Christian, we again had a further discussion. Bob said that he would like to make a commitment of his life to Jesus. However, he did not feel that he understood enough to make that commitment yet. We showed him a passage from the New Testament, I Corinthians 2:9-12, where Paul explains that only the Holy Spirit knows the mind of God. There are many things God cannot reveal to us until we actually receive the Spirit into our lives. Therefore, if we wait till we ‘understand it all’ we will never do anything about it. Bob thought about that for a while and then deliberately got on his knees. He said, ‘Would somebody pray with me?’ We were happy to do that and Bob committed his life to Jesus, asking him to forgive his sins and asked the Holy Spirit to come into his life.

Over the next few days, Bob’s wife realized that he had found something real and a week later she made the same commitment. Over the past 30 years, they have both had a very useful ministry in service to God and others, both at home and overseas. They have also raised a lovely Christian family.

Now I am quite sure that Bob would tell you, if you asked him, that he still does not understand all about God. However, I am equally sure that he would tell you that life has been very satisfying, despite its problems, and that his understanding of God has grown with his personal experience of Him.

In any human relationship, if you really want to know someone and understand what makes them irritated or angry, you must first commit yourself to them. You must also allow them to share their lives with you. So it is with God. But once you have surrendered your life to Him, things will begin to happen. You will become

aware of the Holy Spirit at work in your life, doing things the Bible says He will do. Your love for Jesus will grow—the One who suffered for you and who now represents you in heaven. Your trust in the promises of your heavenly Father will grow as you search them out in His book, as will your desire to please Him. In short, the Trinity will begin to make sense, even if you don't understand it all. It will also make much more sense than anything else!

The New Testament gives us all we need to know in order to experience God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and, to grow through our lives in our enjoyment and understanding of our relationship with them."



APPLICATION

How wonderful to know that this great God who planned for our salvation even before the foundations of the earth, chose to come down to the earth to take our sins upon Himself. He made the full sufficient sacrifice for our sins. He then chose to live in us forever as it says in:

1 Corinthians 3:16: "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"

1 Corinthians 6:19: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

2 Corinthians 6:16: "What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"

What is your response to all that God has done?

Are you willing to accept this God and make Him the Lord of your life? He wants to live in you, be part of your life, and show Himself strong on your behalf.

As for those of you who accepted the Lord as Savior but failed to acknowledge the presence and working of God the Holy Spirit in our life, make up our minds today and decide right now to start opening that door to develop an awareness of the reality of the Holy Spirit within you.

Each day of this week, thank God for His plan of salvation. Thank Jesus for fulfilling the plan of salvation so that you can be free from the bondage of sin and receive eternal life. Thank the Holy Spirit for living in you so He can make you like God.

Also get familiar with the Holy Spirit by speaking to Him daily and acknowledging His presence in your life.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

My experience of how I got familiar with the Holy Spirit this week:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Read up the verses given below and fill in the blanks with the names and attributes of the Holy Spirit.

His Names

Acts 5:3-4

His Attributes

Hebrews 9:14

2 Corinthians 3:18

Luke 1:35

1 Corinthians 2:10

Psalms 139:7-10

1 Corinthians 3:16

1 Corinthians 12:11

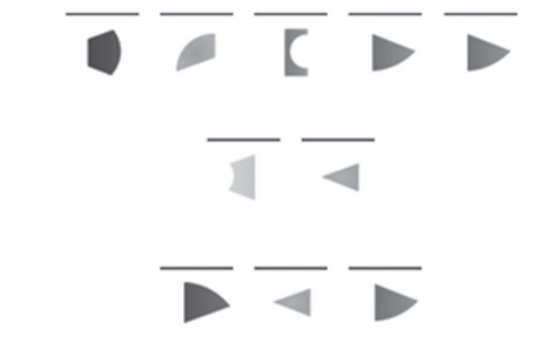
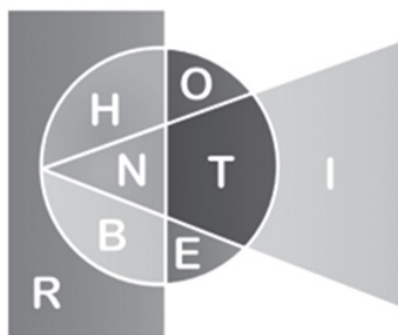
John 15:26

Romans 15:30

Hebrews 9:14

Acts 8:29; Acts 13:2

Find the letter that corresponds to the shapes given below.



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Personality of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To help children understand that the Holy Spirit is a person.
- To introduce them to the acts performed by the Holy Spirit.
- To explain to them the ways we can grieve the Holy Spirit.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

John 16:5-16



MEMORY VERSE

John 14:26 (NKJV): "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."



INTRODUCTION

In lesson 1 we learnt that the Holy Spirit has the attributes (characteristics) of God, and that the works of the Holy Spirit are those that are performed by God Himself. Hence, we learnt that the Holy Spirit is not just a "force" or "power" of God, but is God.

Many people believe that the Holy Spirit is a force or power of God because “ruach” the Hebrew word for Spirit (mentioned in the Old Testament, which was written in Hebrew) also means breath, and “pneuma,” the Greek word for Spirit (mentioned in the New Testament, which was written in Greek), also means wind or air. We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and relates to us as a person.

In our lesson today, we will learn that the Holy Spirit is a person and relates to us as a person.



TEACHING CONTENT

In John 16:5-16, Jesus told His disciples that He would soon be going back to the Father. When the disciples heard this, they were very sad. But they were encouraged when He told them that it is for their good that He is going back to the Father. When He goes to the Father, He will send them a helper—the Holy Spirit.

- New King James Version says Helper
- The King James Version translates Helper as Comforter
- The New International Version translates Helper as Counselor
- The New English Version translates Helper as Advocate

The different translations of the word “helper” gives us a more complete picture of the work of the Holy Spirit in us. He is our Helper, Advocate, Counselor and Comforter.

Helper = He empowers us with a desire to overcome sin and a desire to be more like Christ.

Advocate = He reminds us that we are children of God, God is for us and nothing can separate us from His love. We have the assurance of eternal life and the power to overcome the devil.

Counselor = He is our teacher and guides us on how to understand and apply God’s Word to our everyday lives. He gives us wisdom.

Comforter = He is our greatest, most-compassionate encourager in time of need.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why does God choose to dwell with us and in us?

What is the meaning of 'New Life' which is the result of the regenerative work of the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation?

What should be our response to the Holy Spirit indwelling us as our Helper?

In the video we just saw, Paul Yonggi Cho talks of how he fell into a trance when he poured out his heart to God. What was the key message he heard from God?

When Pastor Paul Yonggi Cho received a revelation of the Holy Spirit being a real person and having fellowship with Him, how did things change and why?

From what we learnt today, who do you think the Holy Spirit is and what has he been sent to do in your life?

Based on the lessons we have learnt today, and the video we have watched, how do you think we can cultivate a daily fellowship with the Holy Spirit?

What are some of the ways we can grieve or hurt the Holy Spirit? Look up the references below to find the answer.

Ephesians 4:30

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Hebrews 10:29

Acts 7:51

Psalms 106:33



APPLICATION

Aren't you excited to know that the one who dwells in you is willing and able to help you in each and every detail of your life? How wonderful to know that God just does not dwell in us to fellowship with us but to also help us in every area of our lives so He can make us like Him. He will teach, direct, guide, lead us etc only when we allow Him to work in us and when we fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

In your studies/sports—

If you are in the midst of studying and preparing for a test, His wisdom will flow through you. The Holy Spirit will be your senior partner, giving you the knowledge and expertise you need to succeed.

Difficult decisions—

Once you involve the Holy Spirit and share with Him your situation, you will sense Him intervening in any decision that you are about to make, through the absence or presence of His peace.

Temptations/trials—

He will warn you and talk you out of things/actions/thoughts which are not pleasing to the Lord. When you yield yourself to

Him and His counsel, you will receive supernatural power to say “No” to the things of the world and the devil, that draw you away from God.

Understand the Word—

When you study your Bible, the Holy Spirit will teach you and help you understand God’s Word. Reading your Bible will no longer become an exercise or duty but you will enjoy reading the Bible.

Weaknesses and bad habits –

He will give you the strength to overcome them.

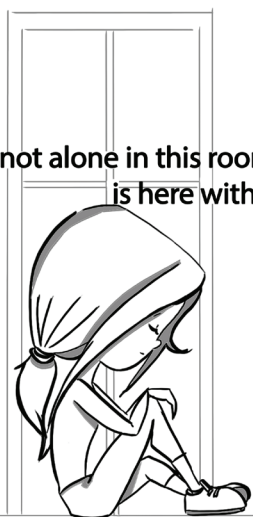
Fears –

No matter where you are, He is with you. Even in the midst of your fears, while you are alone in your room, He is there with you. The moment you begin to be aware of His presence and cultivate His presence, all your fears, anxieties and worries will leave.



The Holy Spirit is with you to direct you, guide you and lead you into becoming more like Christ, and to make you a success in every endeavour you undertake.

I am not alone in this room. The Holy Spirit is here with me



No matter where you are, He is with you. Even in the midst of your fears, while you are alone in your room, He is there with you. The moment you begin to be aware of His presence and cultivate His presence, all your fears, anxieties and worries will leave.

So as you cultivate this fellowship with the Holy Spirit, in the midst of everything that you do, learn to depend on Him.

Areas of my life where I need the help of the Holy Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Read the verses and write the Work of the Holy Spirit in the blanks.

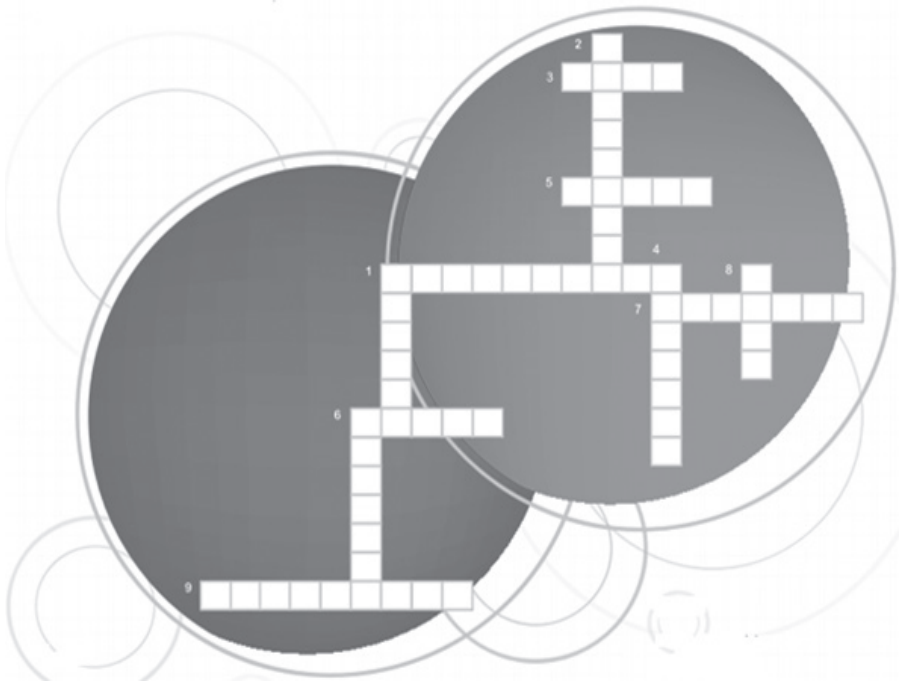
The Works of the Holy Spirit

_____ Ephesians 2:18	_____ Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20
_____ Luke 4:18	_____ Romans 8:26
_____ Romans 8:15-16; Galatians 4:6	_____ 1 Corinthians 2:1, 14;
_____ 2 Peter 1:20-21	Ephesians 1:17 _____
_____ John 1:23-34; 1 Corinthians 12:13-14	_____ Romans 8:14 _____
_____ John 3:3-6	_____ Romans 8:2 _____
_____ Acts 13:24; 20:28	_____ Galatians 5:22-23 _____
_____ 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:2	_____ Galatians 5:22-23 _____
_____ John 16:9, 14	_____ Luke 24:49 _____
_____ Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4	_____ Romans 8:11 _____
_____ 1 Thessalonians 1:5	_____ Titus 3:5 _____
_____ Acts 2:4; 4:29-31; 5:18-20	_____ Romans 15:16 _____
_____ 1 Corinthians 12:8-11	_____ Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30 _____
_____ John 16:14	_____ Ephesians 3:16; Acts 1:8; 2:4;
_____ John 16:13	1 Corinthians 2:4 _____
_____ Romans 8:26	_____ John 14:26 _____
_____ Romans 8:9-14; Galatians 4:6	_____ John 15: 26 _____
	_____ Romans 8:2-4; Galatians 4:6
	_____ Philippians 3:3 _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Work of the Holy Spirit crossword puzzle.



Across

1. Father, Son and Holy Spirit
3. We must be _____ again. John 3:6-7
5. Who baptises us with the Holy Spirit?
6. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of _____.
7. According to John 14:26 the Holy Spirit _____ us of things we need to know.
9. Helps those who are sad.

Down

1. One who assist
2. Gives Guidance. Father, Son, Holy Spirit = _____
6. Instructor
8. We will be baptised with the Holy Spirit and _____.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

This week how did you experience the Holy Spirit as a Teacher – to understand the Word of God.

Guide – in making the decisions and choices you had to take.

Helper – help received in your studies, sports or other activities.

Counselor – counsel you received in overcoming temptations.

Intercessor – help you received in praying.



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To introduce the children to the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.
- Children will learn that the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was 'selective.'



MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 3:20: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us."



TEACHING CONTENT

Just before Jesus was crucified, He told His disciples that He would be leaving them and returning to His Father in heaven. When they expressed their sorrow, He said: "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 ... But

I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you” (John 14:16-17, 16:7).

Why did Jesus say He will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever?

From the beginning of creation, throughout the period of the Old Testament, and until the death and resurrection of Jesus, the work of the Holy Spirit was ‘selective.’ ‘Selective’ means that the Holy Spirit did not come upon all the people of Israel but on just a few people to guide, direct and encourage them to do a specific task that God wanted them to do and for a limited period of time.

In contrast to this, Jesus promised His disciples that after He goes back to the Father, He would ask the Father to send them the Holy Spirit who would be with them forever—not with just a few believers for some time, but with **all** believers **forever**.

The work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was:

Limited in Extent

Only the nation of Israel experienced the work of the Holy Spirit. Even within the nation, only a few people enjoyed the enabling ministry of the Spirit.

Limited in their Duration

The Holy Spirit came upon a few men to enable and empower them to fulfill a particular assignment God had set for them. In some cases, like King Saul, the Holy Spirit withdrew from him because of his sin of disobedience.

Limited in their Effect

Even though all Israel benefited from the Spirit’s ministry, the Spirit did not indwell all individuals within the nation of Israel.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

God revealed to Joseph and Daniel the meaning of the dream. Does the Holy Spirit reveal things concerning our lives even today? To find the answer read John 16:13-15.

What does God reveal to us?



Video Presentation

Video: The Holy Spirit—His Presence and His Power

Duration: 2 minutes and 48 seconds

In the video we saw, what did the Holy Spirit reveal to Evelyn?

Does the Holy Spirit reveal things to all those who are born-again?

The Holy Spirit revealed God's truth to the Prophets and men of old, because of which we have the Old and New Testaments. Now since we have the Bible has the Holy Spirit stopped revealing God's Word to us?

When King Saul disobeyed God, the Holy Spirit left Him. So when we sin, does the Holy Spirit leave us too? To find the answer, read John 14:16 and Romans 8:9.

Since we can never lose our salvation, should we continue sinning?

The Israelites experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. Can we experience His power today?



APPLICATION

If you are born-again and baptised in the Holy Spirit, He is in you as everything He has ever been. He has the same awesome power, the same astounding ability to work miracles, to comprehend and plan in infinite detail everything that has ever been ... everything that now is ... and everything that ever will be! What is more, when you run into something you can't handle and you call on Him for help, He's not far away. He's right there inside you! He's ready to supply you with whatever you need. He's ready to be your Comforter, Teacher and your Counselor.

One of the reasons God has given you the Holy Spirit is that He intended for you to walk into a place and bring the power of God on the scene—the same power that enabled the judges, Joshua and King Saul to defeat their enemies.

Can you imagine all that God could do in this earth if we would just surrender our lives to Him and allow His power to work in our lives?

Paul said, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20).

Maybe you have been waiting for God to do something in your life or in the lives of those around you. Maybe you have been saying, “I know God is able to change this situation, help me in my studies, etc. I wonder why He doesn’t do it?” If so, let us read that last phrase again. It says He is able to do above what we can ask or think according to the power that works in us!

I encourage you today to start building your faith in that power. Look at yourself in the mirror and say, “The Spirit of God is living in me today and I expect Him to do wise, wonderful, amazing and miraculous things through me!” Instead of thinking on your problems and what

you don’t have and what you can’t achieve, believe in the power and sufficiency of the Greater One who lives and walks within you every moment of every day.

When you begin to realize what a dynamite team you two really are, you’ll blast off into ... exceedingly above all that you can ask or think ... and the devil will never be able to catch or stop you.



Areas of my life where I need the power of the Holy Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you.

**FOLLOW UP**

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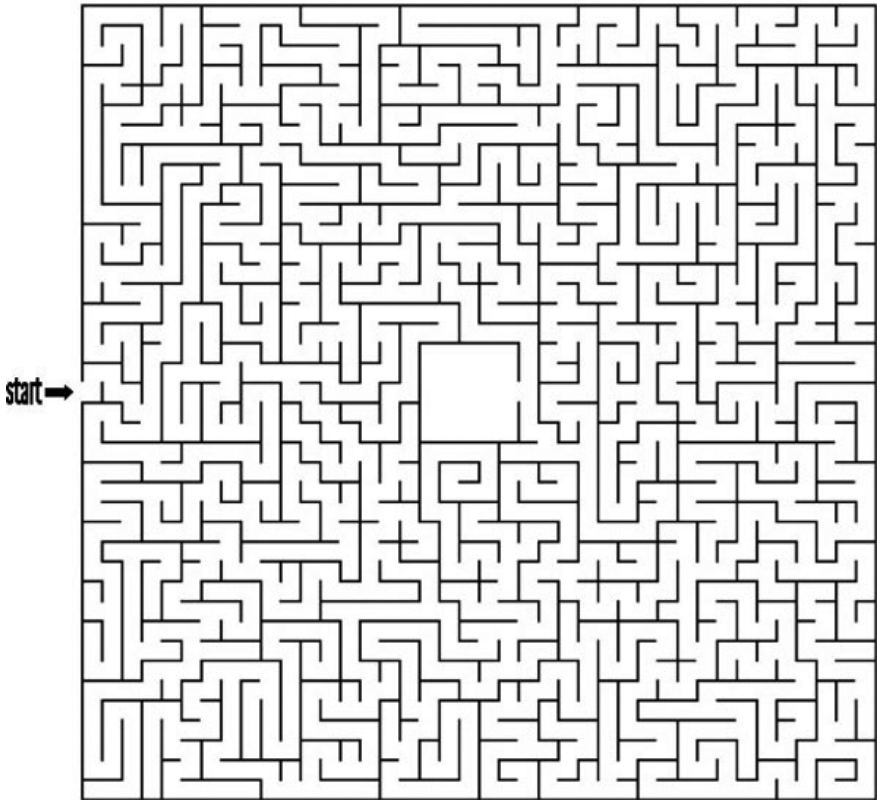
Help I received from the Holy Spirit and the areas He empowered me this week:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Remember ...

The Holy Spirit is not like a maze. You do not have to search for Him. He is with you always. As you do this puzzle, imagine what it would be like if you didn't have the Holy Spirit. Aren't you glad that God sent His Holy Spirit to be with us always?



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn about the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.
- Children will learn about the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.
- Children will learn that the Fruit of the Spirit is manifestation of the Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit.



MEMORY VERSE

Ezekiel 36:26-27: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

Read the scripture passages allotted to your group and write down in one line, the attitude or reaction of Peter and other disciples.

FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FATHERLYNESS

SELF CONTROL

GENTLENESS

FATHERLYNESS

SELF CONTROL

GENTLENESS

Group I

Matthew 26:32-35

Group II

Matthew 26:36-46

Group III

John 18:7-11

Group IV

John 18:15-18



John 18:25-27

Group V

Luke 24:36-39

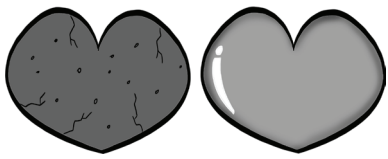


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Video Presentation

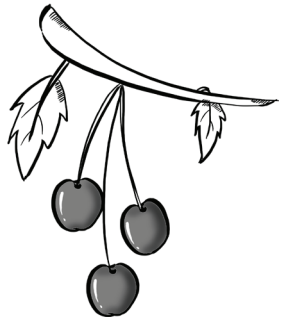
Video: What does it mean to be filled?

Is it possible to live the life that God wants us to live without the Holy Spirit?



What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

Why are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control called the Fruit of the Spirit?



FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

PATIENCE

SELF CONTROL

GENTLENESS

PATIENCE

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GENTLENESS

Some people say they are born-again, but their lives don't show the Fruit of the Spirit. Why?

What should we do when we feel an urge to do things that are unkind or bad?

In Galatians 5:16-25, what are the three images of the Spirit's work in our lives?

FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GODNESS

SELF CONTROL

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PATIENCE

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GENTLENESS

What is the meaning of the three images of the Spirit's work in our lives?

Paul contrasts the "works of the flesh" with the "fruit of the Spirit." Why does he not contrast these with the "works of the Spirit"?

How do we walk in the Spirit?



Works of the flesh

FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

SELF-CONTROL

SELF-CONTROL

GENTLENESS

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SELF-CONTROL

GENTLENESS



APPLICATION

Just like the Holy Spirit empowered and transformed the disciples the same Holy Spirit will empower us to live holy and righteous lives. Just as we were able to see the difference in the lives of the disciples as a result of indwelling presence the Holy Spirit, similarly people will know the Spirit of God is in us when they see the fruit of the Spirit manifested in our attitudes and actions.

God desires and is willing to produce the fruit in our lives, but we do have a part to play. Our attitude and our actions affect how the Holy Spirit works in us. We can quench His power and influence when we continue to fulfill the desires of the flesh, or we can share in His work of sanctification when we choose to obey His commands and pray for strength, to put to death the desires of the flesh. The more we obey God and pray, the more we walk in the Spirit and bear the Fruit of the Spirit.

Are you willing to allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life? If so, pray, and ask God to help us obey His Word and strength to put to death the desires of the flesh.

What steps are you going to take to be filled with the Holy Spirit so He can produce His fruit in your life?

Begin this week by:

- Obeying God
- Praying for strength to put to death the desires of the flesh
- When you feel like choosing the deeds of the flesh, kill those thoughts
- Pray for God to manifest in your life the Fruit of the Spirit.

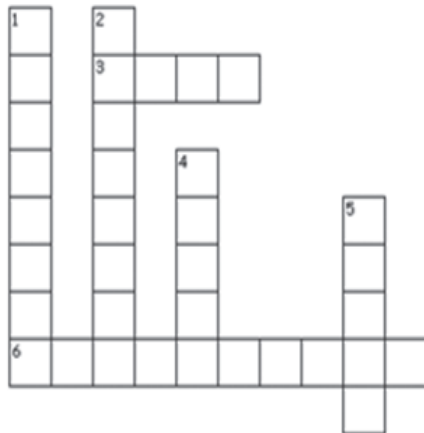


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Every day this week, read the following Scripture passages to see how the believers were in-filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. We'll discuss about this next week.

- Monday** : Acts 2:1-21
Tuesday : Acts 2: 22-41
Wednesday : Acts 3:1-10
Thursday : Acts 3:11-26
Friday : Acts 4:1-22
Saturday : Acts 4:23-31

INDWELLING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Across

3. The Holy Spirit lives within us to _____.
6. The Holy Spirit _____ us from the unclean.

Down

1. When we accept Jesus in our lives, the Spirit of God _____ in us.
2. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is an indication that we are the _____ of God.
4. Work of the Holy Spirit is seen externally through its _____.
5. Greater miracles are possible only through the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

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FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

Deeds of the flesh I was able to kill and crucify this week. In their place the fruit of the Spirit I was able to show forth.

WORKS OF THE FLESH	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Infilling Power of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn the significance of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- Children will learn that speaking in tongues and gifts of the Spirit are an outward manifestation of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- Doubts, fears and misconceptions regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit will be cleared from the minds of the children.



MEMORY VERSE

Joel 2:28-29: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."



TEACHING CONTENT

In lesson 4, we learnt of the work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life as a result of His Indwelling Presence in us. This we saw was the fulfillment of Jesus' Promise to His disciples that the Holy Spirit would dwell in them forever (John 14:17).

After Jesus' death and resurrection, He made another promise to His disciples that is recorded for us in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:5,8.

Luke 24:49: "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:5: "For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We also learnt that Jesus breathed on His disciples and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' This was when the disciples had a born-again experience and received the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. If the disciples received the Holy Spirit, then why did Jesus ask His disciples to stay in Jerusalem to be clothed/baptised with the power of the Spirit? In our lesson today, we will learn the answer to this question.

I. The Infilling Power of the Holy Spirit

When the disciples were baptised with the Holy Spirit the same power that was upon Jesus came upon the Church on the Day of Pentecost.

This work of the Holy Spirit, which we call the 'Baptism,' is an infilling of spiritual power. This power is given to us for a specific reason—to fulfill the mission of God on earth. It was for this purpose that Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit—so they would have power to be witnesses and make disciples of all nations (Acts 1:8).

The Greek word 'dunamis,' translated power, means 'ability' and 'might.' When you receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, you receive the ability of God to do His work on the earth. The Spirit indwelling us helps us become Christ-like and causes us to bear fruit (Fruit of the Spirit) in our own personal lives. The Infilling Power of the Spirit (Baptism of the Spirit) is for us believers, so that we may enter into all the fullness of God and serve Him.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Holy Spirit indwelt the disciples when they were born again. Then why did Jesus ask His disciples to stay in Jerusalem to be clothed/baptised with the power of the Spirit?

What does the baptism of the Holy Spirit bring to our lives?

As we read in Acts 2:1-4, at Pentecost, divided tongues of fire came on each one of them. This was not fire itself—but looked like fire. Why did the Holy Spirit come and rest on them like tongues of fire?



Video Presentation

Video: Holy Spirit baptising prisoners in a prison

Duration: 3mins and 30 seconds

Are there any criteria to receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for all born-again believers or only a few selected ones whom God favors?

Should we fast, pray and cry out to God to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? To find the answer read Luke 11:9-13.

Can a person be baptised soon after they are born-again, or should they wait for a few days, just as the disciples did? Read Acts 10:44-46 to find the answer.

Is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit for children? Read Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:38-29.

Read the experience of the following children and say who were baptised in the Spirit and who were not.

Every night, Anita prayed asking God to baptise her in the Holy Spirit. One night when she was praying, she felt her tongue twist and began to speak in tongues.

**Was Anita baptised in the Spirit – Yes / No
If Yes! State the reason for your answer.**



Ajay, Sanjay and Vijay were standing up in front along with other children, at Children’s Church praying to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. After the service all three of them shared their experience with one other:

Ajay said, ‘When Pastor was praying, I felt a burning sensation in my body and, my hands and feet became burning hot. Suddenly I started muttering and speaking in a funny language.’

Did Ajay receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit – Yes / No

Give your reason.

Sanjay said he felt as though some strong power had struck him, and almost fell down. He too felt funny words come out of his mouth.

Did Sanjay receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit – Yes / No

Give your reason.

Vijay said he did not experience anything. But he did start muttering and speaking words which he found strange and could not understand.

Did Vijay receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit – Yes / No

Give your reason.

Tina attended the Holy Spirit baptism service for the second time, and pastor prayed for her to be baptised in the Spirit; this time she jumped, danced and shouted.

**Did Tina receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit – Yes / No
Give your reason.**



APPLICATION

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is God’s gift to all who believe in the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants all of us to not just be like Him but also do what He did. He wants us to be baptised in the Spirit so we can receive power to be His witnesses and perform the miracles He did.

If you are not baptised in the Spirit, ask God for it. When you ask, have simple faith and prepare yourself to receive it. It may happen this week when you are praying at home or it may be during the Holy Spirit Baptism service at Children’s Church.

Ask God for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- Because you want the power and boldness to preach the good news, so people don’t go to hell but receive eternal life.
- So you can deliver people from satan’s bondage of sickness, pain, depression, discouragement, fear and suicide.
- So people can live in the fullness that God has for them, and not under the bondage and strongholds of the devil.

Remember:

- Don't fear and doubt.
- Don't try to think and reason how to do it; just ask and have faith, and you will receive it.
- Don't ask so that others will think you're holy and spiritually superior to others when you begin speaking in tongues.

Are you already baptised in the Holy Spirit, but still lack the boldness to speak about Jesus, to stand up for the right values and speak up for what is right?

Do you lack the boldness to use your talents (singing, playing instruments, praying etc) for his Kingdom?

Do you lack the boldness to pray for the sick, depressed, the hopeless and fearful?

If so, tell God you are sorry for not using the power that He has filled you with; and ask the Holy Spirit to help you use the power that He has given you. Ask for a fresh filling (anointing) of the Holy Spirit each day.

Areas I need the Holy Spirit to make me bold so I can witness to others about Jesus:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Every day this week, read the following Scripture passages regarding the infilling power of the Holy Spirit. We'll discuss these passages next week.

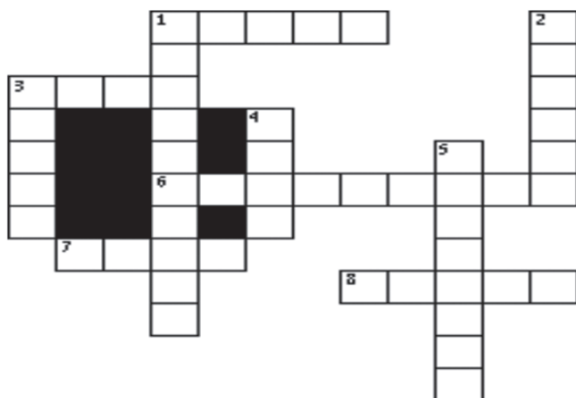
- Monday** : Acts 10:1–23
- Tuesday** : Acts 10: 24–48
- Wednesday** : Acts 8:1–8; 14-17
- Thursday** : Acts 9:1–19
- Friday** : Acts 19:1-7



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Take from Calvary Chapel)

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
(ACTS 2:1-41)



- 6 ACROSS "Now when the Day of _____ had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." ACTS 2:1
- 4 DOWN "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty _____, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." ACTS 2:2
- 7 ACROSS "Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of _____, and one sat upon each of them." ACTS 2:3
- 1 DOWN "And they were all filled with the _____ _____ and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." ACTS 2:4
- 5 DOWN "And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were _____, because everyone heard them speak in his own language." ACTS 2:6
- 3 ACROSS "...this is what was spoken by the prophet _____." ACTS 2:16
- 3 DOWN "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this _____, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ACTS 2:36

- 1 ACROSS "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the _____, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' " ACTS 2:37
- 2 DOWN "Then Peter said to them, ' _____, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' " ACTS 2:38
- 8 ACROSS "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand _____ were added to them." ACTS 2:41



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture lesson for this week:



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Speaking in Tongues



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn that Speaking in tongues was God's plan, because it was foretold by the Prophets in the Old Testament.
- Speaking in tongues is the first outward sign that a person is baptised in the Spirit.
- Speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues are two of the nine gifts of the Spirit.
- Children will learn the benefits of speaking in tongues.



MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:26: "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."



TEACHING CONTENT

Last week, we studied about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We learnt that speaking in tongues is the first outward evidence for a person who is baptised in the Spirit.

What is the meaning of speaking in tongues?

Speaking in tongues is a supernatural gift of God. It is speaking in an unknown language, in a language that the person does not know or has not learned; but God knows and understands.

The Holy Spirit releases the words into our spirit, and from our spirit, these words flow out through our vocal organs. We speak these out by faith and as an act of our will. While there are other uses for speaking in tongues, the primary purpose of praying in tongues is for us to speak to God and not to men. So this language is sometimes called a prayer language or heavenly language.

Benefits of Speaking in Tongues

Communicate God's Message to Unbelievers

On Pentecost, when the disciples began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance, the large crowd of Jews were amazed how the men who were Galileans are perfectly speaking in languages unknown to them. Thus we see the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy which we read at the beginning of our class.

The Jews in the crowd asked one another, 'What does this mean?' Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' When Peter heard this he preached to the crowd. At the end of the message about three thousand people accepted Jesus and were baptised. The 120 people speaking in tongues led to about three thousand people hearing the gospel message and being baptised.

When Peter preached the gospel to the people gathered in Cornelius' house, all of them were baptised in the Spirit and spoke in tongues. Peter said to the astonished Jews, "... they have received the Holy Spirit just as we have" (Acts 10:47). In this case we see that speaking in tongues was used to confirm to the Jews that the Gentiles were worthy of salvation and should therefore receive the Gospel as well.

Speak Mysteries to God

When we pray in tongues, we speak mysteries. Mysteries are things unknown to the human mind, but known to the Spirit of God. These could be things that have happened in the past, happenings in the present, or things that will happen in the future which we know nothing about as yet. There could be things about us or

about someone else that need to be prayed about, but our mind is not aware of these things. When we pray in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit knows all things and releases a prayer (intercession) through us, for that very thing.

For instance, in the coming weeks, a person that I know may face something very important, but I'll probably have no idea about this. However, when I pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit can lift up a prayer through me for that person's need, something I have no knowledge of, and often I may not even be aware of having prayed for that need. But the 'job' is done!

First, we pray these mysteries so that God's will or purpose can be done here on earth, as it is in heaven. God has purposed things for us and we pray them here on earth by the help of the Holy Spirit when we pray in tongues. Second, we pray these mysteries, so that these can be revealed to us by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10). Our spirit gains understanding of the wisdom, plans, purposes and deep things of God.

Example: Last month, God woke me up around 3:45am on a Monday morning and asked me to pray. So I began praying in English and after a while I began praying in tongues. After a few minutes my prayers became intense and I found myself groaning in the Spirit. I realized I was praying for my family, but I did not know what I was specifically praying for. Later that morning, my dad and sister met with an accident; my sister was injured but it was not very serious, my father escaped untouched.

Later that day, I realized why God woke me up early that morning to pray. He wanted me to pray for safety and protection of my dad and sister. What a good God we have! If God prompts you anywhere, at any time, to pray in tongues, just do it in obedience and faith, and you'll receive the blessings for doing it.

Helps Us to Pray According to God's Will

Romans 8:26, 27: "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

We learnt that the Holy Spirit is our intercessor; He helps us pray according to the perfect will of God—to pray for things as they should be prayed for. When the Spirit directs us to pray, our prayers are no longer selfish prayers.

When we are praying in the Spirit – in tongues – our natural minds know nothing of what we are saying. But God who looks into our hearts understands everything that is being expressed in this intercession. All that we say in the prayer is according to the will of God.

A true life example: Two days before some meetings, Kenneth Hagin went to the home of Norvel, his friend, to rest. During his stay, his wife called to inform that a pastor-friend had suffered a major heart attack and would probably not survive. On hearing this, Kenneth and Norvel fell on their knees and prayed. First, they broke the power of the devil over the pastor's body. Second, they asked God to heal him. And third, they prayed in tongues. After some time Kenneth started groaning in the spirit, in his prayer. After his prayer he was able to assure Norvel that God had told him that they had prayed correctly, and that the pastor would not die.

Helps Us Overcome the Weaknesses of the Flesh

The verse we just read says that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. The word 'help' means "to take a hold of together with you against your weaknesses." So the Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses because we do not know what we should pray for, as we ought to. Example, if we have a weakness in us that we do not know how to overcome, we can pray in tongues. As we continue to do this, the Holy Spirit will help us conquer it.

A true life example: A minister's 12 year old daughter lost her temper and was talking very rudely and hatefully to her mother. A visiting evangelist overheard and when the girl looked up and saw him, knowing that he witnessed her tantrum she was embarrassed and broke into tears. The evangelist asked her if she was filled with the Spirit. When she replied that she was, he reminded her that the Holy Spirit was in her.

They prayed together and she asked the Lord's forgiveness. While praying she began to worship God in tongues. When they were finished praying, the evangelist said to her, "There is one secret that will help you curb your temper. **If you will**

pray and worship God every day in tongues, it will help you to be conscious of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. If you will remember that He is in you; you won't act that way." Some years later when that evangelist returned to preach at that church, the pastor's daughter told him, "I have never forgotten what you said. Every day for the past few years I have prayed and worshipped God in tongues, and I never lost my temper again."

Helps Us Praise God

We can praise and worship God by singing songs and spiritual hymns in a known language. There are times when people would like to totally express the feelings in their heart to God but are unable to express it in their own language. This is when we can praise God in tongues.

An example of this is when the people gathered in Cornelius' house were baptised in the Spirit and spoke in tongues. The Jews, who had gathered, there heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Acts 10:46: "For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God."

Edifies Us

1 Corinthians 14:4 says: "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church."

We see that speaking in tongues is not for mental or physical edification, but for spiritual edification.

1 Corinthians 14:14 says, "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful."

1 Corinthians 14:2 says, "For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit."

One of the ways God has given for us to be strengthened in our spirits is through praying in tongues.

Brings the Wonderful Works of God

What kind of wonderful works of God? Healing and deliverance from strongholds, and bondages are the wonderful works of God.

The writer Norvel Hayes, in his book “Endued with Power”, narrates an incident when he had just finished speaking at a night service, God asked him to walk and pray in the Spirit while he was still on the stage. After praying for a long time, he suddenly felt God’s power come upon him. He heard a woman sobbing and weeping in the audience. The woman told him that her daughter, still in her twenties was working overseas as a missionary among tribal’s. She contracted a rare disease and was dying, there was no way to bring her back home.

The woman in the audience had learnt the tribal language of the people her daughter ministered to. It turned out that Norvel had been speaking in the same tribal language. She interpreted what Novel prayed. She said ‘you began to speak out the wonderful works of God and the healing power of God for my daughter. When the note of victory came, God’s healing power swept over there where she is, shot down through her body, and healed her. Glory be to God! Thank You, Jesus!

Smith Wigglesworth (called an apostle of faith) ministered under the power of the Holy Spirit and manifested the Gifts of the Spirit. It is said that about twenty people were raised from the dead when he prayed for them.

Kenneth Hagin too has ministered healing to many people through tongues and interpretation, and has seen people get up from their deathbeds healed. At times, through the gifts of tongues and interpretation, the Holy Spirit has manifested the secrets of men’s hearts, revealing the needs and desires of their hearts.

Helps Stir Up the Gifts of God Within Us

Paul told Timothy “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands” (2 Timothy 1:6).

All of us believers have certain gifts placed in our lives by God. They are often hidden in us because we don’t use them. Paul told Timothy to stir up the gifts, to fan them aflame. What we have found by experience is that, by using the basic spiritual gift of praying in tongues, we can easily to stir up the other gifts that God has placed in our lives. As we pray in tongues, we become more sensitive to the Spirit of God, and we are strengthened in our inner man. We are able to overcome fear and other restraints that hinder us from using the spiritual gifts.



APPLICATION

Maybe you are awestruck and saying, “Wow! I did not know there were so many benefits of speaking in tongues.” But God wants more than a ‘wow’ from you. He is waiting to hear you say “Holy Spirit, I am willing to be used by you. Fill me and use me to minister healing and deliverance to people who are bound by satan.”

The Holy Spirit is waiting to use you. He can do His wonderful work in you if you desire to be baptised in the Spirit and speak in tongues. If you have already been baptised in the Holy Spirit, don’t just be happy that you have received it; begin to worship God and pray every day in tongues. Obey Him when He asks you to pray in the Spirit, wherever you may be and at whatever time. Have the faith that He can do His wonderful and powerful works even through you, just as He did in the early church, and through other great men of God.

All of them were used by Him because they longed for more of His presence and power, and were willing to obey Him by faith. Are you longing for more of His presence and power in your life? Are you willing to obey Him? If you are, let us pray and ask God for these things.

Do not stop asking God; pray every day. Today, it might be really hard to pray in tongues for 5 minutes. But if you start praying in tongues every day, your spirit man will become stronger. Next week, if you can pray in tongues for 10 minutes, in a month you will be able to pray in the Spirit for 20 minutes.

When you are learning some new instrument or sport, after some time your brain wants to give up, because you are tired, or because it is taking a lot of your time or energy. So also when you are praying in tongues, your mind wants to give up because it does not understand what is happening. Your mind does not get any benefit from praying in tongues. But your spirit man gets built up. So don’t give up but keep growing in your inner man by praying in tongues.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John the Baptist said in Mathew 3:11 that Jesus would baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire. How are we baptised in fire?

Based on 1 Corinthians 13:8 people say that tongues were important during the establishment of the early church. Now since the church is established, tongues have ceased or stopped. Do you think this is true?

Based on 1 Corinthians 12:28–30 people say, that speaking in tongue are not necessary for all believers. Do you think this is true?

Can a person pray in tongues anywhere and at any time?



Do tongues always have to be interpreted?

Based on 1 Corinthians 14:23, 27 people say that we can pray in tongues in church. What do you think?

In 1 Corinthians 14:14-16 Paul says he will pray with his spirit. What is the meaning of praying in the spirit?



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

My experience of praying in the Spirit and what I did to desire to be baptised with the Holy Spirit this week:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

WORD SEARCH—Search for the underlined words

Tongues is an Outward Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Tongues edify the believer

Tongues empower the believer in prayer

Speaking in tongues lifts the believer into anointed worship

On the Day of Pentecost, the 120 worshipped as they spoke in other tongues.

Those who understand them said they spoke of ‘the wonderful works of God’

Speaking in Tongues as the Gift of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit Helps Us Overcome the Weaknesses of the Flesh

We should speak in tongues everyday.

Our spirit man gets stronger every time you pray in the spirit

Praying in tongues helps you pray the perfect will of God.

The Gift of Tongues

X G O A C K Y K R E W L Q A R
 R O F K T T S E D E B L T H M
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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gifts of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To introduce the children to the nine gifts of the Spirit.
- The children will learn how the nine gifts of the Spirit operate in the church.



MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 12:4,11: There are different kinds of Gifts, but the same Spirit. He gives them to each one, just as He determines.



TEACHING CONTENT

There are nine gifts of the Spirit:

Word of Wisdom
Word of Knowledge
Gift of faith
Working of miracles
Gifts of healings
Prophecy
Discerning of spirits
Different kinds of tongues
Interpretation of tongues



Who gives the gifts of the Spirit to believers?

The Holy Spirit gives each believer all the gifts, just as He determines or wills.

What is the purpose of the gifts of the Spirit?

The gifts of the Spirit are given not just for personal, selfish reasons, but for the purpose of blessing and benefiting others—the Church. Vs.7: “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

What is the meaning of the manifestation of the gifts?

It means that the gifts are an expression of the Spirit. Operating in the gifts of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit expressing Himself through us to glorify Jesus.

What is the main purpose of these gifts?

To instruct and edify the church

To convince unbelievers—speaking in tongues, which we learnt about last week

Paul said that the “gifts” of the Spirit are not just for a believer to own and operate as they wish. They are gifts of the Holy Spirit, manifested through individual believers as the Spirit of God wills, in order to profit the whole local assembly or body of believers—the Church.

The nine gifts of the Spirit are very important to the Church today because they are the weapons of our warfare against satan.

The nine gifts can be divided as follows:

Three revelation gifts – Power to Know (gifts that reveal something)

Word of Wisdom

Word of Knowledge

Discerning of spirits

Three Power gifts – Power to Do (gifts that do something)

Gift of faith

Working of miracles

Gifts of healings

Three vocal gifts – Power to Say (gifts that say something)

Prophecy

Different kind of tongues

Interpretation of tongues

All the gifts, except different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues, were also manifested in Old Testament times and in Jesus. All these gifts are supernatural gifts. That means these gifts cannot be produced through our own ability or knowledge; they are given to us by God.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the use of the gifts of the Spirit?

After Paul listed the nine gifts of the Spirit he said, "... But eagerly desire the greater gifts." So which do you think are the greater or best gifts?

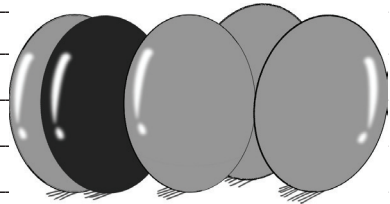
Why don't we have more manifestations of spiritual gifts in the church today?

Is there a difference between a word of Wisdom and a word of Knowledge?

How do we receive the gift of Knowledge?

How do we receive the gift of Wisdom?

Why is the operation of the gift of discerning spirits important for us? (Here put the illustration of discernment)



Do the gifts of the Spirit operate together or separately?

Based on today's lesson, can you give an example from the Early Church where different gifts of the Spirit operated together?

How do the gifts of the Spirit operate in our lives?

How do we receive the gifts of the Spirit?

What is our role in the manifestation of the Spirit in our life?

Read the below incidents which illustrates the operation of the gifts of the Spirit:

Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge:

Kenneth Haggin, in one of his books, gives an example of how a conditional word of Wisdom was manifested through him. The Lord, through an audible voice, gave him both a word of Knowledge and a word of Wisdom.

Haggin had just finished visiting with a minister who had shown him a new building with a seating capacity of four thousand. When Kenneth got into his car to leave, the Spirit of God said to him, "Go tell the minister that he is going to die unless he judges himself on three things." He was asked to judge himself regarding his diet, as the minister was greatly overweight and used to practically eat anything he could get his hands on. Number two, the Lord said he must judge himself regarding money. Number three, he was to judge himself regarding love, as he was not walking in love toward fellow ministers.



Here was an example of both the word of Knowledge and the word of Wisdom, operating together. This word from the Lord spoke plainly about a present condition

that existed in this minister's life. It also included a word of Wisdom that the minister would die unless he judged himself. Though Kenneth conveyed this message to the minister, he did not change his ways and died just as God had said.

Discerning of spirits:

Kenneth's first manifestation of the gift of the discerning of spirits occurred in a meeting in Texas. A pastor told Kenneth about his niece who had cancer of the left lung. The doctors had wanted to operate on her, but she did not want to be operated upon. The cancer spread to her other lung as well, and then it was too late for an operation even if she had wanted one.

She was bedridden and her body was wasting away to nothing although she was being fed six times a day. She was brought to church on Tuesday and Friday night of the first week of meetings. Kenneth prayed for her. They brought her again on Tuesday and Friday night of the second week, and Kenneth prayed for her again. On Tuesday night of the third week they brought her again, Kenneth laid hands on her and suddenly he felt everyone and everything else in the room seemed to disappear.

He was enveloped in a cloud and all he could see were himself and this young woman standing in a circle of light. Kenneth said he was seeing into the realm of the spirit. He saw, a demon or an evil spirit hanging on to her body over her left lung. Kenneth knew it was the cause of her physical condition and that it had to be dealt with, so he commanded the demon to leave her in the Name of Jesus. It fell off the woman's body to the floor and lay whimpering and whining like a whipped pup. He said, "I don't want to leave, but I know I have to if you tell me to." Hagen replied, "Not only must you leave her body, but you must also leave these premises." It ran down the aisle and out the door of the church, and the woman was healed.

This woman went to the doctor the very next day all the tests proved negative and they told her that there was no more cancer.

Kenneth Haggin says, "The realm of the spirit is very real, although we cannot perceive it with our natural senses. God has provided the gift of discerning of spirits to give the Church supernatural insight into this spiritual realm as His Spirit wills."

Gift of Faith, Working of Miracles and Gifts of Healings:

Under Smith Wigglesworth’s ministry, at least three different people were raised from the dead, though there were probably more. One person who was raised from the dead was a man named Mr. Mitchell whom Wigglesworth personally knew.

One day when coming home from an open-air meeting, Wigglesworth learned that his wife, Polly, was at Mr. Mitchell’s house. The day before when Wigglesworth had visited Mitchell, the sick man had been close to death. As Wigglesworth hurried to Mitchell’s house, he heard screaming coming from the house. On the way into Mr. Mitchell’s room, he passed Mrs. Mitchell, who was crying, “He’s gone! He’s gone!”

Smith went into the room, and saw that Mitchell had indeed gone. He could not understand why this was so, but he began to pray. Smith’s wife said that it was of no use to pray as he was dead; but Smith continued praying. He says he got as far as he could with his own faith, and then God laid hold of him. He says it was such ‘a laying hold’ that he could believe for anything. The faith of the Lord Jesus laid hold of him and a solid peace came into his heart and he shouted, “He lives! He lives! He lives! And he is living today.” In this way, God raised Mitchell back to life.

Let us watch a video in which we will see children who were taught the same things that we have been learning over the past few weeks. Let us see some of their experiences.

What were the experiences of the children who used their gifts of the Spirit? Can you too operate in the gifts of the Spirit?

If God can do it for those kids, He can surely do it for us too. We must step out in faith, and as we pray in the Spirit and hear from Him, we will begin to move and minister through the gifts of the Spirit.



APPLICATION

When God spoke through the prophet Joel about the coming outpouring of His Holy Spirit, He specifically included children. “I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days (Joel 2:28-29 NIV).”

God promises that this outpouring of the Holy Spirit is for everyone: sons, daughters, old men, young men, and women ... Everyone!

How is it that we do not see more of it? It is because we do not have knowledge of the gifts and we do not eagerly desire them. Each one of us are keys to the supernatural. Do you believe God wants to pour out His Spirit on each one of your children? Many people may say to you, “The gifts of the Spirit are not for you now. Wait until you grow up and then you can experience the gifts.” But that is not what the Bible says. God promises to pour out His Spirit on everybody regardless of age, race, color or creed.

One of the most important steps to flowing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit is to earnestly desire them. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12:31, “But covet earnestly the best gifts.” He repeated that thought in 1 Corinthians 14:1 when he said, “Desire spiritual gifts.” You have to seek these gifts with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13).

It is also very important to understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are always flowing. God does not turn them “on” and “off.” We are the ones who are “on” or “off.” The Lord is always ready to flow through us in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

It is just like praying in tongues. We do not have to wait for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to come on us to speak in tongues. We can pray in tongues at any time. It is not us turning on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is always on and giving us the ability to speak in tongues. Therefore, whenever we turn ourselves on, the gift of tongues is there to allow us to communicate with our heavenly Father. Praise the Lord! That is the way it is with all the gifts. We must learn to recognise and flow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are not meant to be a blessing to us alone; the



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

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Complete the code and solve the questions below, putting the gift in the right category below. Some of the code has been given to help you get started.

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Speaking Gifts



Doing Gifts



Knowing Gifts

