



Series: Know Your Bible

Lesson: 1. The True Work of the Holy Spirit

- **Identifying the Holy Spirit**

1. We have to know Who He is to _____ God and _____ Him correctly.

2. The primary *work* of the Spirit is to point people to _____.

*John 15:26 – “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me,***

*John 16:13–14 – But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴**He will glorify Me,** for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.*

3. We need to define Who He is more specifically:

- a. He is not an energy that takes over people in ecstatic reveries (Gal. 5:23).
- b. He is not a magic power for us to perform miracles (see sermon series).
- c. He is a divine person, including all divine attributes, present and active from Creation (Gen. 1:2) to consummation (Rev. 22:17) and everything in between.
- d. He can be lied to (Acts 5:3), resisted (Acts 7:51), grieved (Eph. 4:30), and quenched (1 Thess. 5:19).
- e. His greatest miracle-working is His work in _____.

- **Six Aspects of the Holy Spirit's Work in Salvation**

1. The Holy Spirit convicts unbelievers of _____.

*John 16:7–11 – But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸And He, when He comes, will **convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; ¹¹and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*

- a. Conviction is meant as laying out a case that either delivers a legal verdict for unbelievers or pricks the consciences of believers.

*Acts 2:37 – Now when they heard this, they were **pierced to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”*

- b. He convicts in three ways:
 - i. Concerning sin:
 - ii. Concerning righteousness:

Rom. 1:18–19 – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

- iii. Concerning judgment:
(Eccl. 3:11; Heb. 9:27)

2. The Holy Spirit regenerates sinful _____.

Titus 3:3–7 – For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by **the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit**, ⁶whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

John 3:5–8 – Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Ez. 36:25–27 – Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷**I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.**

- a. Salvation requires both cleansing from sin and a new heart that pursues righteousness.
- b. This regeneration is _____.

Rom. 8:5–11 – For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. ¹⁰If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. ¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

3. The Holy Spirit brings sinners to _____.
- a. This is testified by the Apostles.

Acts 11:15–18 – And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.”

b. We are finally able to turn away from _____.

Rom. 8:3–4 – For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

4. The Holy Spirit enables _____
with God.

a. The Spirit makes us members of God’s
_____!

Rom. 8:14–17 – For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶**The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,** ¹⁷and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

b. That includes unity within the _____.

1 Cor. 12:13 – For by **one Spirit** we were all **baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

5. The Holy Spirit _____ the believer.

Rom. 8:9 – However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

1 Cor. 3:16 – Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor. 6:19–20 – Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

6. The Holy Spirit _____ salvation forever.

*Eph. 1:13–14 – In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**, ¹⁴who is given as a **pledge of our inheritance**, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.*

*Rom. 8:11 – But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies **through His Spirit** who dwells in you.*

- **What Does It Mean to Be Filled with the Spirit?**

Eph. 5:18 – And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

1. Look at how that is demonstrated in following verses (cf. Col. 3:16–4:1)

2. The fruit of the Spirit is _____ of filling.

Gal. 5:22–23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

3. The Spirit-filled mind is set on _____
God (Rom. 8:5–8, 14)

4. Spiritual gifting is a *constant* gift for _____

(Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Cor. 13; Eph. 4:7, 11–13; 1 Pet. 4:10–11)

5. What does it mean to walk by the Spirit?

*Gal. 5:16–17, 25 – But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please...²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also **walk by the Spirit**.*

a. Walking=how one lives out life

b. It's another way of saying to live out our

_____ (Rom. 8:2–4)

What Do We Do with These Truths?

1. Why is it so important to have a right understanding of the Holy Spirit?
2. How would you define the role of the Holy Spirit?
3. Why is the charismatic description of the work of the Spirit inconsistent with the Bible's testimony?
4. How does the concept of being filled with the Spirit affect how you live day-to-day as a Christian?

Blanks: please, worship, Jesus Christ, salvation, sin, hearts, total, repentance, fellowship, family, Church, indwells, seals, evidence, edification of the Church, regeneration

