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Basic Christianity



Part III

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“All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17



“The entrance of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.” Psalm 119:130

***Note: All Scriptures in this study are either from NIV or NKJV**

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Lesson TEN

The Holy Spirit

A. Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit is God and is equal to the Father and the Son.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.” 2 Cor. 13:14

“And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Mark 1:10-11

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20

The above verses mention the Holy Spirit at the same level as the Father and the Son.

In addition, Acts 5:3-4 tells us that the Holy Spirit is God.

“Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that **you have lied to the Holy Spirit** and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it

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was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? **You have not lied just to human beings but to God.**"

"Lied to the Holy Spirit" = "Lied to God"

2. The Holy Spirit is Creator.

"When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground." Psalms 104:30
"The Spirit of God has made me;
the breath of the Almighty gives me life." Job 33:4

B. What are the attributes of the Holy Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit is Eternal.

"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!" Heb 9:14

2. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent.

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?" Psalms 139:7

3. The Holy Spirit is all knowing

"The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."
1 Cor. 2:10

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“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:26

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” John 16:12-13

4. The Holy Spirit is all powerful

Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on 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.” Luke 1:34-35

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.” Rom 8:11

“He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.”

1 Pet. 3:18

C. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was not **dwelling in** the Old Testament believers, but He comes **upon** some people for some special purpose in his own time. For example:

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1. He came upon Kings to anoint them.

“So, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.” 1 Sam 16:13

2. He came upon Prophets.

“The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.” 2 Sam. 23:2

“The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.” 2 Chron. 15:1-2.

3. He came upon some people for a special assignment.

“But when they cried out to the LORD, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, who saved them. The Spirit of the LORD came on him, so that he became Israel’s judge and went to war.” Judges 3:9-10

“Samson went down to Timnah together with his father and mother. As they approached the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a young lion came roaring toward him. ‘The Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat.’” Judges 14:5-6

Likewise, the Holy Spirit would come on few people to accomplish his purpose.

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D. The Holy Spirit in the New Testament

There are two gifts that God gave to the world. He gave us:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ for our Salvation.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“... the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Rom 6:23b

2. The Holy Spirit to indwell us and help us.

The Holy Spirit was given to us to live within us.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the 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.” John 14:16-17

“This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.” 1 John 4:13

E. What does the Holy Spirit do?

He convicts people of sin.

“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” John 16:8 (KJV)

He teaches us.

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the

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same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.” 1 John 2:27

When this verse says, “you do not need anyone to teach you”, it does not mean there is no need for teachers, but it is emphasizing that the ultimate teacher is the Holy Spirit.

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:26

He leads us into all Truth.

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” John 16:13

He consoles us.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.” John 14:16 (KJV)

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26 (KJV)

He helps us in our prayer life.

“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 through wordless groans.” Rom 8:26

He reveals Jesus to us

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“He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.” John 16:14

F. What is the difference between ‘being born of the Spirit’ and ‘to be filled by the Holy Spirit’?

We should know that ‘being born of the Holy Spirit’, or being born again and ‘being filled with the Holy Spirit’ are two different transactions. Let’s compare these two verses:

“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”²² And with that he breathed on them and said, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.”** John 20:21-22

“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.” Acts 1:8

The first one in John 20 was between the Lord’s resurrection and ascension. That’s when they received the Holy Spirit or were born again of the Holy Spirit. But in Acts 1:8, he is referring to being baptized by the Holy Spirit for power and to be an effective witness. And we see it’s fulfilment in Acts 2.

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.⁴ **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4

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Why do we have to be filled by the Holy Spirit?

Because it is a Command.

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” Eph. 5:18

Because he gives us power to be an effective witness and live a victorious Christian life. (Acts 1:8)

G. How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

Whoever truly believes in Jesus Christ is born again, and a person cannot be born again without the Holy Spirit. As a result, every true believer is ‘born of the Spirit’, but it does not mean that every believer is filled with the Holy Spirit.

To receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit,

1. **Believe that it is available to all believers.** It is not for few special people like it used to be in the Old Testament.
2. **Come to Him with a clean childlike heart.** Repent of any sin you are aware of.
3. **Just be thirsty for His Spirit.**

“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. ³⁸He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive.” John 7:37-39 (NKJV)

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4. Simply ask the Lord to fill you with His Holy Spirit.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” Luke 11:11-13

H. What happens when we are filled by the Holy Spirit?

In many places in the book of Acts, we see people speak in other tongues when they are filled by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4, 10:44-46) In Acts 19:5-6 we read that they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. We don't want to say that these experiences are the only signs and are mandatory.

Here are the overall signs for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

1. Some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 would start operating in the believer. The most common being speaking in tongues.
2. A person filled by the Holy Spirit finds new power to be a bold witness for the Lord. (Acts 1:8, 4: 31)
3. The fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22, would be more evident as the believer learns how to submit to the indwelling Holy Spirit more and more.

What we have to note is that ‘being filled in the Holy Spirit’ is not a one-time proposition. It should be a continuous life style in order to live a victorious and meaningful Christian life.

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT!

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Lesson 10 – The Holy Spirit - Quiz

(Please give your answers on a separate piece of paper)

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1. What are some of the attributes of the Holy Spirit that indicate His deity?
2. What were the major functions the Holy Spirit did in the Old Testament?
3. What about in the New Testament? How do you experience these works of the Holy Spirit in your life?
4. What are the major differences in the functions of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments?
5. Regarding the infilling of the Holy Spirit:
 - a. Why is it important?
 - b. How do we receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit?
 - c. What are some of the results that follow?
6. What is required of you to see the fruit and the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?