

<b>Lesson</b>
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# The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit

<b>Key Verse:</b>	“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you (John 14:16–17 NASB).
<b>Key Scriptures:</b>	John 14:26; 16:13 Romans 8:14; 15:30 2 Corinthians 13:14 Galatians 5:18, 25
<b>Objective:</b>	The goal of this lesson is to introduce the student to the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit.
<b>Introduction:</b>	<p>The Holy Spirit is a person, not some vague, intangible force with no relevance to our lives. He is the third person of the Trinity and exists equally with the Father and the Son in all the fullness of the Godhead.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in our lives. The Scriptures refer to Him in many different ways. He’s called Counselor, Comforter, Advocate, Helper, and other such wonderfully descriptive terms. The Holy Spirit is present, personal, and powerful. In this lesson, we are going to study the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian disciple.</p>

## I. Who is the Holy Spirit, and what is His place in the Godhead?

- **As a Christian, you need to relate to the Godhead in all its fullness.**
  1. You need to experience *God the Father* in your daily life
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  3. You need to experience *God the Holy Spirit* in your daily life
- **You must come to know the person of the Holy Spirit and relate to Him as the third person of the Godhead.**
  1. You are to relate to God’s Spirit not as an “it,” but as “He” (John 14:26; 16:13).
  2. You are to know Him (John 14:15–17)

3. You are to love Him. (Rom. 15:30)
4. You are to fellowship with Him (Phil. 2:1; 2 Cor. 13:14)

## II. What is the Holy Spirit's ministry?

- He ministers to you the new birth into God's family and kingdom (John 1:12; 3:5–6).
- He baptizes you into Christ and His body, the church (1 Cor. 12:13).
- He ministers spiritual life to you in the daily process of growth (John 6:63; 2 Cor. 3:6).
- He confirms your \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord (1 John 5:10; Rom. 8:9, 16).
- He reveals Jesus Christ to you (John 15:26; 16:13).
- He teaches and leads you into truth (John 14:17, 26; 15:26; 16:13).
- He guides and directs you in daily life.
- He causes you to mature in Christ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- He empowers you with gifts for ministry (1 Cor. 12:4–11).
- He ministers \_\_\_\_\_ to you and testifies of Jesus (John 14:16, 26; 15:26).
- He provides communion with the Father (Eph. 2:18; Phil. 2:1).
- He unifies God's people.

<b>Summary:</b>	The work of the Holy Spirit touches all areas of our lives. He is a person that we can know, love, and fellowship with. He empowers, emboldens, and encourages us. He leads us into all truth and teaches us about Jesus. He bestows gifts upon us and causes the fruit of His character to develop in us. He is with us always and leads us daily. Understanding the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit helps us mature in Christ and stay the course of our spiritual journey.
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# Knowing the Holy Spirit

<b>Key Verse:</b>	<b>“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” (John 16:13 NASB)</b>
<b>Key Scriptures:</b>	John 14:12, 15-27; 16:5-15 Acts 1:4-8 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
<b>Objective:</b>	This lesson will help you understand who the Holy Spirit is and why He is so important.
<b>Introduction:</b>	<p>The Holy Spirit is not a vague influence or mystic idea – He is a person. This means He can communicate and make Himself real. You cannot necessarily see Him, but He is, nevertheless, always present.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit is the third member of the threefold Godhead, and He is with you in every life situation. He reveals Jesus to you (John 15:26) and waits for you to respond to Him. He is a person, and He speaks to you personally.</p> <p>Without the Holy Spirit, you could never live in the power of God or know God’s strength in your daily life. He is the living water that sustains and refreshes (John 7:37-39). For abundance and fulfillment in life, you need this great gift of the Holy Spirit.</p>

## I. The Bible describes the Holy Spirit.

- **The Holy Spirit is given various names.**

1. He is the “good spirit” (Neh. 9:20).
2. He is “the Spirit of God” (Matt. 3:16).
3. He is called the “Counselor” (John 14:16, 26 NIV).
4. He is “the Spirit of truth” (John 16:13).
5. He is referred to as “the Spirit of Christ” (Rom. 8:9).

6. He is also called “the Spirit of sonship” (Rom 8:15 NIV).
7. He is “the Spirit of Grace” (Heb. 10:29).

- **The Holy Spirit is described through numerous symbols.**

1. He came as a dove at Jesus’ baptism (Matt. 3:16).
2. The Spirit spoke to Elijah through “a still small voice” (1 King 19:12-13 NKJV).
3. The terms *water* and *living water* are also used to describe Him (Isa. 44:3; John 7:37-39).
4. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit came as a wind upon the disciples gathered in the Upper Room (Acts 2:2).
5. The Holy Spirit came upon David when Samuel anointed him with oil (1 Sam. 16:13). Oil is often a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
6. The Holy Spirit made His presence known through visible flames of fire (Acts 2:3).

## **II. The Holy Spirit is at work in you.**

- **He empowers you to drive out demons (Matt. 12:28; Mark 16:17).**
- **He enables you to speak, as God would have you speak (Mark 13:11).**
- **He enables you to be born again (John 3:5-8).**
- **He will be your Counselor forever (John 14:16).**
- **He lives in you (John 14:17).**
- **He teaches you (John 14:26; 16:13-14).**
- **He gives you the power to be a witness (Acts 1:8).**

- **He causes God's love to be poured into your heart (Rom. 5:5).**
- **He helps you in your weakness (Rom. 8:26).**
- **He causes righteousness, peace, and joy to dwell in you (Rom. 14:17).**
- **He enables you to overflow with hope (Rom. 15:13).**
- **He sanctifies you (Rom. 15:16).**
- **He gives you various gifts, as He determines (1 Cor. 12:4-11).**
- **He enables the fruit of the Spirit to develop in you (Gal. 5:22-23).**

### **III. There are four important reasons why you need the power of the Holy Spirit.**

- **He gives you power to become God's child. John 1:12-13**
- **He gives you power for daily living.**
- **He gives you power to overcome the devil. Eph. 2:1-5**
- **He gives you power to share and be a witness. Acts 1:8**

The Holy Spirit wants to have a relationship with you, just like the Father and Son do. He is a person – not a force. He is the one who leads you to salvation and causes you to grow in the Christian faith.

Cultivating a relationship with the Holy Spirit is exciting! He will use you as a vessel of healing, deliverance, and proclamation of the Gospel. He will develop the fruit of a sanctified life in you. He will transform you inside out as you cooperate with Him in making you a true disciple of

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# The Anointing of the Holy Spirit

<b>Key Verse:</b>	<b>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord”</b> (Luke 4:18–19 NKJV).
<b>Key Scriptures:</b>	Acts 4:27; 10:38 1 Corinthians 2:4–5 2 Corinthians 1:21–22 Ephesians 3:7 1 Thessalonians 1:5 Hebrews 1:9 Psalm 18:50; 20:6; 89:20–23. 1 John 2:20 1 Samuel 16:13 1 Kings 19:16
<b>Objective:</b>	The purpose of this lesson is to help the student understand the anointing of the Holy Spirit and how to walk in it.
<b>Introduction:</b>	The anointing of the Holy Spirit is absolutely critical to ministry. Without it, we can do nothing; with it, we can do anything! God’s power and presence come through the anointing, and the Holy Spirit is the member of the Godhead through which this anointing flows. Through the anointing, the Spirit releases His gifts and empowers us to be bold ambassadors of Christ as we represent Him before others. We need the anointing of the Holy Spirit!

## I. What is the anointing?

- Both Old and New Testaments use the word *anointing*.
- You need to understand what the anointing is and what it does.

## II. Why do I need the anointing?

- **Jesus Himself needed the anointing (Luke 4:18–19; Acts 10:38).**
  1. Jesus needed the anointing to preach.
  2. He needed the anointing to heal.
  3. He needed the anointing for spiritual warfare.
  4. He needed the anointing to set captives free.
  5. He needed the anointing to discern and to deliver.
- **The apostles, too, walked in the anointing. Luke 24:49**
- **The apostle Paul \_\_\_\_\_ upon the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Eph. 3:7**
- **The anointing changed the course of David's life. 1 Sam. 16:13**
- **God will give you the anointing, just like He did for Jesus, Paul, and David. Corinthians 1:21–22**

### **III. What are the divine purposes of the anointing in my life?**

- **The anointing sanctifies you (Lev. 8:10–12 KJV).**
- **The anointing enables you to minister, or serve (Ex. 28:41).**
- **The anointing helps you to see (Rev. 3:18 KJV).**
- **The anointing imparts \_\_\_\_\_ to you 1 John 2:20, 27**
- **The anointing \_\_\_\_\_ you to do good works (Acts 10:38).**

- The anointing empowers you to preach (Luke 4:18–19).
- The anointing will give you victory (Isa. 10:27 NKJV).

#### IV. How do I walk in the anointing?

- Walk in holiness. Ex. 28:41; 29:29
- Walk in unity (Ps. 133:1–3).
- Walk in diligence and obedience (Prov. 13:4 KJV; 28:25)
- Walk in generosity (Prov. 11:25 KJV).
- Walk in righteousness (Ps. 45:7 KJV).

<p><b>Summary:</b></p>	<p>Nothing can take the place of the anointing. Books, television programs, teaching tapes, and counsel are all good things, but they cannot replace the anointing in our lives. If we want to be effective leaders, we've got to have the anointing. It's that simple.</p> <p>Because of the anointing, we can preach, do good works, grow in knowledge, walk in revelation, and minister. The anointing empowers us to do all these things at a supernatural level above our natural level of ability. As we walk in holiness, unity, obedience, generosity, and righteousness, the anointing will flow more and more readily, and we will become "vessel[s] for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work" (2 Tim. 2:20).</p>
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