

A Study of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 1: The Spirit Before the Cross

1. The Spirit of God has acted in this world since creation:

Genesis 1:2

2. Yet there was a drastic change in the Spirit's relationship with man following Jesus' crucifixion:

John 7:37-39; 16:7

Joel 2:28-32 — Acts 2

3. In the Old Testament, the Spirit worked by temporarily *coming upon* men:

Numbers 11:17, 25; 24:2

I Samuel 10:1-10; 16:13

4. Men could also be *filled with the Spirit* before the cross:

Exodus 31:2-6

Luke 1:15

5. The Spirit taught God's people in the Old Testament

Nehemiah 9:20, 30

Isaiah 30:1

What we don't find in the Old Testament is the permanent presence of the Spirit inside of God's people; this "indwelling" is part of the Christian age.

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Lesson 2: Promise of His Coming

1. God promised that His Spirit would come in a different way:

Ezekiel 36:25-28

Joel 2:28

2. John the Baptist spoke of Jesus sending the Spirit:

Matthew 3:10-12

3. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit:

John 7:37-39

Mark 13:11

Luke 11:13

John 14:16-17; 20:21-22

Acts 1:1-8

4. Peter claimed that this promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost

Acts 2:16-17

5. The New Testament says that this gift is for all believers

Acts 2:38-39; 5:32

Romans 8:9-11

Ephesians 1:13-14

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Lesson 3: Signs and Wonders

1. The apostles received the ability to do miracles:

Acts 2:43; 5:12-16

2 Corinthians 12:11-12

2. They also had the power to give this ability to others:

Acts 6:6-8; 8:14-19; 19:6

2 Timothy 1:6

Romans 1:11

3. Not all Christians had the same miraculous gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 28-29

The hypothesis is that the ability to do miracles was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands (the family of Cornelius being an exception — Acts 10). The people who received these gifts could not pass them on (like Philip in Acts 8). This period of miraculous activity would have ended, therefore, one generation after the apostles. The writings of the early church support this theory (by referring to miraculous activity as a thing of the past).

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Lesson 4: Heaven Helps Us

1. Jesus promised to send his apostles a comforter/counselor/helper:

John 14:16,26; 15:26; 16:7

2. Christians receive the Holy Spirit as a “deposit” on their salvation:

2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5;

Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30

Romans 8:23

3. The Holy Spirit helps make us holy:

Romans 15:15-16

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

2 Thessalonians 2:13

Titus 3:4-7

1 Peter 1:1-2

4. The Holy Spirit leads us toward godly living:

Romans 8:1-17

Galatians 5:16-25

5. The Holy Spirit helps us come to the Father:

Romans 8:26

Ephesians 2:18; 6:18

Jude 20

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Lesson 5: Temples of the Holy Spirit

1. We are a temple, a place where God dwells:

1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19

2 Corinthians 6:16

Ephesians 2:21

1 Peter 2:4-5

2. We have the promise of God living within us:

Colossians 1:27

Romans 8:9-11

3. The Holy Spirit is not the Word, nor is He limited to the Word:

John 14:16-17

Acts 5:3-9; 13:2-3

Romans 8:26-27

1 Corinthians 12:11

Ephesians 4:30

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Lesson 6: The Spirit and the Word

1. In the Bible, God's Holy Spirit and God's Word are closely related:

Ephesians 5:18-20 — Colossians 3:16-17

Ephesians 6:18

2. The Spirit and the Word are described as doing many of the same things:

| Work | Spirit | Word |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Teaches | John 14:26 | John 6:45 |
| Convicts | John 16:8 | Titus 1:9 |
| Guides | John 16:13 | 2 Timothy 3:16-17 |
| Sanctifies | 1 Peter 1:2 | John 17:17 |
| Lives In | Romans 8:9-11 | 1 John 2:14,24 |

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Lesson 7: Living in a Spiritual World

1. One of the realities shown in the Bible is that there is an unseen spiritual world.

1 Corinthians 15:24

Ephesians 1:21; 2:2; 3:10

Colossians 2:10

1 Timothy 4:1

2. Satan is at work in this world:

John 12:31

2 Corinthians 4:4

1 Timothy 3:6

2 Timothy 2:26

James 4:7

1 Peter 5:8

3. God has given us His Spirit to aid us in our struggle against these powers:

Ephesians 6:10-18

1 John 4:4

Romans 16:20

A Study of Spirits

Lesson 8: Giving The Devil His Due

1. Some names and descriptions

- a. Satan (the acuser, the adversary)
- b. Devil (slanderer)
- c. “Abaddon” or “Apollyon” (destroyer) (Rev 9:11)
- d. “Accuser of our brothers” (12:10)
- e. “enemy,”(1 Peter 5:8)
- f. “Beelzebub” (lord of flies) (Matt 12:24)
- g. “Belial” (wicked; useless) (2 Cor 6:15)
- h. the one who “leads the whole world astray” (Rev 12:9)
- i. “the evil one” (Matt 13:19, 38; 1 John 2:13; 5:19)
- j. “the father of lies” (John 8:44)
- k. “the god of this age” (2 Cor 4:4)
- l. “a murderer” (John 8:44)
- m. “that ancient serpent” (Rev 12:9)
- n. “the prince of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30)
- o. “the ruler of the kingdom of the air” (Eph 2:2)
- p. “the tempter” (Matt 4:5; 1 Thess 3:5)

2. Satan’s kingdom (Matt 12:26; Luke 11:18):

- a. Angelic realm (Matt 25:41; Eph 2:2; 6:12)
- b. Lost humanity (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; 2 Cor 4:3-4; Col 1:13; 1 John 5:19)

3. Satan’s tactics:

- a. Attacks on health and possessions (Job 1:11-22; 2:4-7; Luke 13:16; 2 Cor 12:7)
- b. Hinders spread of God’s word (Matt 13:19; 2 Cor 4:3-4; 11:13-15; 1 Thess 2:18; 2 Thess 2:9-10)
- c. Plants false Christians in the church (Matt 13:25, 38-39)
- d. Opposes saints and seeks to destroy them (Eph 6:11-18; 1 Peter 5:8)

4. Satan’s doom (Matt 25:41; Rev 20:1-3, 7-10)