



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

Growing in the knowledge of Christ is not possible apart from the Holy Spirit. No one knows Jesus Christ better than the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:9 However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” – 10 but God has revealed to it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. This passage plainly tells us the role of the Holy Spirit and that is to reveal the deep things of God and that includes Jesus Christ.

As a matter of fact, it is only when the Holy Spirit reveals Christ to us that we may know Christ. That is why it is safe to say that it is through the continuous enlightenment of the Holy Spirit that we will continue to grow in Christ. Consider what the Apostle prayed for the believers in Ephesus, Ephesians 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Here are other scriptures that tell us that our knowledge of Christ is contingent with the Holy Spirit's revelation:

Ephesians 3:2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3**that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. **4**In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, **5**which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. **6**This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. **2** You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. **3** Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Since our growth in the knowledge of Christ is depended upon the Holy Spirit, it is very important that we should search the Scriptures and discover more about the Holy Spirit that we may grow in our knowledge about the Holy Spirit. I believe that as we grow in the Spirit, we will also grown in Christ.

THIS LESSON EXAMINES SOME SCRIPTURES THAT TALKS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT, REVEALING WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS.

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

A. There is one Godhead (Refer to Lesson #2)

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: [KJV]

B. This Godhead is revealed in three persons

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. [KJV]

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **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. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

C. According to the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit/Ghost is one of the three persons in the Godhead. Co-creator, Co-equal, Co-powerful, Co-eternal, Co-existent with the Father and the Son.

I am absolutely convinced based on God's revelation from His Word that the Holy Spirit is God and we need to treat Him with exactly the same adoration, worship, respect, and admiration that we give to the Father, and to the Son.

Acts 5:3 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? **4** Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? **You have not lied to men but to God.**"

ILLUSTRATION

The chemical component of Water is H₂O. This is what makes water. There is only one water but it has three forms and its form has its own characteristics.

Water has three forms:

1. **Liquid:** This is the form that is absorbed by living things to ensure the sustenance and continuity of biological things.

2. **Gas:** This is the clouds that gather above the earth through the process of evaporation to distribute the water in other parts of the land.
3. **Solid:** This is the ice that ensures the continuous supply of water

There is only one God as there is only one H₂O. And this one God is revealed in the Bible in three Persons. These forms of water can appear at the same time at the same place. When we see them, they are different and not the same. But as far as substance is concern, there is only one. These forms of water are interdependent with each other, equally important, and harmoniously exist together for the good of all living things. In the same way, the Three persons in the Godhead, are interdependent with each other, equally important, and harmoniously exist for the existence of life in the universe, specially for man.

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

Many people believe that the Holy Spirit is just a force used by God to anything that He wants Him to do, and nothing more. Well, to verify this, we need to take our dictionary and see what it says about force. According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a force is “strength of energy, active power.”

It is very clear from the definition that a force is just a matter, which could be both constructive and destructive, depending on who is using it and how it is being used. Not so with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 “But you will received 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.”

John 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, **he will** testify about me.

John 16:7 **7**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. **8**When he comes, **he will** convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

The Holy Spirit is a Person who has the absolute power over everything in the whole universe. He is not a force because a force doesn't have what a person has.

What are the characteristics of a person that we see in the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit has His own mind, intellect, and knowledge

1 Corinthians 2:11 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***

B. He speaks. Hebrews 3:7; Hebrews 9:8; Revelation 2:7; Revelation 2:11; Revelation 2:17; Revelation 2:29; Revelation 2:13; Revelation 3:22

Mark 13:9 "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. **10**And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. **11**Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say

whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

C. The Holy Spirit has His own emotion.

Romans 15:30 I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Be joyful always; **17**pray continually; **18**give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **19**Do not put out the Spirit's fire; **20**do not treat prophecies with contempt. **21**Test everything. Hold on to the good. **22**Avoid every kind of evil.

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D. The Holy Spirit has His own will

1 Corinthians 12:11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

You cannot manipulate the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

John 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14**He will

bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. **15**All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

The need to live in the Spirit.

1. We need to live in the Spirit to bring the harmony within us.
2. We need to live in the Spirit to overcome obstacles in life.
3. We need to live in the Spirit to be a powerful witness for Christ.
4. We need to live in the Spirit to thwart the enemy's deception.

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT STARTS IN KNOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT.
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KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.