

God's People & The Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Lesson #1

We must first understand who God's Spirit is to follow His lead.
As you begin this study on the Holy Spirit, pray expectantly for understanding.

Section 1: Read John 14:6-21 – *What do you know about the Holy Spirit?*

1. Jeremiah 24:7 reveals that God will give His people a heart to know Him. What are some ways we can know God according to John 14:6-21?

2. Off the top of your head, list names you know for the following:

God the Father

God the Son

God the Spirit

God the Father	God the Son	God the Spirit

3. List several attributes of each:

God the Father

God the Son

God the Spirit

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4. For most of us the columns for the Holy Spirit will be the least detailed. Why do you think this is so?

Section 2: Read Matthew 28:19 & II Corinthians 3:17-18 – *Who is the Holy Spirit?*

5. After reading today's verses, is the Holy Spirit God? Why or why not?

6. Fill in the blanks to see three attributes of deity He possesses:
- Romans 1:4 . . . who through the Spirit of _____ . . .
 - I Corinthians 2:11 no one _____ the _____ of _____ except the Spirit
 - Hebrews 9:14 ... who through the _____ Spirit . . .
7. a. Match the following title of the Holy Spirit with the given scripture references:
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| (1) Spirit of Grace | _____ | Genesis 1:2; Matthew 3:16 |
| (2) Spirit of God | _____ | Isaiah 11:2 |
| (3) Spirit of Christ | _____ | John 14:17 |
| (4) Spirit of Adoption (sonship) | _____ | John 14:26 |
| (5) Counselor | _____ | Romans 8:9b |
| (6) Spirit of Glory | _____ | Romans 8:15 |
| (7) Spirit of Truth | _____ | Hebrews 10:29 |
| (8) Spirit of Lord/Wisdom | _____ | I Peter 4:14 |
- b. Which of these titles gives you a new insight into the Holy Spirit today?
8. What difference does it make whether you understand the Holy Spirit as an impersonal “it” or as a personal God?

Section 3: Read Genesis 1:1-2, Psalm 104:24-30 & Revelation 22:17

- Holy Spirit as Creator and Living Water

9. According to Psalm 104:30, who creates the creatures of the earth and renews the face of the earth?
- 10.a. What is God’s Spirit doing in Genesis 1:2?
- b. Describe in your own words the condition of the earth.
- c. God brings order from chaos and light to darkness. Describe a creative project you have worked on that took some “hovering” time before you began.
- 11.a. The Spirit opens the Bible in Genesis creating and closes the Bible in Revelation inviting all to do what in 22:17?
- b. According to John 7:37-39, who is the stream of living water and who receives it?

Section 4: Read John 16:5-16 & Philippians 2:5-11

- Holy Spirit is Submissive and Purposeful

- 12.a. Christ submitted Himself to the Father's will so that the Father would be glorified. The Spirit submits Himself to what purpose? (John 16:14)
 - b. Thought question: Does submission always mean inequality? Why or why not?
 - c. Submission is not always easy. What can we learn from the Son and the Spirit's example regarding submission and a unified purpose?
13. To what purpose are we to be unified? (John 17:22-23 & Romans 15:5-6)

Section 5: Read Romans 8:12-17 – Holy Spirit is to Lead and Testify

- 14.a. Romans 8:14 tells us God's children are to be led by the Spirit. What does it mean to be led by someone?
 - b. Why is it easier to be led by someone you know to be an expert or one with authority, as opposed to someone you know nothing about?
 - c. What obstacles do we have in our lives that keep us from allowing God's Spirit to lead us?
- 15.a. To what does the Spirit testify in Romans 8:16?
 - b. Verse 15 tells us we have received a Spirit of sonship, so as a believer you are the adopted child of God! Describe the difference between having a slave or orphan mentality and a daughter of the king attitude.

Closing Thought Question:

16. Share some ways you can become more aware of who the Holy Spirit is and how He is at work in your life.

Oh, thirsty one, come and drink of the water of life, and soak your spirit in God's word as He reveals His Spirit to you.

