

The Holy Spirit

- I. The Holy Spirit (or Spirit of God) is also called the Holy Ghost. **MAT 3:16 c/w LUK 3:22.**
- II. The Spirit has personality. He is not just a force.
1CO 2:10-11; ROM 8:26-27; 1TI 4:1; JOH 14:16-17.
- III. The Holy Spirit is declared Deity. **ACT 5:3-4; ISA 6:5, 8-10 c/w ACT 28:25-27.**
- IV. Consider the diverse operations and provinces of the Spirit. **1CO 12:4-6; REV 1:4 c/w ISA 11:2.**
 - A. The Spirit takes part in creation. **GEN 1:2; JOB 26:13; 33:4.**
 - B. The Spirit inspired prophecy/Scripture. **2SAM 23:2; 2PE 1:21.**
 - C. The Spirit imparts eternal life. **JOH 3:5-8; 6:63; TIT 3:4-5.**
 - 1. Old Testament saints also received this operation. **GAL 4:28-29.**
 - 2. The Spirit indwells the elect that they may cry "Abba, Father." **GAL 4:6.**
 - 3. The Spirit will play an active role in the resurrection of their body.
EPH 1:13-14 c/w ROM 8:11.
 - D. The Spirit played a role in Christ's sacrifice. **HEB 9:14.**
 - E. The Spirit makes overseers of God's flock. **ACT 20:28; 1TI 4:14 c/w 2TI 1:6, 14.**
 - F. The Spirit plays a role in teaching and empowering.
 - 1. Christ promised that the Holy Ghost would come for this purpose.
JOH 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:7; ACT 1:4-5, 8.
 - 2. These disciples were already born again. **JOH 13:10; 15:3; 1:12-13.**
 - 3. This is part of the Spirit's operation as the Comforter.
 - a. comfort: To strengthen (morally or spiritually); to encourage, hearten, inspirit, incite. (fr. L. 'confortare:' to strengthen, f. con = intensive + fort = strong).
 - b. con (as prefix): In Eng. com - The sense is 'together, together with, in combination or union,' also, 'altogether, completely', and hence, intensive.
 - 4. The obedient believer receives this promise.
JOH 7:37-39 c/w MAT 11:28-30 c/w LUK 6:46-49; 14:26-27.
 - a. Through obedience to the gospel, a person is grafted into the local church by the Spirit. **ACT 2:37-47 c/w 1CO 12:13.**
 - b. The Spirit builds obedient believers together into the local church where He dwells for this ministry of comforting. **EPH 2:22 c/w 1CO 3:16.**
 - 5. Consider the Holy Spirit's ministry of teaching.
 - a. This was to the apostles immediately.
JOH 15:15, 27; 16:12-13; 1CO 2:12-13; EPH 3:3-5.
 - b. This is to the believers mediately.
JOH 17:20; 2TI 1:13; 2:2; 2PE 1:19.
 - c. Continued obedience is necessary for His continual teaching.
HEB 5:14; 1PE 2:1-2; COL 1:10.
 - d. Sin will blind the mind and obstruct this teaching ministry.
HEB 3:13; EZE 14:4; 1PE 2:8.
 - e. There are exceptions where God's truth will be declared by the wicked.
NUM 22-25:3 c/w 2PE 2:15-16 c/w JUDE 1:11; JOH 11:49-52.
 - (1) God can cause any creature to declare His truth. **LUK 19:40.**
 - (2) However, this is no rule for enlightened Christians to walk by. A broken clock is right twice each day.

- (3) Devils know and believe that Jesus is Christ and that there is one God. **LUK 4:34, 41; JAM 2:19.**
 - (4) There is truth that men may know naturally, i.e., without the Spirit. **ROM 1:19-20; 1CO 11:14.**
6. Consider the Spirit's ministry of empowering.
 - a. The goal of the gospel is obedience. **ROM 15:18; 16:25-26.**
 - b. The Holy Spirit empowers to obey. **EZE 11:19-20; ROM 8:13-14.**
 - (1) This power must be sought through believing prayer. **EPH 3:16-17; MAT 6:13; ROM 5:2 c/w HEB 4:16; 11:6.**
 - (2) This power is experienced in faithful obedience to the word, for the Spirit leads through the word. **REV 19:10; 1PE 1:22; GAL 5:16 c/w PSA 119:1-3.**
 - (3) seal: To attest by a seal; to place a seal upon (a document) as evidence of genuineness, or as a mark of authoritative ratification or approval.
 - (4) The believer's seal is his belief of God's word. **JOH 3:33.**
 - AA. He sides with God and justifies Him. **LUK 7:29.**
 - BB. Unbelief is Satan's seal by contrast. **LUK 7:30; 1JO 5:10.**
 - CC. Working righteousness or not are similar seals. **1JO 3:10.**
 - (5) God's seal is given in **2TI 2:19**. This departure from sin by one who names Christ is God's evidence of the genuineness of that person as His own. **EPH 1:13; 1TH 1:4-6.**
 - (6) The formal attestation to being a son of God (the seal) comes at baptism, as with Christ. **JOH 6:27 c/w MAT 3:17.**
 - (7) Faith and good works (obedience) are the Spirit's seal on a person as being a new creature in Christ. **EPH 2:8-10 c/w JAM 2:17-18.**
 - c. Works of righteousness may be performed by unbelievers. **ACT 10:1-2, 35.**
 - (1) Cornelius was yet lacking in his life toward God. **ACT 10:6.**
 - (2) Cornelius was not yet a disciple for Christ. He was not a witness for Christ. The following passages would not have applied to Cornelius before his conversion: **JOH 15:8, 11, 14; 1CO 15:58; COL 2:2, 7; PHM 1:4-6; 1JO 5:4-5.**
7. The teaching and empowering ministry of the Spirit is the means for the abundant life. **JOH 10:10.**
 - a. abundantly: Overflowingly, exceedingly, enough and to spare; hence, in large measure, plentifully, copiously, amply, sufficiently for all purposes.
 - b. The saint should not produce mere trickles, but rivers of the Spirit's empowerment. **JOH 7:38-39.**
 - c. We should be FILLED with the spirit. **EPH 5:17-21.**
 - d. In so doing, we are FILLED with joy and peace. **ROM 15:13; ACT 13:52.**
8. Disobedience obstructs this ministry of the Spirit in the believer's life. **EPH 4:30; JUDE 1:5 c/w HEB 3:15-19 c/w ACT 7:51.**
9. Failure to obey God in future leading can nullify the effects of other obedience. **EZE 18:24; REV 2:1-7; NUM 20:12; 1CO 9:27.**

- V. Jesus Christ was/is the most spirit-filled Man. **JOH 3:34.**
- A. By reading of His manner of living, we have a model to live by.
 - B. By reading, believing and obeying His words, we become more spirit-led and spirit-filled, less carnal, assured of salvation, and have life and peace. **ROM 8:1-6.**