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# **Knowing The Holy Spirit**

***Anchors for the storm:*** Key truths that anchor us to Christ, help us navigate life and enable us to glorify the Lord.

Good morning! Welcome to Harvest! I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! This Jesus is the divine descendant of God's servant King David who wrote in **Psalms 51:10-12**

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**11 Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit. (ESV)**

**Let's pray!**

Precious Father, and Jesus our Savior, may you be pleased to strengthen our walk with you, to open our minds to your perfect will and by the Holy Spirit lead us in the ways of your will and kingdom! In Jesus name, Amen.

## **Introduction:**

I'm curious to know what you think about the Holy Spirit. Do you know who he is and what he does? Do you know what Harvest CCL believes Him? I'm hoping to help you discover at least four things the Bible says about the Holy Spirit. These three things can help us stay grounded in the truth of God's word, reality, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We need help to deal with the challenges of life and to share the joy of living for Jesus every single day!

In **John 14** Jesus said something amazing to his disciples: 15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and **he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,** 17 even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. [John 14:15-17 (ESV)]

In **John 16:7** Jesus further explains, "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." (ESV)

Jesus indicated to his followers that there is another “person” who is part of the Godhead, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. [“The Trinity”]

## I. Who the Holy Spirit IS:

From these passages Jesus teaches us that the Holy Spirit (is):

1. Another “Helper” (another Advocate - one who comes along side) - 1 John 2:1
2. A gift from God the Father (“the Father...he will give you”) - Acts 11:16,17
3. A person (notice the pronouns - “him” 3x, he 1x in vs 14, him 1x in vs 16) - John 16:13-14
4. Eternal (“...with you forever”) - Hebrews 9:14
5. “...The Spirit of truth” (“the Spirit” of refers to his divine essence[personage] and “truth” refers to his divine character - He is God) - John 15:26; 16:13; 1 Cor 2:12-14; 1 John 2:27;4:6;5:6
6. Cannot be received by the world because they cannot see or know him- 1 Cor 2:14; Rom 8:7
7. Knowable (“you know him...”)- 1 John 3:24; 4:2, 6, 13
8. The divine indwelling presence of God in each of God’s people (He “...dwells with you and will be in you”) (John 14:17; 16:4-11; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; 2 Tim. 1:14)

The next essential question about the Holy Spirit is

## II. What is the work of Holy Spirit [ What he DOES]:

### 1. In the OT we learn that:

- A. The Holy Spirit was part of the **creation** of the universe/earth - (Gen 1:2)
- B. The Holy Spirit **reveals God’s word** to people (Ezekiel 2:2; 8:3; 11:1,24)
- C. The Holy Spirit **empowers craftsmanship** (Dt 34:9; Num 11:25; Exodus 31:3-5; Zach 4:6)
- D. The Holy Spirit **rests** on the life/ministry of the Messiah/the Savior - Jesus: Isaiah 11:1-2; Acts 13:23 [see also 42:11-4; 61:1-3; Ezk 36:25-27; Jer 31:31-34; Joel 2:28-32)

### **6. The Holy Spirit**

“We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.”

### In the NT we learn that the Holy Spirit:

- A. **Glorifies** the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 16:14).
- B. **Convicts** the world of its guilt (Jn. 16:8; 1 Cor. 2:14).
- C. **Regenerates** sinners (Ezek. 36:25-27; Jn. 3:3, 5; 1 Cor. 12:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13; Tit. 3:5; Jms. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:3),
- D. **Makes God’s people a family:**

- 1) **Baptizing them into union with Christ** (Rom. 3:24; 5:15-21; 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 5:19; 15:22b; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 1:22; 2:17; 3:28; Eph. 1:4; 2:12; 3:6; 4:32; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Thess. 4:16)
  - 2) **Adopting us as heirs** into the family of God (Rom. 8:15, 23; 9:4; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5; Tit. 3:7; see also Matt. 12:49-50; 2 Cor. 6:18; Eph. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:14-18).
- E. **Indwells believers** (Jn. 14:17; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16),
- F. **Illuminates believers** (1 Cor. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4-15; Eph. 1:17-19; Phil. 1:9-11), guides believers (Jn. 16:13; Acts 15:28; Rom. 8:4, 14; Gal. 5:16, 18),
- G. **Equips believers** (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12: 4-10; Eph. 4: 7-11; 1 Pet. 4:10-11)
- H. **Empowers believers for** (Acts 1:8; 10:38; Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:7)
- 1) Christ-like living (Rom. 8:3-6, 12-17; 2 Cor 13:14; Gal. 3:3; 5:22-26;
  - 2) Christ magnifying service (Acts 6:8; 1 Cor 10:31; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11; Eph. 2:22; 4:12; Phil. 2:1-4).

### III. Why is this important?

**We are called to glorify God in all that we do, and we do this by the power of the Holy Spirit**

1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV) 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (ESV) 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

**We are called to be filled with the Holy Spirit daily (our responsibility) -**

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV) 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

We are to fill ourselves with the influences of God's kingdom and his wisdom

**We are called to not grieve the Holy Spirit -**

**Ephesians 4:30** (ESV) 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Our first priority is the pleasure of the Lord. "Lord what is your will for my life today, what bring you the most pleasure and joy, for that is what I seek to do!"

So whether we are leading a Bible study, a children's ministry, fixing a house destroyed by a tornado, or helping the church sing musical praise to the Lord, our first prayer is "Lord, what is your will here. How can I walk in ways that please you? Fill me with your enabling power and grace, through the Holy Spirit!"