



HOLY SPIRIT DEFINED: INTRODUCTION

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper (Holy Spirit) will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment because the ruler of this world is judged. **Jesus Christ**

The Holy Spirit is not merely a nice addendum to the Christian faith. He is at the heart and core of it. He is not merely a force or an influence. He is the third Person and ministry of the Holy Trinity. If everything in life emanates from the knowledge of God, then it's safe to say that everything in the Christian life emanates from the knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

So the Holy Spirit is absolutely central to the Christian. And yet, because of the mystery surrounding this third Person of the triune God, a great deal of confusion has been connected with the work of the Holy Spirit. This has led to a lot of misappropriation, as well as a lot of gross under-appropriation, of His power and gifts.

*Usually, the Holy Spirit is approached from one of two extremes. Either we know very little about Him or we try to make Him into a celebrity, someone we all think we know but don't really know at all. Neither is desirable. The fact is, His role is the indispensable factor in whether you win or lose spiritually, whether you are a failure or a success as a Christian. **Tony Evans***

*If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through the (Holy) Spirit that lives in you...those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons (daughters) of God. **The Apostle Paul***

*I don't want my life to be explainable without the Holy Spirit....When you read the New Testament, you see the Holy Spirit was supposed to change everything so that this gathering of people who call themselves Christians had this supernatural element about them. **Francis Chan***

*And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and the fear of the Lord. **Isaiah the Prophet***

*The same Holy Spirit that told holy men of old what to write in the Bible also indwells Christians today and continues to prompt, lead and speak to us. **Jack Cottrell***

Holy Spirit Bible Project Video Notes:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- John 14:16-17—_____
- John 16:13-14—_____
- Romans 8:27—_____
- 1 Corinthians 2:10-11—_____
- Ephesians 4:30—_____
- 1 Corinthians 12:11—_____

What is He like?

- Isaiah 40:13; 1 Corinthians 2:2—_____
- Psalm 139:7—_____
- Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30—_____

Why did He come?

- John 14:103—_____
- John 16:7—_____
- John 16:13-14—_____

What does He do?

- John 14:26—_____
- John 16:13-14—_____
- Romans 8:26-27—_____

This week at Home with the Holy Spirit--What the Holy Spirit does in a person's life: Acts 1:4-8, Acts 2:1-13, Acts 4:31, Romans 8:1-17, Romans 8:26-27, Romans 15:13, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Galatians 4:4-7, Galatians 5:16-25, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 3:14-16, 1 John 4:13.

Does the Holy Spirit make a difference in your life?