



Chris's Mission Church

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

### INTRODUCTION

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE HOLY SPIRIT! Before the child of God submits himself to the leading of a spirit, he should make certain that he is yielding to the Holy Spirit. This is important because the Holy Spirit is not the only spirit operating in the world today.

- A. There is the \_\_\_\_\_. Man is body, soul, and spirit (I Thessalonians 5:23). We are spirit and our spirit leads us to do certain things. Our spirit is who we are. If the Holy Spirit leads us, we will do Christian things, but if some other spirit controls our spirit we will not do the will of God.
- B. There is the \_\_\_\_\_. Paul tells believers that prior to their conversion they walked “according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). Here we learn that Satan controls the spirit of men who are outside of Christ.
- C. There is the \_\_\_\_\_. God’s Spirit who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). God works in each Christian’s life to have the will or the desire to do His will.

Christians are to test the spirits, to discern the spirits. John tells us, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (I John 4:1). John tells us in verse 6 that we can discern between the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error. It is absolutely essential that we recognize and clearly identify the Holy Spirit before obeying. God, in His Word has set forth some marks, which clearly identify the Holy Spirit from other spirits.

- A. The Holy Spirit will always work in \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ and the Word of God, never apart from them or in opposition to them. Jesus told His

apostles in John 14:26, “He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” The Apostle Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:21, “for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

- B. The Holy Spirit is recognized by His \_\_\_\_\_. Paul contrasted the unity of the Holy Spirit with the confusion of the other spirits in his first epistle to the Corinthians. Paul concluded, “God is not the author of confusion” (I Cor. 14:32-33). Later Paul exhorted his followers “to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).
- C. The Holy Spirit always \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ, never Himself. Jesus told His apostles, “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me” (John 15:2). He also said, “He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose to you what is to come” (John 16:14). Jesus Christ is our Savior. If a church’s teaching is not Christ-centered then it is not Spirit-led.

Now that we know the importance of God’s Spirit, let’s now take a closer look at what the Bible teaches us about the Holy Spirit.

**I. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

He is not a human person but a divine person. A person is a being who is conscious of self, has the ability to think and reason; has feelings and emotions, and has free will and is able to make decisions and take responsible action. The Holy Spirit has all of these qualities. Here are some evidences:

- A. He does what only persons can do.
  - 1. He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Read 1 Tim 4:1  
 Read Revelation 2:7
  - 2. He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Read John 14:16-17
  - 3. He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Read John 14:26
  - 4. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read John 15:26

5. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read John 16:12-13

6. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Acts 16:6

7. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:10

8. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Romans 15:30

9. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 2 Corinthians 13:14

B. He has the characteristics of a person.

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Romans 8:27

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Romans 15:30

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:11

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:11

C. Suffers injuries ascribed to persons

1. Can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Matthew 12:24-32

2. Can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Acts 5:3

3. Can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Acts 7:51

4. Can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Ephesians 4:30

Read Isaiah 63:10

5. Can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Hebrews 10:29

D. Personal pronouns in the masculine gender are applied to the Holy Spirit. In the Greek, the noun “spirit” is neuter in gender. Normally all its pronouns and modifiers would be neuter. But in the New Testament all pronouns referring to the Holy Spirit are personal and masculine.

Read John 16:13

**II. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

To confirm this equality please read the following...

Read Matthew 28:19

Read 2 Corinthians 13:14

A. He does the work of God.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Genesis 1:2

2. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Read John 3:5

Read Titus 3:5

3. He does the \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Matthew 12:28

Read Romans 8:11

B. He has the characteristics of God.

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Hebrews 9:13-14

2. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

3. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Acts 1:8

4. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Psalm 139:7-8

**III. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT  
\_\_\_\_\_ THE CHRISTIAN.**

A question that every Christian needs to know how to answer is: “How and when does a believer receive the Holy Spirit?”

- A. Old Covenant: Under the Old Covenant, it appears that the Holy Spirit came upon people and left people at God's discretion.
- B. New Covenant: Under the New Covenant God has been very direct and has made some specific promises about a person receiving His Holy Spirit. Under the New Covenant, God has promised that every person who believes that Jesus is the Christ, repents of his sins and is immersed in water into Jesus Christ will receive the Holy Spirit into his or her life.
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is by faith and repentance.
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is at your baptism. When the Holy Spirit lives in you, this is what is often referred to as the indwelling of the Spirit and is unlike anything the Old Testament people would have experienced.

(In order to confirm the above statements, please read the following passages of scripture.)

Read Acts 2:38; 5:32; 19:1-7

**IV. THE BLESSINGS THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS INTO THE LIFE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN ARE \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ◆ He enables them to bear fruits of righteousness. In Galatians 5:22 & 23 the fruit of the Spirit is listed.
- ◆ He equips every Christian to do the ministry of the kingdom by giving them \_\_\_\_\_. Paul discusses this issue in Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and I Corinthians 12 through 14.
- ◆ He empowers Christians to overcome sin. "If by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Romans 8:13b).
- ◆ He \_\_\_\_\_ for Christians and provides power for prayer. "In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26)
- ◆ He sealed us to be identified as God's own (Ephesians 1:13-14).
- ◆ His presence assures us of our own bodily resurrection (Romans 8:11).
- ◆ He sustains the Christian in \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:5).