

Lesson 6

Your New Helper: The Holy Spirit Part One

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever” (John 14:16, NASB).

Who is the Holy Spirit? The Bible uses various names to refer to the Holy Spirit. Each designation emphasizes a unique task or aspect of the Spirit’s character.

The Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13; Romans 1:4)

The Spirit of Grace (Hebrews 10:29)

The Spirit of Burning (Matthew 3:11-12; Isaiah 4:4)

The Spirit of Truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 5:6)

The Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2)

The Spirit of Wisdom and Knowledge (Isaiah 11:2; 61:1-2; compare with Luke 4:18)

The Spirit of Promise (Ephesians 1:13)

The Spirit of Glory (1 Peter 4:14; compare with 2 Corinthians 3:18)

The Spirit of God and of Christ (1 Corinthians 3:16; Romans 8:9)

The Bible portrays the Holy Spirit as a person, as God, as God’s gift, as one who will be with you forever, and as your Helper.

Notice how Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as a person.

1. John 14:16-17 _____.

2. John 14:26 _____.

The Bible assigns personal characteristics and duties to the Holy Spirit. Note how the following verses suggest that the Holy Spirit is a person:

3. Romans 8:26-27; 15:30 _____.

4. 1 Corinthians 12:11 _____.

5. John 16:8-14 _____.

6. Acts 13:2; 16:6 _____.

Note how people treat the Holy Spirit like a person.

7. Acts 5:3 _____.

8. Isaiah 63:10 _____.

9. Ephesians 4:30 _____.

10. Acts 7:51 _____.

11. Hebrews 10:29 _____.

The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is divine. Christians believe that he is the third person of the Trinity and that he is coequal with the Father and the Son.

12. Who does the apostle Peter suggest that the Holy Spirit is (Acts 5:3-4)? _____.

The church as a body of believers (1 Corinthians 3:16-17), and the physical bodies of individual believers (6:19-20) are sacred because the Holy Spirit lives in them collectively and individually.

13. The Holy Spirit is linked to _____.

In the second lesson, we learned that there are certain qualities that describe God. The same qualities are given to the Holy Spirit:

14. 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 _____.

15. Luke 1:35 _____.

16. Romans 15:19 _____.

The Holy Spirit does things that only God does.

17. Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:30 _____.

18. John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5 _____.

19. Romans 8:11 _____.

20. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21 _____.

Notice how the Holy Spirit is associated with the Father and the Son in such a way that shows equality (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2).

In addition to the works of the Spirit already mentioned in proof of his personality and divinity, the Holy Spirit empowered certain individuals for particular tasks in the Old Testament. The Spirit gave Bezalel special abilities in craftsmanship for the construction of the tabernacle (Exodus 31:3-5), gave Joseph gifts of administration (Genesis 41:38), and empowered the judges with charismatic leadership (Judges 3:10; 6:34). The Spirit

anointed prophets (Ezekiel 2:2), priests (Leviticus 8:12), and kings (1 Samuel 10:10; 16:13) for special service.

Jesus is the best example of someone empowered by the Spirit. Jesus is Isaiah's "Servant of the Lord" in chapter 42. He will bring justice to the nations, be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, open blind eyes, free captives from prison, and release those who sit in darkness from the dungeon (Isaiah 42:1-9). Verse 10 bursts into a song of jubilation for the salvation that is brought to the ends of the earth.

21. How does the Servant of the Lord accomplish all of this (Isaiah 42:1)? _____

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. (Isaiah 61:1-3)

22. To whom is Isaiah referring? _____

The Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32). The Spirit then led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for forty days (Matthew 4:1). Scripture seems to imply that the Spirit controlled Jesus. In case there was any doubt, Luke says that Jesus was full of the Spirit (Luke 4:1).

23. How was Jesus led? (Luke 4:1) _____

24. How did Jesus return to Galilee after his forty days of temptation (Luke 4.14)?

Read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus applied Isaiah's words (Isaiah 61:1-3) to himself. Once Luke established that Jesus ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit, we can assume that he continued in the Spirit.

Notice the impact of the Spirit upon Jesus in the following passages.

25. Luke 4:28-30 _____

26. Luke 4:31-32 _____

27. Luke 4:33-37 _____

28. Luke 4:38-40 _____.

The same Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus Christ is available to help believers today. Jesus said that he would not leave us alone, but he would send another “Helper” (John 14:16, NASB), and he promised that the Helper would be with us forever. Jesus then identifies the Helper as the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).

In the following passages, identify ways in which the Holy Spirit helps believers.

29. John 3:3-6 _____.

30. 2 Corinthians 3:18 (This refers to the Spirit’s help in the process of sanctification.)

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31. 1 Peter 1:2 _____.

32. Galatians 5:16 _____.

33. Galatians 5:24-26 _____.

34. Romans 8:13 _____.

35. John 14:25-26 _____.

36. John 15:26 _____.

37. John 16:13-14 _____.

38. How long will the Spirit remain with Jesus’ disciples (John 14:16)? _____.

39. Memory Verses:

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and will bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” (John 14:26, NASB)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.” (John 3:5)

40. Action:

Read John 14, 15, and 16. List the things that the Holy Spirit does for believers. What is the Spirit's chief ministry to unbelievers?

41. Rethink the Lesson

- The Holy Spirit is a person. He possesses characteristics of personality, performs personal acts, and he is treated like a person
- The Holy Spirit is God
- The Holy Spirit empowered certain individuals in the Old Testament for special tasks.
- Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit. His work was done completely by the power of the Spirit. Jesus was our great example and model. If Jesus depended upon the help of the Holy Spirit, how much more do we as human beings need the Spirit's help in our lives?
- The Holy Spirit helps disciples by regenerating, sanctifying, empowering, teaching, guiding, and illuminating the truth about Jesus.

Answers to Lesson 6:

1. He, the Holy Spirit, lives with you and will be in you.
2. He teaches.
3. He helps, intercedes, and loves.
4. He gives gifts.
5. He convicts.
6. He sets apart for ministry, calls into ministry, and he leads and directs in ministry.
7. People grieve the Spirit.
8. Lie to the Spirit.
9. Grieve the Spirit.
10. Resist the Spirit.
11. Insult the Spirit.
12. God.
13. God.
14. All knowing.
15. All powerful.
16. All powerful.
17. He creates.
18. He regenerates or gives new life to the believer.
19. He has resurrection power.
20. Inspires the writers of Scripture.
21. God has put his Spirit on him.
22. The Messiah. He was referring to Jesus.
23. By the Spirit.
24. In the Power of the Spirit.
25. Divine protection and provision to escape danger.
26. He taught with authority.
27. He had authority over evil spirits.
28. He healed the sick and cast out demons.
29. He gives new life and initiates people into the kingdom of God.
30. He transforms us into the likeness of Christ.
31. He sanctifies us.
32. He helps us to overcome the desires of the sinful nature.
33. He helps us to crucify the sinful nature.
34. He helps us to put to death the misdeeds of the body.
35. He teaches us and reminds us of Jesus' words.
36. He gives witness of Jesus and helps believers to do so also.
37. He guides disciples into all truth. He speaks of things to come by giving the apostles the spirit of prophecy so they could tell about the future and end times. He glorifies Christ by making him known.
38. Forever.