



Lesson 4

Holy Spirit, Be My Guide

HOLY SPIRIT IS ONE OF THREE PERSONS IN THE GODHEAD: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

Genesis 1:26 says, “Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness.”

This scripture reveals the trinity. God did not say, “I will make man in My image.” He used the plural personal pronoun. From the very beginning, we are shown that God is more than one.

All three are equal parts of the whole, but each has separate works.

Holy Spirit is probably the most overlooked, misunderstood, and underutilized person of the Godhead. A common mistake many Christians make is trying to relate to Holy Spirit as a powerful “influence” in our lives, a “holy entity” that mysteriously hovers around. We must know Holy Spirit as a person who lives within us, who has person-like attributes, who wants more than anything else to be our closest friend. We must believe that Holy Spirit, working in perfect tandem with the Father and Son, will reside within us, make our lives work for good, and enable us to glorify Jesus. If we do not get this, and we do not honor him as a person, we will miss out on the fullness of His presence in our lives.

Jesus completely depended on Holy Spirit. His ministry on earth did not begin until He was baptized, and the Spirit of God settled upon Him. (Matthew 3:13-17)

We should be completely dependent on Holy Spirit too. Consider this: Jesus prepared and equipped His disciples for over three years to be able to spread the Gospel and usher in the Kingdom of God. The disciples became completely dependent on Jesus. Then, Jesus shocked them one day when He told them that unless He left them, their helper (advocate) would not come...that it was to their advantage that He go away. (See John 16:7)

Wait. What?!

The “helper” is the Greek word **parakletos**. It means summoned, called to one’s side. Jesus was telling His disciples that if He did not leave the earth, they would not receive Holy Spirit, their helper who would always be by their side. It’s the same word used in John 14:16 when Jesus tells them, “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Advocate**, who will never leave you.” It was essential for Jesus’ followers to be given Holy Spirit so that they would be empowered to spread the gospel to the nations, enduring great hardships. As a man living on the earth, Jesus was limited. He could not be with them everywhere and at all times.

It is the same with us. We do not have the physical presence of Jesus. Instead, we have Holy Spirit who is with us at all times and all places, 24/7...helping, guiding, protecting, teaching, and comforting us.

Scripture tells us that Jesus ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, the Father. Jesus resides in heaven with the Father. Holy Spirit lives with us in our hearts, here on planet earth. Jesus promised this.

WHEN THE LORD HAD FINISHED TALKING WITH THEM, HE WAS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN AND SAT DOWN IN THE PLACE OF HONOR AT GOD’S RIGHT HAND. MARK 16:19 (NLT)

AFTER SAYING THIS, HE WAS TAKEN UP INTO A CLOUD WHILE THEY WERE WATCHING, AND THEY COULD NO LONGER SEE HIM. AS THEY STRAINED TO SEE HIM RISING INTO HEAVEN, TWO WHITE-ROBED MEN SUDDENLY STOOD AMONG THEM. “MEN OF GALILEE,” THEY SAID, “WHY ARE YOU STANDING HERE STARING INTO HEAVEN? JESUS HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, BUT SOMEDAY HE WILL RETURN FROM HEAVEN IN THE SAME WAY YOU SAW HIM GO!” ACTS 1:9-11 (NLT)

BUT STEPHEN, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GAZED STEADILY INTO HEAVEN AND SAW THE GLORY OF GOD, AND HE SAW JESUS STANDING IN THE PLACE OF HONOR AT GOD’S RIGHT HAND. AND HE TOLD THEM, “LOOK I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING IN THE PLACE OF HONOR AT GOD’S RIGHT HAND.” ACTS 7:55-56 (NLT).

HOLY SPIRIT HAS PERSONALITY TRAITS

Human behaviors that bring Holy Spirit deep sorrow: foul or abusive language, bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words,

As a personal being, He:

Testifies (John 15:26; Hebrews 10:15)
Convicts (John 16:8)
Comforts (John 14:16)
Teaches (John 14:26)
Guides (John 16:13)
Strives (Genesis 6:3)
Helps (John 16:7)

He may be:

Resisted (Acts 7:51)
Grieved (Ephesians 4:29-32)
Quenched (Thessalonians 5:19)
Insulted (Hebrews 10:29)
Blasphemed (Matthew 12:31, 32)

and slander.

Our negative actions can actually cause Holy Spirit to become quiet in our lives. Where He is sorrowed, quenched, insulted, and treated irreverently He will not manifest. Whoa, that is important to remember!

He works in us to:

Console (John 14:16-17)

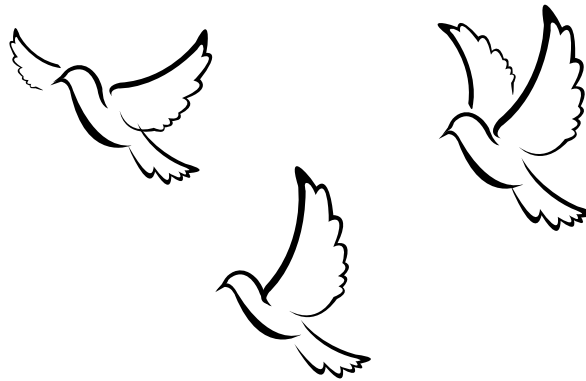
Illumine (John 16:13)

Intercede (Romans 8:26-27)

Edify (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Give gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Empower for service (Acts 1:8)



CONCLUSION

There are many testimonies of Holy Spirit invading our lives, whether we have invited Him in or not. He cannot be contained in a "box". When the Lord wants to move in our lives, He will do what He pleases.

But, more than anything, the Lord desires an intimate relationship with us. He wants us to seek Him and invite Him in. He is like a gentleman, and usually will not force Himself upon us. He will faithfully reveal Himself to us when we search for Him. Spend time getting to know Him through reading the Bible and resting in His presence. We must foster an atmosphere where He feels warmly welcome. Do not grieve, resist, or quench the Spirit. We should treat Holy Spirit as our most intimate friend. Spend time understanding His personality and connecting to Him. He will reveal all things to us. He will reveal the heart of the Father. He will impart the love of Christ to us. It is through Holy Spirit that we will glorify Jesus.

He is so vast, almighty, brilliant and sovereign...we will spend a lifetime with Him and never run out of new revelations. This is just the beginning, my friend.