

Sometimes metaphorically he is spoken of as:

a **Dove** (Mt. 3:16),

**Water** (John 4:14),

**Fire** (Acts 2:3),

**Wind** (John 3:8),

**Wine** (Eph. 5:18),

**Oil** (1 John 2:20),

a **Seal** (Eph. 1:13),

a **Deposit** (Eph. 1:14),

**Clothing** (Luke 24:49)

He is the Holy Spirit. Look up the following passages to see what else He is called:

John 14:16, \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:17, \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 11:2, \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 1:19, \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1:4, \_\_\_\_\_

He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Triune God and He lives in each person He regenerates. Knowing Him is important for every Christian.

## **Lesson 2: He is a Person**

The Holy Spirit is often mistaken to be an \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, it is correct to say that He *is* a Person who *has* force and energy – or “power”. (As the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Triune God He is “omnipotent”, which means He is “all-powerful”.)

He is always spoken of as a person and not in any way as an impersonal force. Rather than referring to the Holy Spirit as “\_\_\_\_\_”, the Bible always uses personal pronouns.

For example, count how many times “\_\_\_\_\_” is used in John 14:17 by Jesus to refer to the Holy Spirit, “...***the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.***”

(Number of times: \_\_\_\_\_ )

Furthermore, the Bible describes the Holy Spirit as having \_\_\_\_\_ of personality:

1. \_\_\_\_\_, He has a mind, “***And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit...***” –Romans 8:27.
2. \_\_\_\_\_, He possesses the ability to experience emotion, “***And do not***

***grieve the Holy Spirit of God...*** –Ephesians 4:30.

3. \_\_\_\_\_, He has a will and can make decisions, ***“While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’*** –Acts 13:2
4. He \_\_\_\_\_. ***“The Spirit clearly says that in later times...”*** (1 Timothy 4:1). Also, ***“For it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”*** (Matthew 10:19).

### **Lesson 3: He is God**

He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Trinity. He is God in every way that the Father and the Son are God. He is not \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father and the Son.

He has every attribute of God just like the other 2 Persons of the Godhead.

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_, ***“The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”*** -1 Cor. 2:10b-11
2. He is \_\_\_\_\_, ***“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?”*** –Psalm 139:7
3. He is \_\_\_\_\_, ***“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God...”*** –Hebrews 9:14.

He is also \_\_\_\_\_ with the other 2 Persons of the Godhead in a way that indicates His deity, ***“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*** – Mt. 28:19.

He is \_\_\_\_\_ God in the Bible, ***“Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.’*** –Acts 5:3-4.

### **Lesson 4: His Works**

The Holy Spirit was active in \_\_\_\_\_, ***“...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”*** –Genesis 1:2b. ***“The Spirit of God has made me...”*** –Job 33:4a. ***“When you send Your Spirit they are created...”*** –Ps. 104:30a.

He \_\_\_\_\_ men to write the Scriptures, "**For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**"  
-2 Peter 1:21

He caused the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, "...**she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit....what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit**" –Mt. 1:19, 20

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While the Holy Spirit was very active in the \_\_\_\_\_, there is a difference in the way He operated between then and now. Today, the Holy Spirit lives in every single Christian, whether new or old, mature or immature. When someone puts their faith in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins they receive the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14).

But in the OT the Holy Spirit did not indwell everyone. His relationship with men in the OT is described in 3 ways:

There were \_\_\_\_\_ people He did indwell temporarily, "**So the LORD said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit...**"-Numbers 27:18.

He came \_\_\_\_\_ many, "**Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon...**" –Judges 6:34.

And He \_\_\_\_\_ some, "**And I have filled him with the Spirit of God...**" –Ex. 31:3.

Not everyone experienced His work in these ways and it was temporary with those who did.

### **Lesson 5: The Holy Spirit & the Church**

The Holy Spirit has a special and particular relationship with the Church. The Church is the only community where the Holy Spirit permanently indwells each person in that community.

Before someone is saved the Holy Spirit is found to be at work in their life. He is said to be \_\_\_\_\_ them, "**When He [the Holy Spirit] comes He will convict the world of guilt in regards to sin and righteousness and judgment.**" –John 16:8.

At the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation the Holy Spirit does several things:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us, "**He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.**" –Titus 3:5
2. He begins to permanently \_\_\_\_\_ us, "**And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth....But you know Him [the Spirit of truth], for He lives with you and will be in you.**"
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ us into the Body of Christ. This is a Spirit baptism whereby we are brought into union with Christ and every other believer, "**For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body...**" -1 Cor. 12:13.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ us, "**Having believed you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit**" –Eph. 1:13.

After someone is saved the Holy Spirit continues to minister to them:

1. He has \_\_\_\_\_ with us, "**if [you have] any fellowship with the Spirit**" –Phil. 2:1. "**[May the ] fellowship if the Holy Spirit be with you all.**" -2 Cor. 13:14.
2. He gives \_\_\_\_\_, "**We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God that we may understand what God has freely given us.**" -1 Cor. 2:12.
3. He can be \_\_\_\_\_ by our sin, "**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed...**" –Eph. 4:30.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ us, "**Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead be filled with the Spirit.**" –Eph. 5:18. This means that we are to yield ourselves to the control of the Holy Spirit. We are to be "under His influence". When we refuse to do this and do what we want we "**quench the Spirit**" (1 Thess. 5:19).
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ us, "**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.**" -1 Cor. 12:7. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to each person in the Body of Christ so that they can use them for the benefit of others in the Body.

### **Answer Key**

**Lesson 1:** Counselor, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of Jesus Christ, Spirit of Holiness,

**Lesson 2:** impersonal force, energy, it, he/him, 5, attributes, intellect, emotion, volition, speaks

**Lesson 3:** inferior, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal, associated, called

**Lesson 4:** creation, inspired, conception, Old Testament, permanent, indwelling, some, upon, filled

**Lesson 5:** convicting, moment, washes, rebirths, indwell, baptizes, sealed, fellowship, understanding, grieved, fills, gifts