

"The Holy Spirit"

Text: Ephesians 1:13-14

1. What is the role of God? He is the _____ ruler of all that has ever been, is today, and will ever be. God the Father is the Supreme Being, Creator, and Sustainer, deserving of human worship and obedience.
2. What is the role of Jesus? He is the _____ of the world. He provided humanity with the gift of salvation.
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit? He is the guide and counselor for all Christians.

Romans 8:9 says: **"⁹ But you are not ruled by your sinful selves. You are ruled by the Spirit, if that Spirit of God really lives in you. But the person who does NOT have the Spirit of Christ does NOT belong to Christ."**

I Corinthians 12:13 declares: **"¹³ Some of us are Jews, and some are Greeks. Some of us are slaves, and some are free. But we were all baptized into one body through one Spirit. And we were all made to share in the one Spirit."**

Ephesians 1:13-14 – **"¹³ So it is with you. When you heard the true teaching—the Good News about your salvation—you believed in Christ. And in Christ, God put his special mark of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit that he had promised. ¹⁴ That Holy Spirit is the guarantee that we will receive what God promised for his people until God gives full freedom to those who are his—to bring praise to God's glory."**

4. The Holy Spirit gives us a greater ability to see how we can _____ God's wisdom to our daily decisions.
5. The Holy Spirit does NOT directly _____ us, but the Spirit is still a spirit of great power.

II Timothy 1:7 - **"⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."**

6. The Spirit gives us strength and insight to make the necessary changes to who we are on the _____.
7. The Holy Spirit helps us change into _____ men and women.
8. The Holy Spirit leads us as a _____ on the path, but it does not drive us. It leads us just as it led Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4:1 – “Then Jesus was LED by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

Mark 1:12 – “At once the Spirit SENT him out into the wilderness.”

9. The Holy Spirit does not _____ us to do anything. We are _____ moral agents; we make our own choices and decisions.

Romans 8:14 - “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”

10. God’s people are to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit. We must live according to the Spirit — setting our _____ on the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:5 – “Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”

11. The Bible _____ a number of ways that the Holy Spirit works with our minds to help us.

A. The Holy Spirit opens our minds to _____ God’s way.

The apostle Paul declared that the Holy Spirit enables us to “have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”
Ephesians 3:16-19.

B. The Holy Spirit also opens our minds to properly _____ what is found in the Bible — “The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10b).

C. The Holy Spirit changes our minds to _____ minds.

The Holy Spirit helps us to put off the old man and to **“²³ ...to be made new in your hearts, ²⁴ to become a new person. That new person is made to be like God—made to be truly good and holy.”** (Ephesians 4:23-24).

Romans 12:2 – **“² Do not be shaped by this world; instead be changed (transformed) within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.”**

D. The Holy Spirit _____ us.

John 14:26 – **“²⁶ ...the Helper will teach you everything and will cause you to remember all that I told you. This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name.”**

E. The Holy Spirit comforts and _____ us.

One way Jesus Christ comforts us through the Holy Spirit is by giving us His unique _____. **“²⁷ “I leave you peace; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don’t let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”** (John 14:27)

F. The Holy Spirit keeps us in _____ with God.

I John 3:24 – **“If we obey God’s commandments, we will stay one in our hearts with him, and he will stay one with us. The Spirit that he has given us is proof that we are one with him.”**

Ephesians 2:18 – **“...because of Christ, all of us can come to the Father by the same Spirit.”**

Romans 8:26 – **“In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don’t know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words.”**