

“The Holy Spirit”

Text: Ephesians 1:13-14

1. The Holy Spirit is the presence of God who lives _____ His people. He will live ____ us after our sins are removed through the work of Christ.
2. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He told His disciples that He would send one who would _____ and _____ all those who believe in Him.

Acts 1:5 – “For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

John 14:26 – ²” But 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.”

John 16:7 – “But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go away. When I go away, I will send the Helper to you. If I do not go away, the Helper will not come.”

3. When a person believes in Christ, the Holy Spirit immediately becomes a _____ part of his life.

Romans 8:14 – “The true children of God are those who let God’s Spirit lead them.”

1 Corinthians 12:13 – “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.”

4. The Holy Spirit has many functions:
 - A. He distributes _____ gifts according to His will (1 Corinthians 12:7–11).
 - B. He _____ us (John 14:16).

- C. He _____ us (John 14:26).
- D. He remains in us as “a seal of _____” upon our hearts until the day of Jesus’ return (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).
- E. He takes on the role of Guide and Counselor, _____ us in the way we should go and revealing God’s truth (Luke 12:12; 1 Corinthians 2:6–10).

5. HOW do we recognize the Spirit’s voice which will guide us?

- A. When the Spirit speaks, He will _____ your faith.
- B. When the Spirit speaks, He will calm your worries and remove your fears.
- C. The Spirit will never scream. He is _____.
- D. He will only speak to God’s Word.
- E. He will convict you of sin. He will never _____ you.
- F. When He speaks your confidence will increase.
- G. When He speaks, your spiritual discernment will be increased.
- H. He will only speak the _____.
- I. He will never speak a foolish word. He will warn you of foolish people and foolish things.
- J. The Spirit will always speak in love.
- K. When the Spirit speaks, peace will cloud your mind, not confusion, because Satan is the author of confusion.
- L. When the Spirit speaks, He will always address your need so that God can _____ your need.
- M. When He speaks, His words will exude kindness.
- N. When He speaks, He will say what is right, fair and honorable because He is not respecter of persons.
- O. When He speaks, He will never condemn you because His passion is to _____ you.

6. How do we discern between our own thoughts and His leading?

- A. He guides us through our own consciences and other quiet, subtle ways.

Romans 9:1 – “ I am in Christ, and I am telling you the truth; I do not lie. My conscience is ruled by the Holy Spirit, and it tells me I am not lying.”

B. His words will always _____ our faith. His words will NEVER increase our fear.

- (1.) The Spirit is the only person who speaks what is true _____ the time.
- (2.) WHOMEVER you lend your ear to has the permission to _____ your future.
- (3.) The Holy Spirit will NEVER scream.

Luke 3:22 – “.....the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “You are my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with you.”

7. One of the most important ways to recognize the Holy Spirit’s guidance is to read, study and become _____ with God’s Word.
8. The Bible is the “reflection” of God’s thoughts and the Spirit will NEVER say anything _____ to the Bible.
9. Recognizing the Spirit’s voice will become _____ when you are able to compare His instruction with a scripture in the Bible.
10. Studying the Bible will make you sensitive to His voice because the Spirit will _____ speak, confirm, and remind you of God’s Word.
11. The Bible is the ultimate source of _____ about how we should live.

2 Timothy 3:16 – “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right.”

Ephesians 6:17 – “Accept God’s salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

12. The Spirit will use the _____ to speak to us.

John 16:12–14 - “I have many more things to say to you, but they are too much for you now. ¹³ But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all truth. He will not speak his own words, but he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is to come. ¹⁴ The Spirit of truth will bring glory to me, because he will take what I have to say and tell it to you.”

13. The Spirit will _____ God’s will for our lives; He will also bring specific Scriptures to mind at times when we need them most.

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14. Truths to remember:

A. Knowledge of God’s Word can help us to _____ whether or not our desires come from the Holy Spirit.

B. We must _____ our inclinations against Scripture — the Holy Spirit will never prod us to do anything contrary to God’s Word.

C. If your thoughts, feelings, or actions conflict with the Bible, then it is not from the Holy Spirit and should be _____.

15. Here’s a litmus test to give yourself when you cannot decide whose voice you’re hearing:

- Is your first instinct to defend yourself or prove you’re right? If so, that is your flesh. It is not the Holy Spirit.
- Are you looking down on someone or feeling disdain for another person? If yes, that is your flesh, your sinful nature

at work. The Holy Spirit is always love and wants to give you love for every person.

- Are you envious of what someone else has, feeling you deserve the same thing? If so, that is your flesh. The Holy Spirit never leads us to or condones jealousy.
- Are you struggling to apologize and admit you're wrong? That too is your flesh. The Spirit's desire is for your pride to decrease and the humility of Christ to grow in its place.
- Do you see the toddler version of yourself coming alive? Do you want what you want, when you want it? That's walking in the flesh, not the Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires sacrifice for God that is also God-dependent, not sacrifice for self-glory.
- Are you ungrateful and discontent? If so, you're being led by your flesh. Ingratitude is never from the Holy Spirit.

16. It is also necessary for us to be in _____ prayer with the Father.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 – “Pray continually, ¹⁸ and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not hold back the work of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 8:26–27 - “...the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us with deep feelings that words cannot explain. ²⁷ God can see what is in people's hearts. And he knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit speaks to God for his people in the way God wants.”

17. Another way to tell if we are following the Spirit's leading is to look for _____ of His fruit in our lives. (Galatians 5:22)

18. It is important to note that we have the _____ whether or not to accept the Holy Spirit's guidance.

19. The Spirit will NEVER lead us into _____.

20. _____ sin will cause us to miss what the Spirit wants to say to us through the Word. Being in tune with God's will, turning from and confessing sin, and making a habit of prayer and the study of God's Word will allow us to recognize—and follow—the Spirit's leading.