

“The Holy Spirit”

Text: Ephesians 1:13-14

1. The Holy Spirit is a _____. He is a member of the Godhead, referred to as the Trinity.
2. Many psychologists will point to 3 qualities as the traits that constitute personality:
 - A. _____

I Corinthians 2:10-11 – “...God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. 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.”

B. _____

Ephesians 4:30 – “...do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

C. _____

I Corinthians 12:11 – “All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.” (referring to spiritual gifts)

3. The Spirit does things ONLY a person can do:
 - A. _____ us
 - B. _____ for us
 - C. performs miracles for us and in us
 - D. comforts us
 - E. _____ us
 - F. _____ us of sin
 - G. gives us power
 - H. encourages us

4. He is God, possessing divine characteristics of God:
 - A. _____-knowing (omniscient) – I Corinthians 2:10-11
 - B. _____-powerful (omnipotent) – Genesis 1:1-2
 - C. _____ present simultaneously (omnipresent) –
Psalm 139:7-9

5. WHY do we need to know about the Holy Spirit? WHY is it important for the Christ-follower to be acquainted with the Spirit?
 - A. If you want to _____ God.
 - B. If you want to live a God-honoring life.
 - C. If you want to fulfill God's _____ for your life, you must follow the Spirit's guidance.
 - D. If you want to _____ God's Word.
 - E. If you want the ability to weather the "ups" and "downs" of life.
 - F. If you want to bring _____ to God's heart.

6. HOW do we "hear" the voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
 - A. First of all, we must possess a proper understanding that "hearing God's voice" and His "nudges" are not part of us learning some sort of spiritual _____.
 - B. Hearing the Spirit speak is all about a _____.
 - C. If we want to hear God's voice and feel His "nudges" we must _____ deeply in the relationship He provides to us through Christ.
 - D. We must possess a strong commitment to get to "_____" God.
 - E. We get to "know" God through investing in a quality "_____ time".

John 16:13 states: **"...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."**

Steps for learning to “hear”:

A. Get _____.

Mark 6:31 – “Crowds of people were coming and going so that Jesus and his followers did not even have time to eat. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves, and we will go to a lonely place to get some rest.”

B. Be _____.

Mark 1:3 says: “This is a voice of one who calls out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the road straight for him.’”

C. Be _____.

John 8:31-32 – “...Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, “If you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my followers. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

D. Be _____.

Hebrews 11:1 – “Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.”

E. Be _____.

Colossians 3:12 – “God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So you should always clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

