

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

### I. INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Give your initial thoughts and impressions. The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### A. WHO NOT WHAT—THE PERSONALITY OF THE SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is not an entity, a thing, a force, an emotion, enthusiasm, courage, a personification of God (or good), or an 'it,' but a person—The Holy Spirit is a PERSON, the third member of the Triune Godhead. He is a person who can be followed (Romans 8.14, Galatians 5.16), received (Galatians 3.2), obeyed (Acts 21.11; Hebrews 3.7; I Timothy 4.1, Revelation 2.7, 11, 17), loved, (Colossians 1.8), lied to (Acts 5.3-4), rejoiced in (Luke 10.21), resisted (Acts 7.31), blasphemed (Matthew 12.31-32), and grieved (Isaiah 63.12, Ephesians 4.30). In addition, Scripture shows the Spirit speaking (Acts 13.2), having knowledge and wisdom (Isaiah 11.2, I Corinthians 2.10-11), having a mind (Romans 8.26-27), having a will (John 3.8, I Corinthians 12.11), having power (Romans 15.13), teaching (Luke 12.12), comforting (John 14.16, 26, 15.26), warning (I Timothy 4.1), and guiding (John 16.13).

#### B. WHO NOW WHAT—THE SPIRIT'S ACTION IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN FROM ROMANS 8

Now that we've settled the personality of the Spirit, we need to see what He does, how He functions in our lives. This is not just periphery stuff, not just add-on, take it or leave it Christianity—it is crucial, live or die Christianity. Look at the Spirit's importance simply from Romans 8 ("The Great 8").

1. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and death. In other words, he awakens us, regenerates us, and applies our salvation "in Christ (8.2)."
2. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ God (8.4-7). Can you imagine anything more central than the Spirit-given ability to please God?
3. The Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to condemnation and \_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to death (8.6, 11)
4. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ that we are Christians, that we are "in Christ (8.9)." Every Christian has the Spirit and belongs to Christ by the Spirit.
5. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us (8.11). He works internally like leaven, permeating every aspect of our being and producing his fruit (Gal. 5.22-24).
6. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ sin (Romans 8.13). We cannot battle any sin in our lives without the removal of condemnation and the power of the Spirit to put it to death.
7. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us (8.14). We can only follow God if we are led by the Spirit. It is this leading that proves we are "children of God (8.15-17).
8. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us into the family of God (8.15). He is even called here the "Spirit of adoption." It is only by the Spirit that we become sons of the Father. He officiates, as it were, the wedding between us and the Son which brings us into fellowship, communion, and family life of the Triune God.
9. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ that we are in fact children of God (8.15-17).
10. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ for us (8.26-27). He knows the mind of God and He knows our minds and hearts through and through. He uses that knowledge to intercede for us before the throne of God, even when we are weak and don't know how to pray.

## II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT—NOT JUST AT PENTECOST (GEN. 1.2)

### A. CREATING SPIRIT—GEN. 1.2

1. Hovering over the waters
  - a. Poised for action
  - b. Link between Spirit and the Word
  - c. Ruling over all other gods and worldviews
2. Sustaining Spirit—Job 34.14-15, Psalm 104.27-30
  - a. Creation → Providence
  - b. God's providential care (Matthew 6)
  - c. Confrontation of other worldviews
  - d. Care for creation
3. Spirit of New Creation (Romans 8.19-27)

### B. EMPOWERING SPIRIT

1. Bezalel and Oholiab (Exodus 35.30-35)
2. Judges (Judges 3.10, 14.16, 15.14)
3. Moses (Numbers 11.29)
4. Pray for Empowerment from the Spirit

### C. PROPHECYING SPIRIT—II PETER 1

1. Revelation of God's Word
2. False Prophets Don't have the Spirit (Ezekiel 13.3)
3. True Prophets
  - a. Speak the truth in the Spirit
    - i. Balaam (Numbers 22-24)
    - ii. Michaiah (II Kings 22.14)
  - b. Call for Justice
    - i. Amos
    - ii. Zechariah (Zech 7.7-12)
    - iii. Micah (Micah 3.8)

### D. ANOINTING SPIRIT

1. Saul (I Samuel 10.1, 6, 10)
2. David (I Samuel 16.12-13)
3. Coming King (Isaiah 11.1-5, 42.1-7; Luke 4.17-20)
4. Us (John 20.21-22, Acts 1.8)

### E. COMING SPIRIT

1. Re-Creation (Is. 32.15-18)
2. Re-Place your spirit with His (Ezekiel 36.25-27)
3. Re-surrect (Ezekiel 37, Romans 8.11)
4. Re-pentance and Re-renewal (Joel 2, Acts 2)