

3.0 Additional Material for Further Study

In John 14:16, *Jesus said And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- the Spirit of Truth.* The Greek word used in the text for “another” (allos) means another exactly the same as the subject. This means that the Holy Spirit has exactly the same nature as the Lord Jesus Christ and will do the same for the disciples in the future as Jesus had done for them in the past three years. For us, this means that the Holy Spirit will do the same for us as Jesus did for His disciples. So we can take these 12 things that the Holy Spirit does in our lives and find examples of them in the life of Jesus with His disciples. The Holy Spirit References in the table below are the verses we have already studied. The references in the Jesus’ Actions column shows how Jesus did these things in the lives of His disciples. Studying these will further help you to understand the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Point	Activity	Holy Spirit Reference	Jesus’ Actions
1	Convicts of sin	John 16:7-11 1 Thessalonians. 1:5	Luke 5:1-8
2	Produces new birth	John 3:5-6 Titus 3:5	John 1:12-13
3	Lives in every believer	Acts 2:38 1 Corinthians 3:16	Matthew 28:20
4	Guarantees our salvation	Ephesians 1:13-14 2 Corinthians 5:5	John 10:28
5	Gives power to resist temptation	Romans 8:13-14 Galatians 5:16-18	Matt. 5:21-42
6	Guides our understanding of scripture	John 14:26 1 Corinthians 2:9-15	Luke 24:27 Luke 24:45
7	Changes our Character	1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Galatians 5:22-26	Luke 9:54-55 John 13:34-35
8	Gives gifts to empower us to serve God	Acts 1:8 1 Corinthians 12:7-11	Matthew 10:1; Luke 9:1 Luke 10:1-16
9	Leads and guides our life	Acts 10:19 Acts 13:3-4	Matthew 17:27 Matthew 21:2
10	Prays for us	Romans 8:26-27	John 17:6-19 Luke 22:31-32
11	Calls us to service	Acts 13:2 Acts 20:28	Matthew 4:18-22 Luke 5:27-28
12	Fills us with His presence	Ephesians 5:18 Acts 4:31	John 15:14



Living the Christian Life Bible Study

Lesson 9b (NIV)

Understanding The Holy Spirit (Part 2 of 2)

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1.0 The Holy Spirit in the Church

Jesus' promise that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5) was fulfilled ten days later, on the day of Pentecost, when His followers were together in one place. (Pentecost is a Jewish holiday that occurs 50 days after the Passover.) Read Acts 2:1-4 and identify three things that happened when they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

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Read Acts 2:5-12. There were people from many different countries present for the Feast of Pentecost. They each heard their own language being spoken. What message did they hear in their own language (2:11)?

What was their reaction (2:12)? _____

Read verses 14 to 21 to see how Peter explained this amazing event. He tells them that it is the fulfillment of the words of the prophet Joel that God will pour out His Spirit. What is the result of God pouring out His Spirit (2:21)?

In verses 22-36, Peter explains to them the real meaning of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Read verses 37-41 to see the results of this message. How did the people respond (verse 37)?

How did Peter answer their question (verse 38)?

What else would they receive (verse 38)? _____

In this chapter we see the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that His followers would receive - be baptized in - the Holy Spirit. This initial incident was accompanied by several miraculous events. When Peter preaches, he invites all to receive salvation, which includes receiving the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13 teaches that all believers receive the Holy Spirit when they are saved. (*For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*) In the next section we will see the effect of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer.

2.0 The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer (cont'd)

10. *Romans 8:26-27 - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.*

11. *Acts 13:2 - While they were worshiping 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 20:28 - Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

12. *Ephesians 5:18 - Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit*

Acts 4:8 - Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!

Acts 4:31 - After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 6:1-4 - In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

2.0 The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer (cont'd)

8. *Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Romans 12:6-8 - We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

9. *Acts 10:19 - While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you.*

Acts 13:3-4 - So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

Acts 16:6-7 - Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

Acts 20:22-23 - And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.

2.0 The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer

In the previous lesson about the Holy Spirit, we have learned that He is the third member of the Trinity; equal in every way with God the Father and God the Son, while carrying out His own distinct role. We have seen His activity in the Old Testament, coming upon selected people for a period of time to do the work of God.

We have seen Him guiding and empowering the Lord Jesus Christ, and we have seen Him descend in power on the church at its beginning on the day of Pentecost.

In this lesson, we shall see Him carrying out the same activities, and many more, in the life of the believers. We cannot possibly study everything the New Testament says about the Holy Spirit because He is mentioned about 250 times. We have however, identified twelve distinct activities of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the believers and listed verses describing those activities. As you read these verses, answer the question "What is the Holy Spirit doing in these passages?"

1. *John 16:7-11 - ⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. (Note: John 14:26 identifies the Counselor as the Holy Spirit.)*

1 Thessalonians 1:5 - because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

2. *John 3:5-6 - Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

Titus 3:5 - he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

2.0 The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer (cont'd)

- 3. Acts 2:38 - Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:16 - Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

- 4. Ephesians 1:13-14 - And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-to the praise of his glory

2 Corinthians 5:5 - Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

- 5. Romans 8:13-14 - For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Galatians 5:16-18 - So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

2.0 The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer (cont'd)

- 6. John 14:26 - But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

1 Corinthians 2:9-15 - However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"- 10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 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. 12 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. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

- 7. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 5:22-25 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
