

**CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
SERIES: THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 2)**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**“<sup>9</sup> And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: <sup>11</sup> And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Mark 1:9-11).**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**A. The Holy Spirit is a Person**

However, His nature is immaterial or non-physical which means that He does not have a physical body. He is a Spirit.

**B. The Holy Spirit is Considered Eternal.**

The Holy Spirit existed before Creation and exists forevermore, as part of the Trinity (God head) – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- 1. “<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters” (Gen 1:1-2).**

The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters, preparatory to the great creative and reconstructive acts to follow. The remaining verses of Genesis 1 describes the six days of Creation and Reconstruction which prepared the earth for human habitation.

- 2. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb 9:14).**

**C. “Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are ships without the wind, branches without sap and like coals without fire, we are useless.” – Charles Spurgeon**

**D. Our Blessed Savior Christ Himself preaches that the Holy Ghost is everlasting and almighty God.” – Martin Luther**

**I. THE HOLY SPIRIT TESTIFIES (John 15:26)**

**“Testify”** means to bear witness, give evidence, affirm that one has seen, heard, or experienced something.

- “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me” (John 15:26).

**A. The Primary Role of the Holy Spirit**

The primary role of the Holy Spirit is to **testify** about Christ. Believers are called to join in this testimony – sharing the truth of Christ with others.

**B. Believers are called to testify of Christ and His Saving Grace.**

**C. “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom 8:16).**

The Holy Spirit testifies with our Spirit that we are “**Children of God,**” emphasizing the personal and affirming work of the Holy Spirit in Believers’ lives.

- “He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:14).
- “Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me” (Acts 20:23).

**II. THE HOLY SPIRIT APPOINTS (Acts 13:2-3)**

**Appoints** means to assign someone to a duty, selecting a person for office, or setting a specific time and place.

**A. “<sup>2</sup> As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. <sup>3</sup> And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away” (Acts 13:2-3).**

After much fasting and prayer, the Antioch Church leaders received direct instruction from the Holy Spirit to set apart (appoint), Barnabas and Paul for missionary work. This was Paul’s first missionary journey. The church was involved in sending Paul and Barnabas, but it was God’s Plan. The Holy Spirit led them where they needed to go.

- **How does fasting and praying help us discern God’s will for our lives today?**
- Paul’s first missionary journey is recorded in Acts 13-14.

**B. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28).**

The Ephesian Elders were told to feed the flock (Believers) under their care, by teaching them the Word of God and to shepherd them by being examples of God’s love. The Elders were made Overseers (Bishops, Elders), by the Holy Spirit. Christ purchased the church with His own Blood.

- **In what ways can church leaders of today ensure they are keeping watch over themselves and their congregations?**

**III. THE HOLY SPIRIT SANCTIFIES (Rom 15:16)**

**Sanctify** means to make Holy, to consecrate, to set apart.

- “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost” (Rom 15:16).

### A. Sanctification by the Holy Spirit

Sanctification by the Holy Spirit is the Divine work of the Spirit in “**setting apart**” and purifying Believers.

### B. “Acceptable” to God

“**Acceptable**” means the offering of a human life is acceptable only if a person is brought by the Gospel of God and is sanctified (set apart to God) by the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of Christ must be proclaimed and accepted for a person to be acceptable to God. The only person set apart to God by the Holy Spirit is the person who comes to God in the Name of Jesus Christ.

- **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).**

## IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS (John 14:16)

“**Comforter**” means advocate, helper, counselor, intercessor

### A. The Holy Spirit is our Helper

The Holy Spirit is actively involved in guiding and supporting Believers in their spiritual journey. He is on our side and is always nearby. He is our helper and will never leave us forsake us.

- **“<sup>5</sup> Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. <sup>6</sup> So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me (Heb 13:5-6).**

### B. The Holy Spirit Abides Forever

The Holy Spirit abides forever with the Believer. His presence continues and never ends. He never withdraws His presence from us.

- **“Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied” (Acts 9:31).**
- **In what ways have you sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your decision-making process?**

## V. THE HOLY SPIRIT REGENERATES (John 3:6)

Regenerates means to be “Born Again,” changing from a natural, sinful state to a spiritual state.

- **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6).**

The necessity of the spiritual rebirth (“Born Again”) is a central theme of Christian Theology. The spiritual rebirth is generated through the work of the Holy Spirit. This spiritual rebirth is necessary to enter the Kingdom of God.

- The spiritual rebirth is a type of resurrection, mirroring Christ’s own resurrection and offering Believers a new life in Him.
- **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor 5:17).**
- **How can you explain the necessity of being “Born of the Spirit” to an unsaved person?**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Rom 15:13).**

**CONCLUSION:**

**A. The Personality of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit Testifies; The Holy Spirit Appoints; The Holy Spirit Sanctifies; The Holy Spirit Comforts; and The Holy Spirit Regenerates.**

**B. Holy Spirit, Infilling**

Speaking to a large audience, D.L. Moody held up a glass and asked, "How can I get the air out of this glass?" One man shouted, "Suck it out with a pump!" Moody replied, "That would create a vacuum and shatter the glass." After numerous other suggestions Moody smiled, picked up a pitcher of water, and filled the glass. "There," he said, "all the air is now removed." He then went on to explain that victory in the Christian life is not accomplished by "sucking out a sin here and there," but by being filled with the Holy Spirit. – (Today in the Word – Sermon Illustrations)

**C. ABC’s of Salvation**

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**