



## GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

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### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- 1 The Holy Spirit is the least known member of the Trinity
- 2 The Holy Spirit is the “shyest” member of the Trinity
- 3 The Holy Spirit is often the most avoided member of the Trinity
- 4 The Holy Spirit reminds us that we all have a spirit
  - John 4:23; Genesis 1:26; 1 Corinthians 2:10b-14

### WHY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND?

→ Material Things Have:

- 1 Weight
- 2 Dimensions
- 3 Shape
- 4 Extension

LESSON: The qualities (or characteristics) of matter have no application to spirit.

→ A Spiritual Thing:

- 1 No weight, dimensions, shape or extension
- 2 True being
- 3 Objective reality
- 4 Power to penetrate

### HOLY SPIRIT

- 1 The Holy Spirit is a being dwelling in another mode of existence

- 2 The Holy Spirit is a person
  - Intellect/Thoughts - 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
  - Will/Choice of Action – 1 Corinthians 12:11
  - Emotions/Sensibility
    - Romans 15:30; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19
  - The Holy Spirit... loves, sees, speaks, testifies, guides, comforts, convicts, commands, encourages, anoints, baptizes, prompts, intercedes, restrains, performs miracles
  - The Holy Spirit can be obeyed, revered, resisted, grieved, quenched, lied to, blasphemed, outraged
- 3 The Holy Spirit is God
  - Names: Spirit of God, Spirit of the Lord, Eternal Spirit, etc.
  - Eternal (Hebrews 9:14)
  - Omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10ff)
  - Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7)
  - Omnipotent (Job 33:4; Zechariah 4:6)
  - Acts 5:3-4 – *You have lied to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied to men but to God.*
- 4 The Holy Spirit is essential to Christian living
  - Parakletos (Παράκλητος) – Helper, intercessor, comforter, counselor, advocate
  - John 14:15-18, 26; 15:26; 16:7

**CORE BELIEF:** We believe the Holy Spirit lives inside Jesus-followers, empowering them to understand God and live as He intended.

**CORE VALUE:** Therefore we will rely on the Spirit's power to live in obedience to God's will.

- I will be at next week's baptism class – 10/6 at 11 am
- I'll ask the Holy Spirit to fill me, speak to me & guide me at least 3 times this week
- I began a relationship with Jesus Christ today.



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**Lesson Aim:** To dig deeper in our understanding of who God the Holy Spirit is so that we can climb higher in our ability to rely on the Spirit's power to live in obedience to God's will.

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you, speak to you and guide you during your time together.

**Icebreaker:** Finish this sentence: "My first memory of hearing about the Holy Spirit is..."

1. In Sunday's teaching, Pastor Scott stated that "The Holy Spirit is the least known member of the Trinity" and "often the most avoided member of the Trinity." Studies show that many Christ-followers find the Holy Spirit the most difficult member of the Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) to understand. Has this been true for you? Why or why not?
2. Read the following Scriptures and write down key words and phrases about the Holy Spirit:
  - **John 3:8:**
  - **John 14:26:**
  - **Romans 8:14:**
  - **Romans 16-17:**
  - **Romans 8:26:**
  - **1 Corinthians 3:16:**
3. Pick one or two of the above Scriptures. How can you apply the truth of these verses to your life today?

4. In Sunday's teaching, we heard that "The Holy Spirit reminds us that we all have a spirit." **READ 1 Corinthians 2:7-16.** List everything these verses say and imply about how the Holy Spirit works in the spirit and life of a Christ-follower today.
5. What might be some things we can do to exercise "the mind of Christ" more fully in our lives?
6. **Read Ephesians 4:29-5:1.** The word "grieve" in verse 30 comes from a Greek word signifying deep emotion. We can only "grieve" a close friend or loved one. What does this say about the Holy Spirit?
7. Looking at the context of Ephesians 4:30, what are some things listed that can grieve the Holy Spirit? What is at least one specific situation when you have grieved the Holy Spirit in your life? Remember this is about your life since becoming a Christian, not before.
8. These same verses also contain commands and principles that can help us obey the Holy Spirit (to bring joy rather than grief). What are some of these commands and principles?
9. Reflecting on your life, what are some ways you can apply these commands and principles? Be as specific as possible.
10. List at least three areas where you currently desire the Holy Spirit's guidance into God's will.

**Close in prayer by praying for each other (you don't have to pray out loud if you're not comfortable doing so) asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance into God's will in the areas listed above.**

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at [theBridgeFresno.com](http://theBridgeFresno.com) by clicking on the "Messages" link.