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# Introduction

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Dear Student of God's Word,

2 Timothy 3:16,17

Welcome to *The Believer's School of Training!*

The course of study you have chosen will be extremely beneficial to your spiritual development in becoming the dynamic new testament disciple God intended you to be. Allow the Holy Spirit to be your teacher and guide as you study the lessons each week on this vital subject, "The Supernatural Church."

The successful completion of your studies will involve these four basic essentials - decision, discipline, diligence, and determination. Therefore, do not allow people, circumstances, the devil, or your flesh to keep you from spending quality time in study each week. You can do it, and my prayer for you is Ephesians 1:17-22

The revelation instruction in this new testament training program will challenge, edify, inform, and motivate you to start doing the works of Jesus by allowing God in you to meet the needs of people around you.

**My personal advice to you:**

1. Begin each study lesson with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you understanding.
2. Do not work too quickly. Take time to read, study, and meditate on each of the truths you are learning.
3. Mark your Bible with the verses in the lessons and make personal notes as God speaks to you and gives you revelation knowledge.
4. Pay special attention to the section "Response to Truth" and answer all of the self-check questions.
5. Above all, be determined to be a doer of God's word—not only a hearer. Life application is vital to your spiritual growth.
6. Be committed to a New Testament local church and make yourself available to your pastor to support his vision for reaching your community
7. Stay on the cutting-edge with a program of continuous learning and self development — order our other workbooks, audio tapes and ministry materials from our teaching library.

God Bless You!



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**Lesson: 1****The Person and  
Work of the Holy Spirit Part 1**

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**PERSONAL NOTES**

**Key Verse:** 1 Corinthians 3:16 *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”*

**Key Truth:** Every Christian needs to know, understand, appreciate, and experience the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in his life.

The Holy Spirit is not an abstract influence or just a powerful force. He is a Divine Person and we need to reverence, respect, honor, and treat Him as one.

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

He is not a white cloud.

He is not a mystical force.

He is not tongues.

He is not a white dove flying in the sky.

He is the THIRD PERSON of the Godhead.

The Bible opens and closes with the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.

**Genesis 1:2; Revelation 22:17**

**THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**John 14:16**

*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.”*

When Jesus said, “He will send another comforter”, making reference to the Person of the Holy Spirit, that meant that Jesus Himself was a comforter, helper, paraklete.

Jesus was saying, “I will send someone to you, ‘another comforter’, someone just like Me.”

The Holy Spirit was given the special responsibility of:

- (1) taking the place of Jesus on the earth.
- (2) revealing and showing Jesus to the world.

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(3) demonstrating and doing the works that Jesus did (i.e., the continuation of His Ministry).

*In John, Chapters 14, 15, and 16, the Holy Spirit is called "Parakletos" by Jesus, meaning ...*

(1) **COMFORTER**, (2) **STANDBY**, (3) **ADVOCATE**, (4) **INTERCESSOR**, (5) **TEACHER**, (6) **FRIEND**, (7) **GUIDE**, (8) **COUNSELOR**, (9) **STRENGTHENER**, (10) **LEADER**, (11) **HELPER**, (12) **PARTNER**.

**REMEMBER:** The Holy Spirit could not have taken the place of the Person of Jesus and relate personally to the disciples unless He was a living Person.

### The Holy Spirit has the qualities of a Person.

He has a <i>mind</i> .	<b>Romans 8:27</b>
He has a <i>will</i> .	<b>1 Corinthians 12:11</b>
He has <i>emotions</i> .	<b>Romans 15:30</b>
He <i>speaks</i> .	<b>Acts 13:2</b>
He <i>bears witness and testifies</i> .	<b>John 15:26; Romans 8:16</b>
He <i>instructs</i> .	<b>Nehemiah 9:20</b>
He <i>prays and makes intercession</i> .	<b>Romans 8:26</b>

### The Holy Spirit has the feelings of a Person.

He can be <i>grieved</i> .	<b>Ephesians 4:30</b>
He can be <i>insulted</i> .	<b>Hebrews 10:29</b>
He can be <i>lied to</i> .	<b>Acts 5:3</b>
He can be <i>blasphemed</i> .	<b>Matthew 12:31, 32</b>

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He can be *resisted*.

**Acts 7:51**

He can be *vexed*.

**Isaiah 63:10**

He can be *quenched*.

**1 Thessalonians 5:19**

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person indwelling the Christian, and working within him to fulfill the will of God.

One of the greatest needs of the church today is to understand and possess a personal relationship with the THIRD PERSON of the trinity - God, the Holy Spirit.

It is not enough just to talk about Him, or learn more information about Him, but we must become acquainted with the Holy Spirit and really know Him.

The Holy Spirit is God, and He is a real living Person. He is pictured in scripture as a Person separate and distinct from both the Father and the Son.  
**Acts 5:3, 4; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

## BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Matthew 12:30-32**

**Matthew 12:31**

*“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.”*

*Blasphemy means ...*

1. to speak evil of Him.
2. to rail and abuse Him.
3. to revile and speak profanely against Him.
4. to speak words that will insult and injure Him.

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5. to slander and accuse Him falsely.

The Father and the Son have decided that the Holy Spirit is so special and important that **BLASPHEMY** against the Person of the Holy Spirit **HAS NO FORGIVENESS**.

Blasphemy is **INSULTING** God and the work of the Holy Spirit willfully - Ananias and Sapphira blasphemed the Holy Spirit in Acts 5. In Matthew 12, the Pharisees attributed the work of the Holy Spirit to the devil.

### NAMES AND TITLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

He is referred to in scripture 97 times as the Holy Spirit, and the following names and titles are given to Him:

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| 1. The Spirit of God                     | Genesis 1:2<br>1 Corinthians 3:16 |
| 2. The Spirit of the Lord                | Luke 4:18                         |
| 3. The Spirit of the Living God          | 2 Corinthians 3:3                 |
| 4. The Spirit of Christ                  | Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11          |
| 5. The Spirit of the Father              | Matthew 10:20                     |
| 6. The Holy Spirit of God                | Ephesians 4:30                    |
| 7. The Spirit of Jesus Christ            | Philippians 1:19                  |
| 8. The Eternal Spirit                    | Hebrews 9:14                      |
| 9. The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation   | Ephesians 1:17                    |
| 10. The Spirit of Knowledge              | Isaiah 11:2                       |
| 11. The Spirit of Counsel and Might      | Isaiah 11:2                       |
| 12. The Spirit of Grace and Supplication | (Prayer)<br>Zechariah 12:10       |

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| 13. The Spirit of Judgement                    | Isaiah 4:4                 |
| 14. The Spirit of Burning                      | Isaiah 4:4                 |
| 15. The Breath of the Almighty                 | Job 32:8; Job 33:4         |
| 16. The Power of the Highest                   | Luke 1:35                  |
| 17. The Spirit of Holiness                     | Romans 1:4                 |
| 18. The Comforter ( <i>Paraklete</i> )         | John 14:16, 26; John 15:26 |
| 19. The Spirit of Love                         | 2 Timothy 1:7              |
| 20. The Spirit of Truth                        | John 15:26; John 16:13     |
| 21. The Spirit of Life                         | Romans 8:2                 |
| 22. The Spirit of Faith                        | 2 Corinthians 4:13         |
| 23. The Spirit of Grace                        | Hebrews 10:29              |
| 24. The Spirit of Power                        | 2 Timothy 1:7              |
| 25. The Spirit of Prophecy                     | Revelation 19:10           |
| 26. The Unction and Anointing which teaches us | 1 John 2:20, 27            |
| 27. The Spirit of Glory                        | 1 Peter 4:14               |

These names and titles of the Holy Spirit not only reveal His DIVINITY (i.e., that He is God), but also clearly show His characteristics, His attributes, and His ministry in our lives today.

All that God is, and all that God can do, is brought to us by the Person of the Holy Spirit - the Christian's comforter, teacher, and guide.

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### SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The scriptures picture the Person and work of the Holy Spirit using different symbols.

#### 1. WATER

John 7:38, 39; Isaiah 44:3

The Spirit symbolized as water speaks of the LIFE-GIVING flow which refreshes, renews, and satisfies. It also speaks of washing, cleansing, purifying, and fruitfulness.

Ezekiel 47:9

*“And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.”*

#### 2. FIRE

Matthew 3:11; Isaiah 4:4; Acts 2:3

This symbolizes the Holiness of God and the work of the Holy Spirit burning out all the wood, hay, and stubble of sin, and compromise from our lives. The Spirit of Burning will not only purge, purify, and remove all the dross from our lives, but He will burn into us a fervent zeal to serve the Lord.

#### 3. WIND OR BREATH

Acts 2:2; John 3:8; Job 32:8

This reveals the life-giving breath of God bringing NEW LIFE, REVIVAL, RENEWAL, and INSPIRATION. It speaks of the Holy Spirit who is invisible as a Person, yet the powerful effects of His work are evident.

#### 4. OIL

Psalm 23:5; Psalm 92:10  
Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38

This speaks of the anointing abilities of the Holy Spirit who calls, equips, gifts, and enables believers to function in their ministry in the Church.

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#### 5. THE DOVE

Matthew 3:16; Luke 3:22

The symbol of the dove speaks of the Holy Spirit's nature of purity, peace, beauty, and gentleness. Like a dove, the Holy Spirit is very sensitive and can be easily hurt. —

#### 6. THE FINGER OF GOD

Luke 11:20; Matthew 12:28

This represents the power of the Holy Spirit to pinpoint, touch, and minister to the needs of people in the specific areas where they have problems. The finger of God in action expels demons, sets the captives free, and brings conviction of sin to the lost.

### THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- The Holy Spirit draws people to Jesus. John 16:8-11, 14
- Regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5; John 3:3-5
- The Holy Spirit dwells within every believer. 1 Corinthians 6:19 —  
Romans 8:9 —
- The Holy Spirit seals the believer. Ephesians 1:13, 14  
Ephesians 4:30  
A seal is an insignia of possession.  
Therefore, the believer is possessed by the Holy Spirit.
- The Spirit infills the believer. Ephesians 5:18  
Acts 2:4
- Believers are guided by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14  
Galatians 5:16
- The Holy Spirit empowers the believer. Acts 1:8

John 16:13

*“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”*

*Show the finger  
He was transformed  
into the Kingdom of  
darkness*

*Show the washing  
regeneration*

*Faith - Love.*



*Fat  
Exercise  
spirit.*

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Notice : "HE" - the Holy Spirit is THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, not error.

The Holy Spirit is placed **within you**, will come **upon you**, and will manifest Himself **through you** to meet the needs of people.

Micah 3:8

*"But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord."*

We need to walk in the discernment and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit every day!

The Holy Spirit is the "Parakletos" and He wants: — *Comforter,*

- (1) to AID YOU
- (2) to ASSIST YOU
- (3) to HELP YOU
- (4) to GUIDE YOU
- (5) to LEAD YOU
- (6) to GIVE YOU REVELATION OF SCRIPTURE
- (7) to RELEASE HIS GIFTS THROUGH YOU
- (8) to GIVE YOU BOLDNESS
- (9) to TEACH YOU
- (10) to STRENGTHEN YOU
- (11) to REFRESH YOU
- (12) to EMPOWER YOU
- (13) to ANOINT YOU
- (14) to PROTECT YOU
- (15) to FELLOWSHIP WITH YOU
- (16) to HELP YOU PRAY
- (17) to GIVE YOU REST
- (18) to GIVE YOU WISDOM
- (19) to REVEAL JESUS IN YOUR LIFE
- (20) to BE YOUR FRIEND
- (21) to COMFORT YOU

You must cultivate a relationship with Him where you walk, talk, and fellowship with Him, and where He is allowed to guide, teach, help, and strengthen you. Then your life will change. *Allow him into our life.*

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Redeem the time  
Speak it out find the  
verse.  
Redeeming the time  
and he will bring it to  
pass.

**Zechariah 4:6**

*“Not by might nor by power, but by  
MY SPIRIT, says the Lord.”*

**OUR INDWELLING HELPER**

**A. You can't love God or walk in love without the Holy Spirit helping you.**

**Romans 5:5**

*“Now hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been  
poured out in our hearts by the Holy  
Spirit who was given to us.”*

**B. You can't obey God without the Holy Spirit helping you.**

**1 Peter 1:22**

*“Since you have purified your souls  
in obeying the truth through the  
Spirit in sincere love of the  
brethren, love one another fervently  
with a pure heart.”*

**C. You can't worship God without the Holy Spirit helping you.**

**Philippians 3:3**

*“For we are the circumcision, who  
worship God in the spirit, rejoice in  
Christ Jesus, and have no confi-  
dence in the flesh.”*

**John 4:24**

*“God is a Spirit, and those who  
worship Him must worship in spirit  
and truth.”*

Invite the Holy Spirit into your worship, THEN your worship will be acceptable.

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**D. You can't pray effectively without the Holy Spirit helping you.**

**Romans 8:26**

*"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us."*

**Jude 20**

*"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit."*

**E. You can't preach God's Word without the Holy Spirit anointing you.**

**1 Peter 1:12**

*"To them it was revealed that not to themselves but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things which angels desire to look into."*

**F. You can't witness for Jesus Christ and reach the lost without the Holy Spirit helping you.**

**Acts 1:8**

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

**G. You can't cast out demons without the Holy Spirit anointing you.**

**Matthew 12:28**

*"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you."*

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H. **You can't have joy without the Holy Spirit working within you.**

**Romans 14:17**

*“For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”*

I. **You can't have victory over the flesh without the strength and help of the Holy Spirit.**

**Galatians 5:16**

*“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”*

We must stop ignoring the Holy Spirit, and start welcoming Him and inviting Him into every part of our lives.

We need the Holy Spirit active in our lives. We must become acquainted with Him.

**We must let the Holy Spirit take charge of our lives and our churches.**