

THE HOLY SPIRIT



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“The Holy Spirit in
Scripture”

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, today we pray that you would fill us with your Holy Spirit and that we would sense your presence in our lives. Help us to be aware of your guidance and your comfort; that we would experience your promptings. O Lord, I pray that we would not go through this life struggling by our own power, but that we would know the supernatural power and the presence of your Spirit. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

John 14:16-17, John 16:7 (NIV)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Acts 19:1-2, 7:51 (NIV)

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!”

John 16:13a (NIV)

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth

INTRODUCTION

As Christians we believe in one God comprised of three persons – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The trinity is a mystery that is really hard to explain. For many of us, we understand God the Father is the creator of all things. We understand the Son (Jesus) is God in human flesh who came to die for our sins and redeem us. But many followers of Christ do not really understand the third person of the trinity – The Holy Spirit. So, why is it important for us to understand the Holy Spirit?

The key to experiencing God's presence, peace and power in our lives is the Holy Spirit. And if you are a Jesus follower, the Spirit dwells in you. However, many believers do not live Spirit filled lives and miss out on living in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will comfort, counsel, and convict us of truth.

QUESTIONS

- 1) What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this week's message?
- 2) Read John 14:16-17 on page 1. Why is having the Holy Spirit being active in our lives such an important part of our walk with Christ?
- 3) Read John 16:7 on page 1. How is the Holy Spirit being in us better than having Jesus on earth with us?
- 4) Read Acts 19:1-2 and Acts 7:51 on page 1. In what ways are you living a Spirit-less life currently?
- 5) Read John 16:13 on page 1. When you think back, can you see a time when the Holy Spirit was leading you? Did He comfort, counsel, or convict you?

FINAL APPLICATION

This week pray that God fills you with the Spirit.