

# **The Journey of Faith**

## **Session 4**



**The Holy Spirit**

# Teaching Chart

## STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO NATURES – OLD AND NEW

### SESSION 4: THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace." (Romans 6:12-14, NLT)

#### The Role of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-11)

Convicts of Sin (Failure to believe in Jesus is the greatest sin)

Convicts of Righteousness (True righteousness is found in Jesus)

Convicts of Judgement (Those who don't believe will be judged)

#### The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

He is Helper and Comforter (John 14:16-18)

He is Owner (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

He is the Spiritual Gift-Giver (1 Corinthians 12:11)

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit..." (Ephesians 5:18, ESV)

#### CONTROLLED BY THE FLESH?

"When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21, NLT)

#### FRUIT-BEARING TREE

"The one you feed the most will be the one that grows"

#### CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT?

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another." (Galatians 5:22-26, NLT)

## Lesson

- Overview: When you were miraculously saved, God gave you the Holy Spirit (third person of the trinity) to forever live inside of you. The Holy Spirit is truly a gracious gift from God that will guide and direct your daily life if you will submit to Him.
- Purpose: To help the believer better understand the work of the Holy Spirit within his or her life
- Verses: **John 14:16 (ESV)** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

- I. Who is the Holy Spirit?
  - A. He is the third person of the trinity.
    1. God the Father
    2. God the Son (Jesus Christ)
    3. God the Holy Spirit

- B. He is God.  
(Acts 5:3-4)
- C. He is God in you (you are His temple).  
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

II. When do I receive the Holy Spirit?

- A. You receive the Holy Spirit in your life at the very moment of salvation.  
(Romans 8:9)
- B. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit living within him.  
(1 Corinthians 12:13)  
(John 14:17)

III. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in my life?

- A. He convicts you of sin.  
(John 16:8-9)
  - 1. He wants to show the unsaved the need of salvation.
  - 2. He wants to show the saved their sinful ways.
- B. He creates and gives new life.  
(Job 33:4)
- C. He assures you of your salvation.  
(Romans 8:16)
- D. He prays for you to do God's will.  
(Romans 8:26-27)
- E. He comforts you in time of need.  
(Hebrews 4:16)
- F. He helps you understand the Bible.  
(1 Corinthians 2:9-10)
- G. He guides you in making the right decisions.  
(John 16:13)

IV. What does the Holy Spirit want to accomplish in my life?

- A. He wants to produce within you proper attitudes (fruit of the spirit).  
(Galatians 5:22-23)
  - 1. Attitudes of the mind
    - a. Love (a genuine respect and devotion that leads to voluntary service for the Lord)
    - b. Joy (happiness based on trust in God)
    - c. Peace (an inner calm that results from a right relationship with God)
  - 2. Attitudes toward others
    - a. Longsuffering (patience related to painful circumstances caused by others)

- b. Gentleness (a genuine concern for the well-being of others)
    - c. Goodness (kindness toward others)
  - 3. General attitudes of the believer
    - a. Faith or Faithfulness (the act of being trustworthy or reliable)
    - b. Meekness (a humble attitude evidenced by submission to God/others and a willingness to be taught)
    - c. Temperance (the ability to restrain our thoughts, emotions, and actions)
- B. He wants to control your life (being filled with the spirit).  
(*Ephesians 5:18*)
  - 1. Being filled with the spirit is not an issue of how much of the Holy Spirit you have, but how much of you does the Holy Spirit have.  
(*Romans 14:7-9*)
    - a. At the time of salvation, you received all of the Holy Spirit.
    - b. However, many times we do not allow Him to control every area of our life.
  - 2. Being controlled by the Holy Spirit involves two steps:
    - a. Submit every decision to the Holy Spirit.
    - b. Allow the Word of God to control every thought, word, and deed.  
(*Colossians 3:16*)

## Review

1. The Holy Spirit is God (true or false).
2. Where does the Holy Spirit live (give scriptural support)?
3. You receive the Holy Spirit in your life at the very \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.
4. List eight purposes of the Holy Spirit.
5. Who and why does the Holy Spirit convict of sin?
6. What two things does the Holy Spirit want to accomplish in our life?
7. What is meant by “fruit” of the spirit?

8. List and briefly explain three fruits of the spirit.
9. What does being filled with the spirit mean?
10. Being filled with the spirit is not an issue of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit you have, but how much of \_\_\_\_\_ does the Holy Spirit have.
11. Can you be submissive to the Holy Spirit without reading the Bible? Why or why not?
12. Briefly describe the purpose of this lesson.

## False Teachings

*Some churches, organizations, or groups are promoting the following false teachings:*

- A believer can lose the Holy Spirit whenever he or she sins.
- A believer does not receive “all” of the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation.