

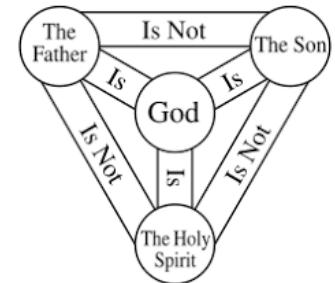
## Topic 11: The Holy Spirit *Your Indwelling Counselor and Guide*

*"But the advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*

John 14:26

### The Disciple of Jesus needs to know certain things about the Bible, God (the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost), and the Church

- The Bible declares that God is one (Deuteronomy 6:4).
- The Bible calls three distinct, divine persons God:
  - The Father (1 Corinthians 1:3),
  - The Son (Hebrews 1:6-8), and
  - The Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4).
- More than 60 Bible passages mention these three divine persons together.



The diagram is a visual representation of the essential biblical doctrine of the Trinity. In this lesson we will focus on just the first person of the Trinity, God the Father.

#### Discipleship 101

A disciple is a person who is a student of the teachings of someone else.

People can be disciples of all sorts of people and ideas including religious, political, scientific and economic.

#### The Christian Disciple

A Christian Disciple is one who follows Jesus

- to *know* Jesus and His teachings
- to *grow* more like Jesus
- and to *go* for Jesus, serving others and making new disciples

## Looking at the Text

Things to note about the Holy Spirit

He is the Advocate, Counselor, Intercessor  
Strengthener, Standby

He - as in person, not gender

He was sent by God the Father

He was sent in the authority of Jesus the Son



<sup>1</sup> Taken from Rose Guide to Discipleship

## Certain Facts

### 2. He is God – Divine and Holy

<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup> While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” - Acts 5:3-4

<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding<sup>[a]</sup> the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:18

<sup>14</sup> how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. - Hebrews 9:14

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10

### 1. He is a person – Characteristics of a person

<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. - John 16:13-14

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

<sup>11</sup> All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. - 1 Corinthians 12:11

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26

### 3. Further the Bible tells us that:

- the Holy Spirit possesses intelligence (Isaiah 11:2).
- the Holy Spirit is distinguishable from mere power (Acts 10:38; 1 Corinthians 2:4).
- the Holy Spirit loves (Romans 15:30).
- the Holy Spirit is included in the Trinitarian formula with the two persons of the “Father” and the “Son.”

## 4. Some Names and titles of the Holy Spirit

The names and terms for the Holy Spirit relate to his power, activity and presence in the world, often indicating the nature of his actions or the gifts which he conveys to believers.

Titles relating the Holy Spirit to God

**The Spirit of God** Ge 1:2 See also Ge 41:38; 1Sa 10:10; 1Sa 19:20,23; Ro 8:9; 1Co 6:11; 2Co 3:3; Eph 4:30; Php 3:3

**The Spirit of the Lord** *The Spirit empowered the judges to deliver the people:* Idgs. 3:10; Jdg. 6:34; Idgs. 11:29; Jdg. 13:25; Idgs. 14:6,19; Jdg. 15:14, 1Sa 10:6; 1Sa 16:13; 2Sa 23:2  
*The Messiah will be empowered by the Spirit:* Isa 11:2; Isa 61:1; 2Co 3:17

Forms of reference to the Spirit of God

**My Spirit** Ge 6:3; Isa 30:1; Isa 59:21; Joel 2:28-29; Hag 2:5; Zac 4:6, 6:8 Mt 12:18

**His Spirit** Isa 34:16; Isa 63:10-11; Zac 7:12; Ro 8:11; Eph 2:22

**The Spirit of your Father** Mt 10:20

**The promised Holy Spirit** Ac 2:33; Eph 1:13

**The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead** Ro 8:11

Titles relating the Holy Spirit to God the Son

Gal 4:6 ; Ac 16:7; Ro 8:9; Php 1:19; 1Pe 1:11

Titles revealing the Holy Spirit's essential nature

**The Spirit of truth** Jn 16:13 See also Jn 14:17; Jn 15:26; 1Jn 4:6

**The Spirit of holiness** Ro 1:4

**The Spirit of life** Ro 8:2

**The Spirit of glory** 1Pe 4:14

**The eternal Spirit** Heb 9:14

Titles showing the nature of the Holy Spirit's activity

**The Counsellor** Jn 14:26; Jn 15:26

**The Spirit of wisdom and understanding** Isa 11:2 See also Dt 34:9 fn; Eph 1:17

**The Spirit of grace and supplication** Zac 12:10 fn

**The Spirit of sonship** Ro 8:15, John 3:3-7; Titus 3:5

**The Spirit of judgment and fire** Isa 4:4 fn

We see from this brief survey, that in the eternal plan of God, the Holy Spirit is instrumental to our salvation. He is the one who regenerates us, then moves into the lives of believers to give us the power to live as we should. He seals us, guaranteeing us eternal life in the presence of God in heaven after this life. What's more he unites us permanently with Christ and his body. He guides us in all things and stands to open us as we study God's Word. It is only as we diligently and humbly search the Word, under the leadership of the Spirit, that we find ourselves being directed and led by Him.

In the Upper Room (see John 13–17) on the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke important last words to his disciples and prayed for them. Among the reassurances he gave them was a promise to send “another Counselor or Advocate” (John 14:16, 26 NIV). The Greek word is *paraklete*, which literally means “one called alongside.”

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The Spirit does so much more:

leading, reassuring, convicting of sin, empowering, making us holy, praying for us. And in a confusing world, he serves as our ever-present teacher and guide. Look at what John 16:13–14 says: <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

1. Followers of Jesus are called to “follow the Spirit’s leading” in every part of life (Galatians 5:25, NIV). What does that process look like in your life?

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2. What are some difficult decisions you are facing now? How can you rely on the Word of Truth (Colossians 1:5) and the Spirit of Truth (John 16:13) to find the guidance you need?

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3. What do these verses mean and how do we obey them? “Do not stifle the Holy Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19, nlt), “and do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live” (Ephesians 4:30, nlt).

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4. What are some ways you sense the Spirit of God “convicting” you lately—trying to get your attention, seeking to get you to adjust your thinking or actions?

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