

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

The Holy Spirit

Part 1

The book of Galatians is about *standing fast*. Rather than walking according to the demands of the law or the cries of the flesh, we *stand fast* by walking in the Spirit. It is vital that, as believers, we understand Who the Holy Spirit is, what His role is, and what our response should be to Him. "The secret of effectual living is knowing the power of the Spirit through the Word. The secret of effectual service is using the Word in the power of the Spirit." (R.A. Torrey) May this lesson quicken in you a greater desire for an "effectual life".

DAY ONE: The Holy Spirit in Galatians

1. *The Holy Spirit* is referred to 13 times in Paul's letter to the Galatians. Read the following verses and highlight or underline the references to the *Holy Spirit*.

Galatians 3:2 *This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

Galatians 3:3 *Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?*

Galatians 3:5 *Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

Galatians 3:14 *that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Galatians 4:6 *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"*

Galatians 4:29 *But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.*

Galatians 5:5 *For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

Galatians 5:16 *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

Galatians 5:17 *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

Galatians 5:18 *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

Galatians 5:25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Galatians 6:8 *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

- a. Referring to the verses on page 1:
 - 1.) List or summarize the role of the Holy Spirit.

- 2.) List or summarize the response of the believer to the Holy Spirit.

DAY TWO: Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity. God is one God. But, He manifests Himself in three separate and distinct personalities – The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has abilities and characteristics that only God has. Highlight or underline these attributes as revealed in the following verses:

Job 33:4 *The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

Psalms 139:7 *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?*

Romans 8:11 *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 *But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.*

2 Corinthians 3:6 *who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

Hebrews 9:14 *how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

- a.) List the divine attributes of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the above verses.

- b.) What does Acts 5:3-4 reveal about the Holy Spirit?

- c.) Note the trinity as revealed in 2 Corinthians 13:14. What do you see?

2. The Holy Spirit is a person, not an essence or a force. He is always referred to as *He*, not “it”. He is affected as a person is affected. Note this by highlighting or underlining statements that prove He is a person, not an essence.

Acts 5:3 *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"*

Acts 5:9 *Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."*

Ephesians 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

3. The Holy Spirit has titles. Using the following verses, highlight or underline some of His titles:

John 15:26 *But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*

John 7:37-39 *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Acts 1:4 *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;*

Romans 8:9 *But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

Ephesians 1:13-14 *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

DAY THREE: The Role of the Holy Spirit

1. As Jesus spoke to His disciples in the Upper Room, the night before His crucifixion, He told them that He would be going away. This saddened the disciples. What did Jesus tell them in John 16:7?
 - a. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do? (John 16:8-15)
 - b. Why is the presence of the Holy Spirit an *advantage* over the presence of Jesus?
2. The work of the Holy Spirit is the primary work of God in the lives of believers. Highlight or underline the various roles of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the following verses:

Luke 12:12 *For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.*

John 14:26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

John 15:26 *But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*

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.*

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.*

Acts 9:31 *Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*

Acts 18:5 *When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.*

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.*

Romans 8:26-27 *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 with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

Romans 15:13 *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 2:10 *But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*

1 Corinthians 12:7-9 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,*

2 Corinthians 1:22 *who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*

2 Corinthians 3:6 *who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 *Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

Ephesians 2:18 *For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.*

Ephesians 3:16 *that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,*

1 John 3:24 *Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.*

a. Summarize the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

- b. Why is it important to understand the role of the Holy Spirit?

DAY FOUR: The Response of the Believer to the Work of the Holy Spirit

1. *Do not quench the Spirit.* 1 Thessalonians 5:19 To *quench the Spirit* is to dampen, hinder, repress, as in preventing the Holy Spirit from exerting His full influence. God has given the believer the choice of how much the Holy Spirit will work in her life. Thus, the believer has her part in responding to the role of the Holy Spirit. Highlight or underline the believers' response to the work of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the following verses:

Romans 7:6 *But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.*

Romans 8:4-5 *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.*

Romans 8:13-14 *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1 Corinthians 12:1 *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:*

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*

Galatians 3:2-3 *This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?*

Galatians 5:16 *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

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Galatians 6:8 *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

Ephesians 4:3 *endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Ephesians 5:18 *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,*

Ephesians 6:17-18 *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--*

1 Thessalonians 5:19 *Do not quench the Spirit.*

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,*

Jude 1:20 *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,*

- a. Summarize the call to the believer to respond to the work of the Holy Spirit.

- b. Why is it important to understand the believers' responsibility?

DAY FIVE: Ponder These Things

1. Most of us have had preconceived ideas about the person and role of the Holy Spirit. What were some of your perceptions of the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Which ones have you discovered to be false?
2. Using what you have learned from this lesson, describe the person and role of the Holy Spirit.
3. What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit that you hope will be answered in further homework lessons?
4. How has this lesson challenged you to seek the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

- Romans 15:13