

STUDY #8

H The Holy Spirit

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There is a whole lot of confusion about the Holy Spirit. Many cults **deny** He is a Person and He is God, saying the Holy Spirit is just a “force” or an “influence.” On the other hand, the Charismatic Movement, which has absolutely swept today’s religious world, places extreme emphasis on the Holy Spirit — teaching such things as “ecstatic utterances,” “healings,” and “exorcism.”

As with all these studies, our aim is to look beyond what men say and see what the Bible teaches.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A. Look up: *Acts 5:3,4*.

In *verse 3* Ananias is said to have lied to the _____ ,
and in *verse 4* he is said to have lied to _____ .

The conclusion we can draw from this passage is —

B. Look up: *I John 5:7*.

This *verse* tells us the Holy Ghost is one with the _____ and
the _____ (Son).

C. Look up: *Matthew 28:19*. Notice the word “Name” is singular, which again shows the Holy Spirit to be God, the third Person of the Holy Trinity.

D. Look up: *John 14:16,17,26* and *John 16:7,8,13,14*.

How many personal pronouns (“He,” “Him,” “Himself”) which apply to the Holy Spirit are there in these verses? _____

From this, would you say the Spirit of God is a Person — or an impersonal “force”?

E. Look up: *Acts 5:3*, *Acts 7:51*, and *Ephesians 4:30*. List three ways in which the Holy Spirit may be affected as a Person.

He may be _____, _____, and _____

WHAT HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT DONE IN TIMES PAST?

A. Look up: *Genesis 1:2*; *Genesis 2:7*; and *Job 33:4*.

The Holy Spirit was active in _____.

B. Look up: *II Peter 1:21*.

The Holy Spirit is the Author of _____.

C. Look up: *Luke 1:35*.

What miracle was the Holy Spirit a part of? _____

D. Look up: *Romans 1:4* and *Romans 8:11*.

What other miracle was the Holy Spirit of God responsible for?

WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY?

A. Look up: *John 15:26*. The Holy Spirit testifies of _____.

B. Read: *John 16:8-11*. (The word "reprove" means to "convict.") Of what three things does the Holy Spirit convict men?

1. _ _ _ _

2. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

3. _ _ _ _ _ _

C. Look up: *Titus 3:5*, *John 3:5*, and *John 6:63*. When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the Holy Spirit Who does the work of "regeneration" (i.e., "born again").

(The word "quicken" means to "make alive.")

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO WHEN WE ARE SAVED?

- A. He Comes To D _ _ _ _ In The Believer. *Romans 8:9*
- B. It is in the Person of the Holy Spirit that the Lord Jesus Christ lives within the heart of every believer. *John 14:23*
- C. Our Body Is The _ _ _ _ _ Of The Holy Ghost. This means a "dwelling place for God." *I Corinthians 6:19*
- D. Every Christian Is S _ _ _ _ _ With The Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 1:13* and 4:30. This is our guarantee of eternal security.
- E. Look up *John 16:7*. The Spirit Is Our _ _ _ _ _ .
- F. The Holy Spirit Makes _ _ _ _ _ For Us. That is, He prays on our behalf. *Romans 8:26,27*

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ME?

- A. He Is Always Dwelling _ _ _ _ . *II Timothy 1:14*
- B. He Enables Us To K _ _ _ _ The Things Of God's Word, for He is our T _ _ _ _ E R. *I Corinthians 2:12-14*
- C. A Christian Can G _ _ _ _ _ The Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 4:30*
 Read *Ephesians 4:31,32* and list the six sins which will do this, and three attitudes which will prevent it.

Sins Which Grieve

Godly Attitudes

(*I John 1:9*)

- D. A Christian Can Q _ _ _ _ _ The Holy Spirit. *I Thessalonians 5:19.*

This means to "throw cold water" on His work within us — to stifle what He wants to do in and through us.

E. The Holy Spirit Is Our P _ _ _ _ To Witness And Serve God. Acts 1:8

F. In *Ephesians 5:18*, I am **COMMANDED** to be _ _ _ _ _ With The Spirit.
The negative command, "Be not drunk with wine" explains what the Bible means by being filled with the Spirit. I am to be under the influence and control of the Spirit.

G. The Work of the Holy Spirit in me is to produce the _ _ _ _ _ of The Spirit — *Galatians 5:22,23* This fruit is what God expects to see come forth in your life.

List the nine-fold "fruit of the Spirit":

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The "secret" to allowing the Spirit to do this work in your life unhindered is found in *John 15:4-8*:

A _ _ _ _ in Christ, and let His W _ _ _ abide in me.

H. The Holy Spirit Gives Spiritual G _ _ _ _ To Believers. *I Corinthians 12:4-11*

1. Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift (*verses 7 and 11*).
2. These spiritual gifts are **NOT** for personal use, but for the benefit (edification) of your Church. *I Corinthians 14:12*
3. Some of the spiritual gifts listed in the Word of God were **TEMPORARY**, and ceased when the written New Testament was completed. These gifts (tongues, interpretations, miracles, healing, prophecy, knowledge, and discernment) were given as **SIGNS** to the nation of Israel (*Mark 16:17,18; I Corinthians 1:22; and I Corinthians 14:21,22*), and ceased after A.D.70, when Israel was dispersed among the nations. The Bible said they would vanish when "that which is perfect (the completed Word of God) is come" — *I Corinthians 13:8-10*.
4. Every Christian needs to discern what his or her spiritual gift is, then use it in the church to benefit others. Talk to your pastor, who can help you study through the Scriptures and enable you to discern your spiritual gift.

WHAT ABOUT “SPEAKING IN TONGUES” AND “DIVINE HEALERS”?

The Charismatic Movement is a modern phenomenon which had its beginnings in the U.S.A. just before the turn of this century. In the last 25 years, it has snowballed into the most active movement in Christendom. One of the main reasons for this is because of the spiritual deadness of most mainline denominational “churches” — and the apparent “aliveness” of the Charismatics.

Don't be fooled!! — *II Corinthians 11:13-15*. The test of whether something is right or wrong is *NOT* “how it feels,” or who's doing it — but “What saith the Lord?” (*Isaiah 8:20*).

- A. The Bible defines “tongues” as known, understandable foreign languages — *Acts 2:4-11*. The Charismatics do not do this. They come out with babbling gibberish, which at the least is a psychologically-induced, ecstatic aberration which comes about when the conscious mind loses control and the subconscious takes over.

- B. In the Bible, the miraculous gift of being able to speak in an unknown foreign language was a sign to unbelieving Jews — *I Corinthians 1:22; 14:21,22; Isaiah 28:11*. In each recorded case of tongues (only 3) — Jews, and at least one apostle, were present. See: *Acts 2:5; Acts 10:45,46; Acts 19:6*.

- C. The Bible says “*tongues shall cease,*” — *I Corinthians 13:8* — and then goes on to say **when** they would cease, *verse 10*.
Now the Charismatic will argue that “*that which is perfect*” refers to Christ, and that tongues will continue until the Second Coming of Christ. But *Joel 2:28-31* indicates an outpouring of the Holy Spirit with associated gifts after the Rapture!! No, “*That which is perfect*” refers to the Word of God, which replaced the gift of prophecy — *II Peter 1:19-21*

- D. If the gift of tongues were still operative today, which they are not, the Bible would have certain restrictions on their use:
 - 1. No more than three people to speak in any meeting — *I Corinthians 14:27*
 - 2. Each tongue speaker to follow after each other — *I Corinthians 14:27*.
“...by course...” (i.e., not all at once).
 - 3. One person to interpret — *I Corinthians 14:27*
 - 4. If there is no interpreter, then no one should speak in another language — *I Corinthians 14:28*.

5. The Holy Spirit NEVER takes anybody out of control — *I Corinthians 14:32*. Letting yourself go, rolling your head, raising your hands and repeating some phrase over and over again until you burst forth with some bubbly, electrifying ecstasy is both unscriptural and dangerous!
6. Women are not to speak in tongues — *I Corinthians 14:34*. The modern-day Charismatic Movement is largely a women's movement — *II Timothy 3:6*.

In most cases, the Charismatic Movement violates every one of these Spirit-given restraints.

- E. The Charismatic Movement is dangerous because it elevates “experiences” above the Word of God. Remember, the Devil can give you any experience you desire — the Christian must walk by the Word of God — *II Corinthians 5:7* and *Romans 10:17*.
- F. Many Charismatic groups say, or imply, you are not saved unless you have spoken in tongues. They claim to have the “Full” Gospel — but the **real** “Full Gospel” is given in *I Corinthians 15:1,3,4*. Those who add something to this are in fact preaching “another gospel” — *Galatians 1:6-9*.
Remember this glorious **FACT** — *Colossians 2:10* . I am C _ _ _ _ _
in H _ _ .
- G. The Charismatic elevates the Holy Spirit above the Son of God. The Spirit *IS* God. He is *EQUAL* with the Father and the Son in *EVERY* way — but He is the “shy” Member of the Godhead. He does not speak about Himself, but always of Christ — *John 15:26* and *John 16:13,14*.
- H. The miraculous gift of healing was a “sign gift” to Israel — *Mark 16:17,18*.
- I. Healings were overshadowed by Gospel preaching and conversions. *Acts 3:7; 4:4; 9:34,35*, and *Acts 9:40,42*. In these examples we see “one healed — many saved.”
- J. Healings were done on unsaved people (who had no faith at the time!), yet Paul, a great Christian, wasn't healed — *II Corinthians 12:7-9*; Timothy was sickly — *I Timothy 5:23*; and Epaphroditus was sick and almost died — *Philippians 2:25-27*.
- K. Today we are to pray for God's healing mercies — but not to seek, or expect, miraculous (instantaneous) healings — *James 5:14,15*. Of course, God can do both!

READING ASSIGNMENT:

Read: *Romans Chapter 8*

MEMORIZATION:

Try to memorize: *Ephesians 5:18*

PERSONAL NOTES & QUESTIONS TO ASK