

# The Person of the Spirit

## Living in the Spirit – Part 1

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*John 14:16-17 (NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- 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.*

### 1. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

#### 1A. The Spirit has \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 2:11 (NIV) For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*

#### 1B. The Spirit has \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### 1C. The Spirit has a \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 12:11 (NIV) All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.*

#### 1D. The Spirit performs \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 8:26-27 (NIV) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

### 2. Believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

#### 2A. The Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_

*Hebrews 9:14 (NIV) How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

#### 2B. The Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_

*John 14:26 (NIV) 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.*

#### 2C. The Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 1:35 (NIV) The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.*

#### 2D. The Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 139:7-8 (NIV) Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.*

### 3. Experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

#### 3A. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ every believer

*Romans 8:9 (NIV) You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.*

#### 3B. Ask for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

*Luke 11:13 (NIV) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

#### 3C. Receive the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

### Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun
- Study John 14 to better understand today's message about the Holy Spirit.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

# The Person of the Spirit Study Guide

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Intro. How would you describe to someone else who the Holy Spirit is?

Why do you think that the Holy Spirit is controversial?

What does Jesus explain about the Spirit in John 14:16-17?

1A. Why do you think it is important to see the Holy Spirit as a person, not an impersonal force?

1B. What does 1 Corinthians 2:11 tell you about the relationship between God and the Spirit?

1C. How might someone grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)?

1D. How does 1 Corinthians 12:11 speak of the Spirit's decisions?

1E. Explain how the Spirit intercedes through a believer as they pray in the Spirit (tongues) (Romans 8:26-27)?

1F. Describe the location and activity of each person of the Trinity. Why is it important to understand this about the Spirit?

2A. How did Jesus live in the eternal Spirit according to Hebrews 9:14?

2B. What did Jesus teach should be one of the roles of the Spirit in our lives (John 14:26)?

2C. Why do you think that the Spirit is often associated with or described as the power of God in the Bible (Luke 1:35)?

2D. How is the omnipresence of the Holy Spirit different from the limitations of the created spirit being, Satan (Psalm 139:7-8)?

2E. How do the divine attributes of the Spirit who lives in you bring encouragement?

3A. What is a defining aspect of a believer's life according to Romans 8:9 (see also John 20:22)?

3B. If the Spirit lives in every believer, why does Jesus speak of asking the Father to give the Spirit (Luke 11:13, Acts 1:4-5)?

3C. What is the purpose of the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Spirit (Acts 1:8)?

3D. What should be the three initiation events in every believer's life (Acts 2:38-39)?

3E. In what ways do you want to experience the reality of the Spirit in your life in greater measure?