



HOLY SPIRIT

**SESSION 2:
THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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EXPLORE

Work together in groups of 3-5 people each and try to identify what the specific uses are of the unusual tools listed below. Very few people can get this all correct, so do not worry if you cannot get it all perfect!

1. A “shingle froe” is used for...
2. A “Stanley #1 Odd Jobs” is used for...
3. An adze is used for...
4. A “Channellock rescue tool” is used for...
5. A “timber scribe” is used for...

LEARNING NUGGET

One of the works of the Spirit in the life of the believer is to empower him/her to be an effective instrument in God’s hand to accomplish His special design for His people. What are the other works of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers in Christ?

EXAMINE

THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God that is what the Bible says. Having that as the foundation, why did the Holy Spirit come and what are the works of the Holy Spirit?

I. Why Did the Holy Spirit Come?

A. To Transform Us

Read Ezekiel 36:27

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is manifested every time there was a mission order:

Examples:

Othniel Judges 3:10	And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him
Gideon Judges 6:34	So the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon;
Jephthah Judges 11:29	Now the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, ...
Samson Judges 14:6,15	And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily, ...

God had a mission for Othniel, and the Spirit of the Lord came upon him.

God had a mission for Gideon, and the Spirit came upon Gideon. You must understand, Gideon used to be a scared boy, but then God wanted to use him, so the Holy Spirit came.

Jephthah, Samson, etc. - all these men had the Holy Spirit come upon them. Here the Old Testament talks about the Holy Spirit entering and helping people become skillful in what God has called them to do.

Read Exodus 31:3-5

B. To Fulfill God's Promise

Read Galatians 3:14

Who are the Gentiles? We are, and the Bible says, we have been given the same blessings as the descendants of Abraham!

What is that blessing? The “promise of the Spirit through faith.” Nowadays, we often take the Holy Spirit for granted, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was only given to selected people. Today, the Spirit is given to everybody who are in Christ Jesus. This is the fulfilment of the prophecy given in the Old Testament:

Read Joel 2:28-29

This means that...

- The Spirit has the power to change lives
- Prophetic answer—Jesus is alive and active
- We are now in the end times
- This is intended for all mankind

C. To Help Us

“I will ask the Father and He will give you another [Greek: allos] Helper [Greek: paracletos], that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive...”

John 14:6

Paracletos - means “comes alongside”; “advocate, pleads like a lawyer before a judge”; “to aid, to comfort with strength”; to assist us

allos – means “exactly the same kind” in contrast to *heteros* which in Greek means “another of a different kind)

D. To Teach Us

... He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 14:26

E. To Guide Us

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...

John 16:13

F. To Glorify Christ

He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

John 16:14

II. What Are the Works of the Holy Spirit?

A. He Convicts Us

And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

John 16:8

B. He Regenerates Us

But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:4-5

C. He Baptizes Us

What does, “He baptizes us,” mean? It means that God now connect you and identifies you with Him and with the people of God.

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

The phrase “baptize by the Holy Spirit” is used only seven (7) times in the Bible, four of these are found in the gospels:

Matthew 3:11

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Mark 1:8

baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:16

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 1:33

this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:5

but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit

Acts 11:15-16

but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body

The baptism of the Holy Spirit for believers was promised in the gospels and repeated by Jesus in Acts 1:5 after His resurrection. This promise was fulfilled 50 days later, an event we now know as the “Pentecost”.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

D. He Seals Us

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

E. He Indwells Us

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Romans 8:9

F. He Sanctifies Us

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Galatians 5:16-17

G. He Makes Us Bear Fruit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control

Galatians 5:22-23

If you have the Holy Spirit what will happen to you?

He Gives Us Spiritual Gifts

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:1,4,7

EXPRESS

1. What work of the Holy Spirit is most meaningful for you at this point of your life?
2. In what area of your life do you need help from the Holy Spirit the most? Is it with a character flaw that needs transformation, a difficult relationship that needs repair or reconciliation, a step of obedience that you are afraid to take?

EXPERIENCE

Commit to memory the following verses on the Holy Spirit:

Ephesians 5: 18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Answer Key to EXPLORE Activity:

1. Shingle Froe

A shingle froe is a specialized tool for making shingles. The strange name comes from the antiquated word “forward” which means “away”, in reference to the direction that the tool cuts.

2. Stanley #1 Odd Jobs

Stanley produced this all-in-one layout tool between 1888 and the 1930s. It looks like a directional arrow from a street sign and was originally advertised as 10 tools in one (including level, depth gauge, try square, and compass).

3. Adze

The adze can be traced back to at least ancient Egypt. You use the adze to shape tree trunks and square them up into beams. It looks like an axe with the blade oriented on the horizontal.

4. Channel lock Rescue Tool

This lifesaving tool has functions designed specifically for a rescue worker. It can cut wire, tighten a fire-hose coupling, pry a door open, and even close down a gas valve. And it’s just about the right size to fit in a back pocket.

5. Timber Scribe

Think of this one as an 18th-century Sharpie. During the heyday of timber framing, builders would use this tool to number beam ends for layout purposes—sort of like “tab A into slot B.” If you’re ever in an old house with exposed beams, look for gouged-out Roman numerals at the beam ends and you’ll see the work of a timber scribe.

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