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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Session 1

BOOK 3: THE HOLY SPIRIT - SESSION 1

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SESSION 1:
**WHO IS THE
HOLY SPIRIT?**

GROUP DISCUSSION

If you had the power to change anything for the better for anyone, anywhere in the world, what would you change, and how would you go about doing it?

LEARNING NUGGET

We love superhero stories where seemingly ordinary persons are transformed into characters with special powers that they use to help change people's lives everywhere. We are often ignorant though, that in real life, God has given us the Holy Spirit to enable us to do extraordinary things for God's glory. Yet we have a lot of misconceptions about the Spirit of God because we do not know much about Him. Let us discover more who the Holy Spirit really is, and how we are to relate to Him.

EXAMINE

Why is it important to know the Holy Spirit?

The Christian life is not hard. It is impossible. It is a miraculous and supernatural life.

For example, how will you follow the teachings of Jesus when He tells you, “love your enemy,” “do good to those who hate you,” “forgive those who abuse you”?

Today, most people will react when you do something offensive, abusive or simply irritating to them; often, they will retaliate. They will never understand how in the world we can love the “unlovable”. That’s why even many Christian marriages do not last, because couples don’t understand the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit, that we were never meant to live the Christian life on our own strength.

Christianity is not what you do for God, but what He does for you, in you and through you by His Spirit. The problem is not God, but us. We limit Him in our lives. The problem with many of us is not because God does not want to help us. God has provided everything; the only problem is our ignorance or refusal to avail of His provision.

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:52

“The great difference between present-day Christianity and that of which we read in [the New Testament epistles] is that to us it is primarily a performance, to them it was a real experience.”

JB Phillips

God has given us His Spirit to enable us to fully experience the amazing, supernatural plan He has for our lives.

I. Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Read Romans 8:9-10 and 2 Corinthians 3:17

A. He is called...

1. The **Spirit** – Rom. 8:9
2. The **Spirit of God**- Rom. 8:9
3. The **Spirit of Christ** -- Rom. 8:9
4. The **Lord** – 2 Cor. 3:17

B. The Holy Spirit **IS NOT**...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. The Holy Spirit is a **Person**

John 14:16-17

The Holy Spirit is a Person, we can see this by how He is described in the Bible:

1. He has _____
1 Corinthians 2:11a

2. He has a _____
1 Corinthians 12:11b

3. He has _____
Ephesians 4:30

D. He is **God**

1. He is **eternal**
Hebrews 9:14
2. He is **all-knowing**
1 Corinthians 2:11
3. He is **all-powerful**
Luke 1:35
4. He is **always present**
Psalm 139:7

What does the “attributes” of God mean?

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

The Holy Spirit is **all-knowing** (_____),

“... Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:11

He is **all-powerful** (_____),

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; ...”

Luke 1:35

He is **ever-present** (_____).

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?”

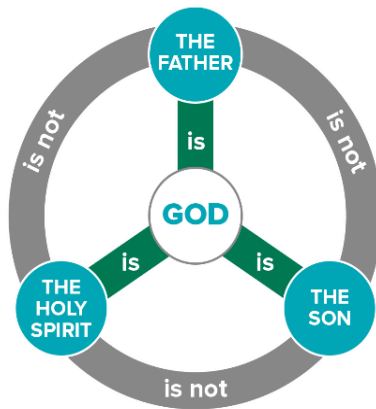
Psalms 139:7

II. The Holy Spirit in the Tri-unity

CCF Statement of Faith on the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and possesses all divine attributes. He indwells all believers and baptizes them at the moment they trust in Jesus Christ to be their only Savior and Lord. He controls all true believers and empowers them to live the Christian life in response to their obedience, confession of sins, and submission to Him.

Cf. Romans 8:9-11; 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18



The Tri-unity: _____

The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. There is only one God, the Bible does not say that there are three gods. We have only one God, eternally existing in 3 distinct persons – the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is not the Father, they are distinct persons but one Being--God is a Tri-Unity, or the Trinity. Now the word “Trinity” is not in the Bible, but it is described there in many places such as in the following passages:

- Matthew 28:19
- Mark 1:10-11

*“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, **the LORD is one [echad]!** ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

In the Hebrew language, you have a numeric 1 and you have the word “one”. The word “one” here is “**echad**,” it is the same word used in Genesis 2:2 to describe a man and his wife (Adam and Eve):

*For this reason, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become **one [echad]** flesh.*

Genesis 2:2

This verse describes husband and wife becoming one, but numerically, are they not still two individuals? That is the same idea as “echad” – one. The Bible says **God is one**, and the idea for the Tri-Unity of God is seen as early as in the Book of Genesis.

1. What attribute of the Holy Spirit is most meaningful for you?
2. How will knowing more about the Holy Spirit help you in your relationship with Jesus? In your relationship with others?

EXPERIENCE

Obtain a copy of **The Holy Spirit: Power for Living** booklet (published by CCF) and read through it at least three times. Apply the truth you read there in your own life, then read through the booklet with another Christian, perhaps a family member, your Dgroup members, ministry team mates, etc. Do set a time period for you to accomplish this EXPERIENCE activity. Ideally, you should complete this action point within one week (7 days) before the next session.

