

NEWCOMERS CLASS # 5

PART I – THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A DIVINE PERSON

PART 2 – IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT EVERY BELIEVER BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHAT IS HIS PURPOSE?

A. Many reduce the Holy Spirit to a force or feeling because He is often referred to throughout Scripture in a symbolic manner, i.e. fire, dove, oil, etc.

B. Jesus says He is a *Comforter*, the *Paraclete*, One who goes alongside to aid or assist as one walks down a particular path. John 14:15-17

1. When Jesus was preparing to die, He left the **promise** of the Holy Spirit as hope to His disciples.
2. The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead. He exemplifies God in us.
3. Jesus understood that the disciples would be able to enter into a **relationship** with the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit is a **person**.
4. We can see Him, understand Him, and know Him.

C. The Holy Spirit has been in the earth for centuries, since the beginning of time.

1. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit never came lived inside anyone because of sin. He would come upon people and cause them to fulfill their purpose and destiny by giving them strength, power, and wisdom. See Samson
2. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit lives **inside** the believer. The Holy Spirit assists us in accomplishing the tasks God has given us. He writes the law of God in our hearts.

D. The Holy Spirit could not come unless Jesus went away. John 16:7

E. The Holy Spirit is an active force.

1. The Holy Spirit will be our **teacher**. He will explain and help us to understand the Word of God. He brings to remembrance the things Jesus says. John 14:26
2. The Holy Spirit calmed the disciples' fears about Jesus' death. He represents God with them active in their lives. John 14:27
3. The Holy Spirit has a ministry to the world and to the believer.
 - a. He is to reprove the world – reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, John 16:8

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1. **Reprove – He will convince the world of who Jesus is, let them know that they are sinners in need of a Savior, and that the enemy has been destroyed.**

b. He guides the believer into all **truth**. John 16:13

1. He gives us understanding of the truth the Lord has shown us and reveals to us the will of God.

c. To the entire world – the Holy Spirit **glorifies** Jesus just as Jesus **glorified** the Father.

F. **There is no conflict with the Godhead.**

1. The entire Godhead participated in our salvation.

2. In the New Testament greetings and closings included the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

II. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – WHAT DOES HE DO?

A. **I Corinthians 2:6-10, 13**

1. The Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God. He cuts out the surprises in our lives. He teaches us all things. Check with Him when issues come into your life.

2. The Holy Spirit teaches us to compare **spiritual** things with **spiritual** things. The Spirit and the word agree. He brings spiritual truth to light to bring life to us.

B. **The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts – I Corinthians 12:4-6.**

1. The spiritual gifts represent the godhead in action

a. The **Spirit** brings diversity of gifts

b. **Jesus** provides the differences of administration

c. **God** the Father brings diversity of operation

2. The Holy Spirit divides the gifts severally as **He** wills. Generally, the Holy Spirit manifests the gift that is needed at the time. – I Corinthians 12:8, 11

C. **The Holy Spirit helps us in our prayer life. Romans 8:26**

1. He makes **intercession** for the saints when we don't know what to pray.

2. He **prays** the mind and will of God through us. When we pray in the spirit we are always in **agreement** with the will of God.

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III. BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Mark 3:20-27 and Matthew 12:22-23 are reference Scriptures.

Religious leaders tried to attribute all that Jesus did to the works of the devil. Since they couldn't attack His character, person, or ethics, they decided to attack the source of His power. Jesus let them know that His power could not be from the devil because a house divided against itself cannot stand.

B. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a lifestyle in which one sets themselves in opposition to the Godhead.

1. Your heart becomes seared and set in opposition against God. When God tries to intervene you attribute it to the devil.
2. The only way to repentance is through the **Holy Spirit**. Thus, the nature of this sin sets in motion the consequences.
3. In blasphemy there is no brokenness, no turning, and no receiving of the Word of God or the dealings of God.

IV. "HE THAT HATH AN EAR TO HEAR LET HIM HEAR" Revelation 2:7, 17, 29; 3:6, 22; 4:13

The Spirit of God is constantly speaking. At Rhema Christian Center we believe the Holy Spirit is a divine person. Our ministry is totally under the government of the Lord Jesus Christ and totally dependent on the work of the Holy Spirit to teach us, lead us, and guide us into all truth. We have no other source and we operate under no other power. He is the Chief Voice to the church.

Additional Scriptures for review: Nehemiah 9:20; John 4:29; Romans 5:15, 8:14, 15:30; I Corinthians 15:21; Galatians 4:6; I Timothy 2:5

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PART 2 – IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT EVERY BELIEVER BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Once a person becomes a believer they should go on to be water baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.

1. There are only two classes of people in the world, saints and sinners. Saints are the called out sanctified ones.

B. The Holy Spirit's work in the Old and New Testaments

1. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit would not dwell in people. He only came upon them to accomplish a particular task.
2. The Holy Spirit dwelt in Jesus. In fact, the fullness of the Godhead was in Him. The Holy Spirit within Jesus helped Him to accomplish the task he had been given by the Father.
3. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would dwell within His people to enable them to fulfill their purpose and destiny in the earth. In reality, the Christian life is Christ in you and living through you, moving and adjusting your thoughts and mind sets so that they begin to line up with the will and purpose of God.

C. The Work of the Holy Spirit – Two Pictures of Water

1. Salvation is initially seen as a well of water. This is the example of the woman at the well. John 4:13-14. God meets us where we are.
 - a. A well is a place dug in the earth that holds a reservoir of water. Enough water springs up to sustain life but it DOES NOT produce any power, or transportation. It never overflows its banks.
2. Water as seen during the Feasts of Tabernacles (or Booths). John 7:37-39
 - a. Rivers of water flow out of those who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - b. River water gives you mobility, power, and movement.

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II. DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS – MATTHEW 3:11

A. One will come who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

1. To baptize means to overwhelm, to thoroughly cover, to bury, dip, or immerse.
2. All four gospels say that Jesus is the Lamb of God and that He is the dispenser of the Holy Spirit. (Rarely do all four gospels say the same thing).

B. Accounts of baptisms with the Holy Spirit – He is a gift that must be received.

1. Acts 1:4-5, 8 – Jesus commanded His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit.
2. Acts 2:1-4 – The Holy Spirit descends from heaven and fills the disciples (about 120).
3. Acts 8:14-17 – The Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands.
4. Acts 10:44-46 – The Holy Spirit is given to the Gentiles sovereignly by Jesus.
5. Acts 19 – The Holy Spirit was given to the believers at Ephesus.

III. PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. A prerequisite for being filled with the Holy Spirit is that you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:15-21

B. Don't drink the stuff of this world and come under the influence of the world. Instead, drink of the Spirit all day long and come under His influence.

C. Characteristics of someone under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

1. It affects your walk – makes it straight and upright.
2. It affects your talk – put away corrupt communication.
3. Affects your sight – see dreams and visions.
4. You are able to fight an enemy you ordinarily wouldn't fight.

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D. Other ways the Other Holy Spirit affects believers

1. It enhances the worship experience.
2. Believers begin to manifest the character of God (the character of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22 and following).
3. The Holy Spirit begins to give supernatural manifestations. I Corinthians 12

Additional Scriptures: Isaiah 55:11; Zechariah 4:6; Luke 11:13; II Corinthians 6:16; I John 4:4