

Lesson 7

THE PERSON AND MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Prepare for Your Assignment

1. Download message #7, "Be Filled with the Spirit," from www.gty.org/fof.
2. Use your notebook to take notes on the message.
3. Work through the questions and tasks on the following pages.

Memorize John 14:16

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.

The Holy Spirit is God. The Bible identifies Him as one of three Persons existing as one God—that is, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. In this lesson, we will study who the Holy Spirit is and what His presence and ministry are in the believer's life.

I. The Holy Spirit Is a Person

A. Recognized as a person

Personal pronouns such as "He" or "Him" are used to refer to the Holy Spirit rather than "it." List the number of times "He" or "Him" is used in John 14:17 to refer to the Holy Spirit.

_____ 2 (NASB), 4 (ESV), 5 (NIV), 4 (NKJV) _____

B. Attributes of personality

1. **Intellect.** He possesses the ability to know and understand reality.

a. Romans 8:27: The Holy Spirit has a _____ mind.

b. 1 Corinthians 2:10: The Holy Spirit searches _____ all things, even the depths of God.

c. 1 Corinthians 2:11: The Holy Spirit knows _____ the thoughts of God.

2. **Emotion.** He possesses the ability to experience emotion.

Record the emotion attributed to the Holy Spirit in

Ephesians 4:30. _____ grief _____

3. **Volition.** He possesses the ability to determine or act decisively.

List the decision or judgment in which the Holy Spirit demonstrates His attribute of volition.

a. 1 Corinthians 12:7, 11 _____ as He wills _____

b. Acts 13:2 _____ setting apart Barnabas and Saul for _____ specific work and ministry _____

II. The Holy Spirit Is God

A. Attributes

The Holy Spirit: Attributes of Deity		
Omniscient	All-knowing	Isaiah 40:13–14
Omnipresent	Present everywhere	Psalms 139:7
Eternal	Without beginning or end	Hebrews 9:14
Truth	Veracity; integrity	1 John 5:7; John 16:13

B. Statements of deity

1. Write the key statement that shows that the Holy Spirit is God (2 Corinthians 3:17).

“The Lord is Spirit.”

2. According to Acts 5:3–4, lying to the Holy Spirit is the same thing as lying to _____ God _____.

III. The Work of the Holy Spirit

- A. According to Psalm 104:30, the Holy Spirit is active in _____ creation _____.

- B. Second Peter 1:20–21 tells us that the Holy Spirit was also active in _____ prophecy; the inspiration of _____ the Scriptures _____.

The Holy Spirit Bears Witness of Christ	
Attests that Jesus is the Christ	John 15:26
Will disclose or reveal Christ	John 16:14
Will not speak of Himself	John 16:13

IV. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Salvation

One of the most important areas of the Spirit's work is with respect to God's plan of salvation.

- A. What special work does the Holy Spirit do (John 16:7–8)?

convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

- B. By whom are sinners born into God's kingdom (John 3:5–8)? _____ the Holy Spirit _____

C. What work does the Spirit do when a person is saved?

1. Titus 3:5–6 regeneration and renewing

2. 1 Corinthians 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.”

The baptism by the Spirit occurs only once—at the time of salvation.

D. How does the Holy Spirit guarantee a believer’s salvation (Ephesians 1:13–14)?

“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, 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.”

The Sealing of the Holy Spirit¹

A seal was an ancient device, usually a signet ring or cylinder seal engraved with the owner’s name or with a particular design. It was used to seal goods, demonstrate ownership, attest a document’s authenticity, or impress an early form of a trademark.

A seal indicates ownership and security. It is the guarantee of future blessings. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is God’s promise of our inheritance in the future! What a wonderful assurance.

V. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Believer’s Life

A. What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the believer (Romans 8:9)?

“the Spirit of God dwells in you.”

B. Is it possible to be a Christian and not be indwelt by the Holy Spirit? No

C. What is another ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer (1 Corinthians 2:12–13)?

He teaches us the things of God.

¹ Description of a seal taken from *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, Volume 5, ed. Merrill C. Tenney, © 1975, 1976 by The Zondervan Corporation. Used by permission.

D. What exhortations are given to all believers in regard to the Spirit?

1. Ephesians 4:30 “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.”
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 “Do not quench the Spirit.”
3. Ephesians 5:18 “Be filled with the Spirit.”

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

To be filled with the Spirit is to be under His total domination and control. . . . To be filled with the Spirit involves confession of sin, surrender of will, intellect, body, time, talent, possessions, and desires. It requires the death of selfishness and the slaying of self-will. . . . To be filled with God’s Spirit is to be filled with His Word. And as we are filled with God’s Word, it controls our thinking and action.² —John MacArthur

E. How does a Christian keep from sinning (Galatians 5:16)?

walk by the Spirit

F. When a believer is filled with the Holy Spirit, he will exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. Read Galatians 5:22–23 and list these qualities below:

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| 1. <u>love</u> | 6. <u>goodness</u> |
| 2. <u>joy</u> | 7. <u>faithfulness</u> |
| 3. <u>peace</u> | 8. <u>gentleness</u> |
| 4. <u>patience</u> | 9. <u>self-control</u> |
| 5. <u>kindness</u> | |

Are you exhibiting those qualities in your life?

² Quote from The MacArthur New Testament Commentary series, *Ephesians* (Moody), © 1986 by John MacArthur.

VI. Application

In 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, the apostle Paul writes: “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

A. What significance does that have for you?

(Answers will vary)

B. What do you need to do to glorify God in your body?

(Answers will vary)