People Builder's Network Firm Foundation Series

Lesson Four: THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit holds a foremost place in scripture, being mentioned in all but tow New Testament books. The Bible begins with Holy Spirit's work in creation, "In the beginning God created the heaven and earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the of moved upon the face of the waters". (Genesis 1:1-2)
ATTRIBUTES OF HIS DEITY
2. The Holy Spirit's deity is proven in scripture. Four divine attributes are ascribed to Him.
1. He is eternal . "How much more shall the of Christ, who through the offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the God". Hebrews 9:14
2. He is omnipresent. "Whither shall I go from thy? or whither shall I flee from the? If I ascend up intothou art there: if I make my bed in, behold you are there". Psalm 139: 7-8
3. He is omnipotent . "And the angel answered and said unto her, The shall come upon you, and the of the shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God".
Luke 1:35 4. He is omniscient. "But God haththem unto us by His:
for the Spiritall things, yea, thethings of God." 1 Corinthians 2:10

ATTRIBUTES OF HIS PERSONALITY

anoir	e Spirit is often described in an impersonal wanting or water. These things describe His work cises the attributes of personality such as:	
,	1. MIND "And he that searcheth the hearts kr the Spirit, because he maketh will of God". Romans 8:27	
	2. WILL "But all these worketh that one and to every man severally as He". I Corinthians 12:11	the selfsame dividing
	3. EMOTIONS "Andnot the Holynot the Holy	y Spirit of God,whereby ye are
PER	SONAL ACTIVITIES	
4 . Lis	st the activity of The Holy Spirit in each of the	following verses.
	1. 2 Peter 1:21-	
	2. John 14:26-	
	3. Galations 4:6-	
,	4. Romans 8:26-	
	5. I Timothy 4:1-	
	6. Acts 16:6-7-	
	7. John 15:26-	
	8. Romans 8:11-	
	9. Acts 1:8-	

SINS AGAINST THE SPIRIT

5. V\ _	nat grave sin against The Holy Spirit was committed in Acts 5:3-4?
defy spea done Holy	lasphemy, according to the dictionary means "intentional utterance ving or offering indignity to the Supreme Being". Jesus said that aking against His humanity would be forgiven, simply because it could be in ignorance, not knowing who He really was, but blasphemy against The Spirit could never be forgiven because a person would commit this sin in full wledge of who He is.
	"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin shall be unto men: but the blasphemythe shall be forgiven unto men". Matthew 12:31
com	he writer to the Hebrews warned them of a dangerous sin that could be mitted against The Spirit of God in the final stages of personal apostasy parting from The Living God).
	"Of how much surer, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hathunder foot The Son of God, and hath counted the of the, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath doneunto the of grace?" Hebrews 10:29
holy	onsider the blood of Christ an "unholy thing", after being sanctified or made by it, would be the ultimate act of insult, malice or hatred to The Spirit of , endangering one's eternal destiny.

THE COMFORTER WITHIN

8. When Jesus was getting ready to leave this world He promised a replacement who would not only just be "with them", as He had been during His earthly life, but who also would be "in them" forever.

"And I will pray The Father, and He shall give you another,
that He may with you; Even The Spirit of; whom
the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knoweth Him;
buy ye know Him; for He dwellethyou, and shall be you".
John 14:16-17
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Comforter is from a Greek word meaning "one called along side to help".
9. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. "Likewise thealso our
infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit
Himself makethfor us with which cannot be
Helpeth here comes from a Greek word meaning "to take hold together
against with". This indicates a struggle of some sort that requires greater force
than we can produce ourselves. Paul calls it our "weakness" or infirmities. We
are unable to pray anyone out of satan's grip of sin, sickness, fear or death,
without The Holy Spirit coming against those enemies through us as we pray.
Any believer can become a giant killer in prayer with the help of The Holy Spirit of
God.
10. The Comforter (Helper) lives in us continually, even if we are unaware of His
Presence for a time. I Corinthians 6:19-20 says "What? know ye not that your
is the of The Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of
God, and you are not your own? For you arewith a price: therefore
God in your body, and in yourwhich are the Lord's".
which are the Lord 9.
11. The Apostle John has much to say about The Spirit in his first letter. He says,
"But the which you have received of Him in you,
and you need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing
you all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath
taught you, ye shall abide in him". I John 2:27
12. In Chapter four of this letter, John is making his readers aware of the
deceiving spirits that are in the world. He adds the comforting assurance "Ye are
of God, little children, and have overcome them: becauseis He that
is in you, than He that is in the". I John 4:4. As believers we have
the power within us to destroy all the bondages of satanic oppression. "And the
yoke (bondage) shall be destroyed because of the". Isaiah 10:27

13. The presence of The Holy Spirit within is proof that we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus and we are now God's property. Ephesians 1:13-14 says, "Ye werewith The Holy Spirit of promise, which is theof
our inheritance until the redemption of thepossession, unto the praise of His glory".
14. It is The Holy Spirit within that bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. "TheHimself beareth with our that we are the children of God". Romans 8:16
THE SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS
15. During His earthly ministry, Jesus depended entirely upon The Holy Spirits involvement and could do nothing without Him. Jesus waited for The Holy Spirit's leading in all things. Luke 4:1 says, "And Jesus beingof The Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was by The Spirit into the wilderness". The key to close communion with The Spirit is to yield to His guidance. He will not drive us but gently lead us as we learn to respond to Him. Notice in this text that when Jesus was full of The Holy Spirit, He did not go first to the synagogue and get up to speak, for it wasn't the Spirit's timing. He yielded by going first into the wilderness for further preparation. We must be aware of the temptation to go "first" to the place of ministry, before we have gone to the "place of preparation.
When Jesus completed the wilderness course, The Spirit of God led Him into the Temple, where He opened the book of Isaiah and read, "The Spirit of the Lord isme, because He hath Me to preach the gospel to the; He hath sent me to the, to preach of sight to the blind, to set a them that are bruised, and to preach the year of the Lord". Luke 4:18. Jesus was successful in His ministry because He understood what The Holy Spirit wanted to do "through" Him, as is indicated by the phrase "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, BECAUSE"
16. Peter described the work of the Holy Spirit in the Ministry of Jesus in Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with The Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing and all that were by the devil".

17. Jesus developed a relationship with The Spirit of God through prayer, dedication, and obedience. "And hehimself into the wilderness, and". Luke 5:16 Prayer is as important to the spiritual man
as breathing is to the physical man. Jesus withdrew often for short and long seasons of prayer and fellowship with The Holy Ghost.
THE HOLY GHOST UPON US
18. After His resurrection, Jesus told his disciples: "And behold I send theof My Father upon you: but wait in the City of Jerusalem, until ye bewith from on high". Luke 24:49
19. Luke restates the promise with further amplification in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive after that The Holy Ghost is come you: and you shall be unto Me".
20 . The disciples already had received The Holy Spirit to dwell within them since Jesus appeared to them after the resurrection in John 20:22. "And when He had said this, Heon them, and said unto themye The".
21. This enduement of power was an experience subsequent to receiving The Holy Spirit to dwell within them as new born believers, and was to empower them with supernatural ability to continue on with the ministry of Jesus after His ascension to Heaven. "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, ofthat Jesus began both toand". Acts 1:1
22. Jesus had already told the disciples in John 14:12, "He that on Me, the that I do, shall do: and greater works than these shall he do: because I go unto My Father".
23. As we have seen already in previous verses, Jesus' ministry of supernatural power was the result of thecoming upon Him". Luke 4:18
24 . The power of The Holy Spirit coming upon us is manifested through nine different operations of The Holy Spirit listed in I Corinthians 12:6-11. On the following page list all nine of the Gifts of The Holy Spirit

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	Acts 10: 44-46	
	Acts 19:6	
4. A	Acts 19: 17/ I Corinthians 14:18	
27. How Pentecos	d to your, and tothat a _ as the Lord our God shall". Acts 2:39 v can the promise of The Holy Spirit be received a ost? Acts 8: 14-18 Luke 7: 7-11	as on the day of
28 . What	at did Jesus call this enduement of power? Acts 1	1:5
WALKIN	NG IN THE SPIRIT	
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always lead us to be therefore followers of	imitators of God since we	n love, because The Holy Spirit will are created in His image. "Be ye and, as a
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PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT
34. The Holy Spirit is a "spirit of prayer" in that He prompts us to pray regularly and earnestly. "Praying always with all manner of and in the, and watching there unto with all and supplication for all". Ephesians 6:18
35. Prayer in The Spirit is in both "known" and "unknown" tongues (or languages). I Corinthians 14: 14-15 says, "For if I pray in an tongue, my prayeth, but the is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the, and I will pray with the, also".
36. When we pray in the Spirit we are built up and mysteries are revealed to us. "He that in an unknown tongue himself; but he that edifieth the church". 1 Corinthians 14:4
37. "But ye, beloved up yourselves on your most holy faith, in the ". Jude 20
38. "For he that speaketh in an tongue speaketh not unto, but unto; for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh". 1 Corinthians 14:2
WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT
39. The Holy Spirit also helps us praise and worship from our innermost being, or with all of our heart. Ephesians 5: 17-19 says, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in and, singing and
making melody in your to the Lord; Giving always for all things unto God and The Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ".
40 . Paul said we can worship God both in known and unknown languages. "I will sing with the and I will sing with the also". 1 Corinthians 14:15 b