

## CLASS 4 – The Person of the Holy Spirit: An Introduction

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We need a basic understanding of the Holy Spirit.

### I. The Holy Spirit is the Third Member of the Trinity, the Godhead (Father, Son and Spirit)

#### A. He is God

##### 1. He was there at the Creation of the World

**Genesis 1:2** - *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

**Psalm 104:30** - *When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.*

##### 2. He has Divine attributes

**ETERNAL** - **Hebrews 9:14** - *How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

**OMNIPRESENT** - **Psalm 139:7-10** - *Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

**OMNIPOTENT** - **Luke 1:35** - *The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.*

**OMNISCIENT** - **1 Corinthians 2:10-11** - *but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*

#### B. He has been at work in people's lives throughout biblical history

Some OT Examples:

- **Bezalel (and others, involved with tabernacle furnishings):**  
*And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts ([Exodus 31:3](#)).*
- **Moses and the 70 Elders who help him:**  
*Numbers 11:17, 25-29 "I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not*

have to carry it alone.” ... 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

- **Joshua:**

So the Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him ([Numbers 27:18](#)).

Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses ([Deuteronomy 34:9](#)).

- **Saul:**

The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you” ([1 Samuel 10:6-7](#)).<sup>5</sup>

When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying ([1 Samuel 10:10](#)).

- **David:**

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah. 14 Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him ([1 Samuel 16:13-14](#)).

- **Othniel:**

The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, so that he became Israel’s judge and went to war. The Lord gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him ([Judges 3:10](#)).

- **Gideon:**

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him ([Judges 6:34](#)).

- **Jephthah:**

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh, passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites ([Judges 11:29](#)).

- **Balaam:**

When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came upon him ([Numbers 24:2](#)).

## II. As the Third Member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is a Person.

### A. The Names Used to Describe Him are Personal (Comforter, Counselor, Helper)

**John 14:16** - *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—*

**John 16:7** - *But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

### B. Personal Characteristics

1. **He can be resisted** – **Acts 7:51** - *"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"*
2. **He can be insulted** - **Hebrews 10:29** - *How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?*
3. **He can be grieved** - **Ephesians 4:30-31** - *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*
4. **You can lie to the Holy Spirit** - **Acts 5:3-4** - *Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."*
5. **The Bible uses personal pronouns to refer to the Holy Spirit** - **Romans 8:27** - *And **he** who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes** for the saints in accordance with God's will.*
6. **The Holy Spirit has His own desires and will** - **1 Corinthians 12:11** - *All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and **he gives them to each one, just as he determines.***

## III. I have Jesus...Why do I need the Holy Spirit?

### A. He is a TEACHER and Helps us Remember.

**John 14:26** - *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things ..."*

**John 16:13** - *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

**John 14:26** - *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

**B. He CONVICTS us.**

**John 16:8** - *When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:*

**C. He EMPOWERS us.**

**Luke 24:49** - *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

**1. Power to witness –**

**Acts 1:8** - *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

**2. Power to overcome sin and satan -**

**Romans 8:2** – *"...because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. "*

**Romans 8:10-11** - *But, if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

**1 John 4:4** - *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because **the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.***

**C. He bears FRUIT in our lives and gives GIFTS**

**1. FRUIT**

**2 Corinthians 3:18** - *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

**Galatians 5:22-24** - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.*

**2. He is the agent of SALVATION**

**Romans 8:9** - *You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 12:13** - *For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

DOES THIS MEAN THAT PEOPLE ARE ONLY SAVED AFTER THEY HAVE HAD A “PENTECOSTAL” HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM EXPERIENCE? **NO!**

**IV. The Baptism in/with/by the Holy Spirit** (From the book, “Living in the Spirit” by George Wood, page 51-56.)

**Read pages 51-56**

“The focus of the baptism in the Spirit is twofold, it deepens our worship of the Lord through giving us a language of praise that we have not learned—speaking with other tongues. It also give us power in our Christian witness. I’d like to explore five scriptural terms used of the Baptism.” (Wood, page 51)

The first term is the “**baptism in the Spirit.**” Anyone who has translated a language knows that prepositions are very difficult to use in any language. In English, for example, we have the prepositions “in” and “by.” For the Greeks, the preposition *en* could refer to “in,” “by” or even “with.” (p. 51)

The term “baptism *in* the Spirit” occurs twice in the Book of Acts—both spoken by Jesus. In Acts 1:5, Jesus said, “For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized *with* the Holy Spirit.” Then, in Acts 11:16, after Cornelius’s Spirit baptism, Peter said, “Then I remembered what the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water but you will be baptized *with* the Holy Spirit.’” In both Acts 1 and Acts 11, though most translations including the NIV and NASB refer to baptism *with* the Holy Spirit, in each case the word translated as with in the Greek word *en*. (p. 51-52)

Note the sequence of how this term is used. It is used by the Lord after the experience of John 20:22. On the first evening after His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples behind closed doors and breathed upon them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” This was the moment that the fruit of Christ’s victory in the Cross and in the Resurrection was realized by the disciples. Until that time, their faith had only been the faith of every Old Testament person—the faith that anticipated what God would someday do. Now, all the benefits that could be won by Christ had been won. Through the Spirit, His eternal life was breathed into the disciples. (p. 52)

Therefore, it is appropriate to say that when we have received Christ, we have received the Spirit. The Pentecostal message is greatly misunderstood if anyone

assumes that someone who has not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit has not received the Person of the Spirit in conversion. We all receive the Spirit of God in conversion. No one can call Christ Lord except by the Spirit. (p. 52)

When Jesus talked in Acts 1:5 and when He is quoted in Acts 11:16, He is speaking about the Holy Spirit's work. But He speaks about it in a different context than that of John 20:22, since He is talking to people who had already received the Spirit. He is saying to them, "In a few days, you will be baptized *in* the Holy Spirit." (p. 52-53)

We are either baptized *by* the Spirit or we are baptized *in* the Spirit. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12 that "by the Spirit we were all baptized *into* Christ." Jesus said, on the other hand, that we are to be baptized *in* the Spirit. Can it be that the same preposition has two different means? Let me suggest to you that it does. (p. 53)

Continue Reading pages 53--56

## **The Third Baptism**

### **Introduction:**

We have been talking about the Holy Spirit for a few weeks now. What I want for you in this series is to understand and believe that you are on solid Biblical ground to believe in the reality of the Holy Spirit, His Gifts, His Fruit, His Expressions, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> baptism which is the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

**Hebrews 6:1-2** *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

### **A. The First Baptism – Salvation**

**1 Corinthians 12:13** - *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

This is baptism INTO the body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the one who performs it.

The body of Christ is the element.

**Question:** If this baptism is salvation and gets my name in the Lamb's Book of Life and a place in heaven, do I need a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> baptism?

**Who performs this baptism? The HOLY SPIRIT!**

## **B. The Second Baptism – Water Baptism**

**Matthew 28:19-20** - *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**Acts 2:38-41** - *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

### **Who is performing the baptism? The DISCIPLES as instructed by Jesus!**

**Colossians 2:9-15** - *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.*

*In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.*

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

## **C. The Third Baptism – Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

John's Gospel chronicles the first 2 years of Jesus' ministry.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke chronicle the last year. They are known as the synoptic Gospels (similar gospels) Very few things are in all 4 Gospels. Jesus birth, death, resurrection and...The promise of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

### **1. The words of John the Baptist...**

**Matthew 3:11** - *"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

**Mark 1:8** - *I baptize you with water, but he (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

**Luke 3:16** - *John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

**John 1:33** - *I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'*

**Who performs this baptism? JESUS is doing the baptism here.**

**Before Jesus ascending to the Father and sending the Holy Spirit, the spirit had descended but never remained.**

## **2. The Words of Jesus...**

**Luke 24:49** - *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

**Acts 1:4** - *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*

Sources: The wonderfully organized sermons by Senior Pastor Roger Lewis ([www.lifechurchdfw.org](http://www.lifechurchdfw.org)) and "Living in the Spirit," by Dr. George Wood.