

holy spirit series:

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



HOUSE OF MISSIONS + EQUIPPING

THE HOLY SPIRIT: AN INTRODUCTION

- I. The word used in scripture to speak of the Holy Spirit is often translated as the **“Wind” or “Breath”** of God. Greek word “Pneuma” and the Hebrew word “Ruach.”
 - A. The first mention of Ruach in the Bible is in the very first chapter of Genesis.
 1. “And the earth was formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit (Ruach) of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.” Genesis 1:2
 - B. In the beginning we see all 3 persons of the Trinity there together.
 1. God the Father was there and created. “In the beginning God...” Gen. 1
 2. Jesus, the Son of God, was there and involved in creation. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1
 3. Holy Spirit was there and involved in creation. “The Spirit of God was hovering...” Gen 1:2. “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath (Spirit) of His mouth.” Psalm 33:6
 - C. **The Holy Spirit is God.** “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Cor. 3:17
- II. **Holy Spirit is a person.**
 - A. Holy Spirit has a mind, will, emotions. He is a person and has feelings. “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...” Eph. 4:30
 - B. Holy Spirit encompasses all the names and titles of the Spirit of God
 1. The seven Spirits of God found in Isaiah 11.
 - a) The Spirit of the Lord
 - b) The spirit of wisdom
 - c) The spirit of understanding
 - d) The spirit of counsel
 - e) The spirit of strength
 - f) The spirit of knowledge
 - g) The spirit of the fear of the Lord
 2. The Spirit of Truth. John 15:26, John 16:13
 3. The Good Spirit. Nehemiah 9:20, Psalm 143
 4. The Eternal Spirit. Hebrews 9:14
 5. The Lord. 2 Cor 3:17
 6. The Spirit of Life. Rom 8:2
 7. The Spirit of Grace. Hebrews 10:21
 8. The Spirit of Prophecy. Revelation 19:10 (The Testimony of Jesus)
 9. The Spirit of Holiness. Romans 1:14
 10. The Spirit of Burning. Isaiah 4:4
 11. The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation. Eph. 1:17
 12. The Breath of the Almighty. Job 33:4
 13. The Spirit of Adoption. Romans 8:15
 14. The Spirit of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:9
 15. The Spirit of Glory. 1 Peter 4:14
 16. The Spirit of the Father. Matt. 10:20
 17. Helper, Advocate, Comforter, Counselor, Seal, Anointing. John 14-16, 2 Cor. 3-17, 1 John 2:20-27
- III. The Holy Spirit Lives in Believers
 - A. John 7:37-38, “He who believes in Me, from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water. This He spoke of the Holy Spirit whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified.”
 1. What do we see here in this passage?
 - a) Holy Spirit is given to *“those who believe in Jesus”*.

- b) Holy Spirit takes up residence in the innermost being. “He abides with you and will be in you.” John 14:17. We are the “temple of the Holy Spirit” 1 Cor. 3:16
 - (1) **Body – Outer Court.** Place of the altar, sacrifices.
 - (2) **Soul – Inner Court / Holy Place.** Table, Priests burn incense.
 - (3) **Spirit – Holy of Holies.** Presence of God, voice of God.
- c) Holy Spirit flows out. The Spirit of God flows out of believers like “rivers of living water”. River – power, source of life, supply, refreshing, always moving. Rivers are paths that give life and freedom.
- d) The Spirit was given after Jesus was glorified.
 - (1) **With Them** – Holy Spirit was with them in full operation flowing through the person of Jesus Christ living with them. Luke 4, Isaiah 61
 - (2) **In Them** – Permanent fellowship with God. God would live inside believers. 1 John 4:15, “Whoever confesses Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him.” John 14:23, “We will make our home with him.”
 - (3) **Upon Them** – The Holy Spirit would come upon believers to empower them for service. This was not a new concept to the Israelites. OT it was one here, one there. (David, Samson, Samuel, Elijah, Zechariah, etc.)

IV. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- A. In John 14-16 Jesus teaches His disciples about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Also, Paul and John teach on the Holy Spirit’s ministry.
 - 1. 14:16 – “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of Truth.”
 - 2. 14:25 – “The Helper, the Holy Spirit, He will teach you all things. He will bring to remembrance all that I said to you.”
 - 3. 15:26 – “The Helper...The Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father. He will testify about Me.”
 - 4. 16:7 – “It is to your advantage that I go. If I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go away, I will send Him to you.”
 - 5. 16:8 – “When He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”
 - 6. 16:13 – “He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak...He will disclose to you what is to come.”
 - 7. 16:14 – “He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you...He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”
 - 8. 1 Cor. 2:10-15 – “The Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God...the thoughts of God nobody knows except the Spirit of God. We have received the Spirit of God, So that we may know the things freely given to us.” (He is the ultimate search engine!)
 - 9. 2 Cor. 1:22 – “He sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our heart as a down payment.” God’s assurance that He is coming again and we are a part of another kingdom.
 - 10. 1 John 2:20-27 – “But you have an anointing from the Holy One...As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you. And you have no need of anyone to teach you. But His anointing teaches you all things.”

V. 21 Day Challenge: Talk to the Holy Spirit

- 1. **T** – Thank you
- 2. **R** – Reign in me (Or Release Revelation)
- 3. **U** – Use me
- 4. **S** – Strengthen me
- 5. **T** – Teach me