INTRUTH Essentials of the Faith



HOLY SPIRIT

MEMORY VERSE: "For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love." Romans 5:5



Who is the Holy Spirit?

- 1. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit is God. There is only one God but He eternally exists as three persons–God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. Define Holy Spirit.
- 2. Why does Jesus ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to believers? John 14:16-17a
- 3. What does John 15:26b and 1 Corinthians 2:10b tell us about the Holy Spirit?



Receiving the Holy Spirit

4. How do we receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:38

5. Why does God give us the Holy Spirit? Ephesians 1:13-14

- 6. What happens when we receive the Holy Spirit? Ezekiel 36:26-27
- 7. What can believers do because of the Holy Spirit? 2 Corinthians 3:18

DAY 3

Work of the Holy Spirit

8. What kind of impact does having the Holy Spirit have on someone? John 14:26

- 9. The receiving/indwelling of the Spirit occurs at the moment of salvation. The filling of the Spirit is a on ongoing process in the Christian life. Why should we let the Holy Spirit guide our lives? Why are the Spirit and our sinful nature in conflict with each other? Galatians 5:16-17
- 10. What does Romans 8:26-27 tell us about the Holy Spirit? How do these verses impact you?
- 11. Share a time when the Holy Spirit counseled you, taught you, or reminded you of something.



Living by the Holy Spirit

12. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19a. Stop for a minute and think about the fact that if you are a believer, the Holy Spirit is IN YOU. How does this affect you?

- 13. How does the Holy Spirit want us to live? Galatians 5:25 How can you follow the Spirit's leading?
- 14. What does the Holy Spirit want to produce in our lives instead? Galatians 5:22-23
- 15. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." What does this verse tell you that the Holy Spirit wants for us?



- 16. The Bible describes the Holy Spirit in lots of pictures: fire, wind, dove, river, fountain, etc. What picture of the Holy Spirit helps you understand Him and how He works?
- 17. All believers have the power of the Holy Spirit available to them. The more you open up to the Holy Spirit, the more He will fill you with power and love and life. In what ways will you start this week asking the Holy Spirit to help you?

BELIEVE

The Holy Spirit is God in Spirit form. God gives us Himself - the Holy Spirit - to be our Teacher, Helper, Counselor, Comforter, Guide, and Friend. The Holy Spirit is the bridge between us sinful humans and a glorious, perfect, sinless God. Praise God that by giving us His Spirit, we can have a relationship with God and have the power and help to overcome sin. May you accept this gift, and may your heart of stone be changed to a heart after Christ!

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for giving Your Spirit to live in all believers! May the Holy Spirit help me to follow You more closely. I pray that You would produce in me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

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Various References (NLT)

Holy Spirit: God's Spirit. Called Advocate. Lives within all Christians as our helper, teacher, comforter, and our friend. Holy Spirit wants to lead us and guide us every day.

Truth: God's Word is truth. It comes from God and can be trusted; genuine; honest; reliable.

DAY 1

John 14:16-17a: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."

John 15:26b: "He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me (Jesus)."

1 Corinthians 2:10b: "For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets."

DAY 2

Acts 2:38: Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Ephesians 1:13-14: "And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him."

Ezekiel 36:26-27: "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations." 2 Corinthians 3:18: "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

DAY 3

John 14:26: "But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."

Galatians 5:16-17a: "So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires."

Romans 8:26-27: "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will."

DAY 4

1 Corinthians 6:19a: "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?"

Galatians 5:25: "Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."

Galatians 5:22-23: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!