

by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ *whom he poured out on us* generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”

JOHN 3:1-10: “Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God **unless he is born again**.” ⁴ “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” ⁵ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God **unless he is born of water and the Spirit**. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but **the Spirit gives birth to spirit**. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘**You must be born again**.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with **everyone born of the Spirit**.” ⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”

2. The Holy Spirit _____ You.

JOHN 14:16-17: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, **for he lives with you and will be in you**.”

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.”

EPHESIANS 4:30: “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed for the day of redemption**.”

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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.”

QUESTION: *How does the Holy Spirit come alongside us?*

JOHN 16:13-14: “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**. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.”

4. The Holy Spirit _____ You.

1 PETER 4:10-11: “**Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others**, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, **so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ**. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11: “**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good**. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ **All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines**.”

5. The Holy Spirit _____ in You.

GALATIANS 5:16-25: “So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under law. ¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,**

patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

6. The Holy Spirit _____ You.

LUKE 24:46-49: "He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. 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 1:8: "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."

FINAL THOUGHTS

How well do you know the Holy Spirit? Why not take time to get to know him in a more personal way this week?

LUKE 11:13: "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**"

"GETTING TO KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT" Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2009 Pastor Cory Anderson

Introduction:

WHO OR WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. The Holy Spirit is _____.

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? ⁴ 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.**"

2. The Holy Spirit is _____.

JOHN 16:7-14: "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. ⁸ When **he** comes, **he** will **convict** the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 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.** ¹⁴ **He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.**"

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?

1. The Holy Spirit brings _____ & _____.

TITUS 3:3-7: "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal**