

Week 10 | Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the “Forgotten God.” At least that’d be true in many churches today. In some churches there’s too much emphasis on the Spirit and even unbiblical practices attributed to Him.

The confusion of who the Holy Spirit is has led to a _____ to His role in our lives, and because of that, an absence of the Spirit’s _____ in our lives and churches.

So, who is the Holy Spirit? First of all, The Holy Spirit is God, the 3rd person of the Trinity. He is equal to God the Father in v_____ but different in f_____.

The Holy Spirit submits to the will of the Father and has the primary function of _____. disciples become more and more like Jesus.

Jesus’ teaching on the Holy Spirit...

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
John 16:7-11

Jesus said something astonishing but also shocking to His disciples in this passage. He said it would be better if He left. How would it be better?

Because He would give them the Holy Spirit. Jesus was _____ them, but the Holy Spirit would be _____ them! Jesus wasn't with His disciples 24-7. But the Holy Spirit would come into each one of them.

Jesus, in this passage, gives one of the roles of the Holy Spirit. Before a person puts their faith in Christ, The Holy Spirit c_____ the unbeliever to repent of sin and put their faith in Christ.

This should be a source of encouragement for us as we seek to share the gospel of Jesus with others. It's not our job to convict or to convince. That is the role of the Holy Spirit. We share the message, the Holy Spirit works on their heart!

Once a person does pray to receive Christ as Lord and Savior, a number of things happen. The Holy Spirit r_____ us.

Titus 5:5-6 says, *"he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."*

Regeneration means that the Holy Spirit takes us from being dead spiritually to being alive as a child of God. It happens literally the moment we embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit i_____ and s_____ us.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV) says, *"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession."*

Wow, how encouraging is that? At salvation, the Holy Spirit indwells us and seals us until Jesus comes back. A seal is a mark of _____. We are God's, with all the benefits and protection that goes with it... guaranteed!



Whole Group Discussion

What has been your experiences with the Holy Spirit within the local church?

Have churches emphasized it enough or too much? Have you been exposed to some unbiblical views of the Holy Spirit?

As if that wasn't enough, at salvation the Holy Spirit regenerated, indwelt, and sealed us. The Holy Spirit also b_____ us into the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 says, "*For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*"

We become part of a huge family at our salvation, the family of God. The Spirit baptizes us into the family of God and gives us the _____ needed to _____ in it.

The Spirit has done so much for us before we came to Christ, when we came to Christ, and after coming to Christ. The Holy Spirit must not be the f_____ God, He is our f_____ God!

How can we honor the Holy Spirit? We can make sure that when we are worshipping and praising God, we are also including the Holy Spirit specifically in it. We need to take time regularly to _____ for the Spirit of God.

We can honor the Holy Spirit by never _____ for our salvation. When we share our testimony or share the gospel with others using our salvation story, we must not become the hero in the story. And one of those ways is to share the Holy Spirit's role in our salvation.

We can honor the Holy Spirit by listening and _____ Him when He is prompting us to do or not to do something.

The Holy Spirit is not just a t_____ reality. He is a divine person to be honored and to be obeyed.

Quote by Jerry Bridges...

“We are 100 percent responsible for the pursuit of holiness, but at the same time we are 100 percent dependent upon the Holy Spirit to enable us in that pursuit. The pursuit of holiness is not a pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps approach to the Christian life.”



Small Group Discussion

We saw in today's teaching that the Holy Spirit (at salvation)... Regenerates, Indwells, Seals, and Baptizes us. Which of these is most encouraging to you? Why?

Read John 14:15-18, 25-27. What else can we learn about the Holy Spirit from this passage? What's one source of encouragement from any of the passages we've looked at today?



Prayer Focus

Have you given enough attention to the Holy Spirit? Take time and ask God to help you experience the power and presence of the Spirit in a fresh new way in your life.