

## Lesson 2 – The Attributes of the Spirit: Discovering the Forgotten God

**Text:** John 16:7

**Theme:** This lesson explains the indispensable role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life!

**Introduction:** Your attitude and understanding about the Holy Spirit has likely been colored by your training or tradition, but what does the Bible say about the Holy Spirit? Do you really know who He is? Let us discover together the forgotten God.

- I. Accomplishments Impossible Without the Holy Spirit.
    - A. **Conversion** (John 3:3,5)
    - B. Assurance (Romans 8:16)
    - C. Holiness (Galatians 5:22-23)
    - D. Understanding Scripture (I Corinthians 2:12, 14)
    - E. Prayer (Eph. 6:18; Rom 8:26-27)
      1. He comes along side to help us in our weakness, since we don't always know how to pray. (Cf. word "helpeth" used; Martha asking for practical help from Mary in Lk 10:40)
      2. He helps by interceding ("approaches or appeals to someone"–*The Bible Knowledge Commentary*) to God
      3. He intercedes according to God's will with groans (Cf. Israel in Acts 7:34) that aren't put into words.
  - F. **Service**
    1. We have been given spiritual gifts from the Spirit (I Cor. 12:5-7).
    2. We can only live the Christian life as we walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18).
  - G. Witnessing (Acts 1:8)
- II. Attitudes About the Holy Spirit.
    - A. Ignorance
      1. Don't be ignorant – He dwells within you (I Cor. 6:19).
      2. Don't be ignorant – we have the Bible and are not during transition time from OT to NT times when some men didn't know about the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1-2).
    - B. Indifference – Just want basic Bible teaching and nothing that would border on controversial.
    - C. Indulgence – Taking the teachings on the Holy Spirit out of context and to an extreme.
  - III. Attributes of the Holy Spirit.
    - A. He is a **Person**.
      - ❖ You can be a person and a spirit (cf. Jn. 4:24). In the case of humanity a person is a spirit being that although the body may die, the spirit goes on into eternity (Heaven for the believer – II Cor. 5:8).
      - ❖ He is not an "It" or an "Influence" because He possesses the marks of personality.
        1. Possesses Intellect (I Cor. 2:11)

2. Possesses Emotion (Rom. 15:30)
  3. Possesses Will (I Cor. 12:11)
- B. He is God.
    1. He is called God (Acts 5:3,4).
    2. He is associated with God in the Trinity (Mt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14).
    3. He does the actions of God
      - a) Creator (Gen. 1:26-27 with Job 33:4)
      - b) Giver of Virgin Birth (Mt. 1:20)
    4. He has the attributes of God
      - a) He is eternal (Heb. 9:14).
      - b) He is omnipresent (Ps. 139:7-13).
      - c) He is omniscient (I Cor. 2:10).
      - d) He is omnipotent (Rom. 15:19).

### IV. Advantages of the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ Discussion: Why not have a series of lessons on family, marriage, finances, a book of the Bible rather than a study on the Holy Spirit? (Note: When you get God the Holy Spirit living within, He will help lead, guide and counsel in all these areas!)
- A. He Permanently Enters Us.
    1. He indwells us at the moment of salvation (Jn. 14:17).
    2. He goes is with us wherever we go – this should influence how we live (I Cor. 6:19-20). Remember He is the **Holy Spirit!**
  - B. He Powerfully Equips Us (Acts 1:8).
    - ❖ Let's not try to do God's work by the world's methods.
  - C. He Personally Encourages Us (I Sam. 30:6).
    1. He is our Comforter (*parakletos*- an "advocate" or "helper" called along side of) (Jn. 14:16).
    2. He should be **President** not just a resident – God's purposes and blessings for your life are accomplished in the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).

### Application

1. Since the Holy Spirit is a person, what kind of personal relationship do you have with Him?
2. What does the Holy Spirit do for the Christian (Jn. 14:16-18, 26; 15:26; 16:13-14)?
3. What does the Holy Spirit do for the unsaved (Jn. 16:8-11)?

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