



Lesson 2 - The Spirit-Filled Life

Sometimes in scripture you will read about the baptism in the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost. Just who is the Holy Spirit and why do we need Him and this work in our lives? These and several other related questions will be answered in today's lesson.

Question #1: Who or what is the Holy Spirit?

Answer:

The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity or God head. Therefore, He is God. No one has been able to completely understand or explain God's existence to anyone's complete satisfaction. Part of the reason is that God is so different from the creatures (human beings, animals) that He created. However the Bible does present God as one being yet existing in three persons: God the Father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit/or Holy Ghost (same person).

- 1) Gen. 1:26 (Elohim: Plural)
- 2) Matthew 3: 16-17 all three present

Gen. 1:26 (Elohim: Plural)

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

Matthew 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He[c] saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Question #2: Are there other names/titles for the Holy Spirit?

Answer: Yes! There are many names and titles.

Below are several that appear in God's Word:

Spirit of God - Mt. 3:16; 12:28/ Gen. 1:2 /
II Cor. 3:3

Spirit of the Lord - Luke 4:18; Acts 8:39;
II Cor 3:17, 18

Spirit of Christ - Acts 16:6-7; Rom. 8:9;
I Pet. 1:11; Philippians 1:19;

Question #2: Are there other names/titles for the Holy Spirit?

Spirit of Truth - John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; I John 4:6

Holy Spirit - Acts 5:3-4

Eternal Spirit - Hebrews 9:14

From these and other passages we learn that He is a person. Not a thing or a feeling.

Question #3: Now that I understand that the Holy Spirit is a person, can you tell me why the Holy Spirit is referred to as, He and Him?

Answer: Because Jesus did!

John 14:16-17;

John 15:26;

John 16:7-8,13-14

Question #4: What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit:

empowers the born again believer - Acts 1:8; Eph. 1

teaches - John 14:26;

prays (intercession) - Rom. 8:26-27;

guides and speaks - John 16:13; Rom 8:14

inspires scripture - II Timothy 3:16-17

Question #4: What does the Holy Spirit do?

He also:

enlightens - John 16:13; Eph. 1

forbids, restricts - Acts 16:6, 7

convicts of sin, judgment and righteousness/ John 16:8

helped in creation - Gen. 1:1-2ff

glorifies Christ - John 16:14; 15:26

Questions #5: What does it mean to be baptized IN the Holy Spirit and baptized OF the Holy Spirit? Are they the same thing?

Baptism OF the Spirit - placed in the Body of Christ

Baptism IN Spirit - Just as in water baptism your body is "dipped, submerged and plunged under", your whole being (body, soul and spirit) is plunged under and overwhelmed from above in the power of the Holy Spirit

Baptism **OF** the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Baptism **WITH** the Spirit

Matt. 3:11;

Mark 1:8;

Luke 3:16;

John 1:33;

Acts 11:15-16

Baptism **IN** the Spirit

We have also learned that this word helps us best understand two things:

1) what baptism really means (to dip, immerse, submerge, plunge under, overwhelm) and

2) it helps us understand that the baptizer in the Spirit is Jesus Christ, Himself. (Matt. 3:11)

This helps because we know that what Jesus does for us is good. Therefore the baptism in the Holy Spirit is good for us.

What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

There are several ways the Word of God gives understanding about the nature of the gift of the Holy Spirit (or the Holy Ghost).

The gift of the Holy Spirit is the promise of (or from) God the Father to give the Holy Spirit in power without measure to born-again believers through God the Son -- Jesus Christ

Just as in water baptism your body is "dipped, submerged and plunged under", your whole being (body, soul and spirit) is plunged under and overwhelmed from above in the power of the Holy Spirit. In this case the Holy Spirit's power is the element/substance that Jesus Christ baptizes us in.

What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Luke 24:49;

Acts 1:4; Acts 2:16-17; Acts 2:33, 38-39;

Galatians 3:14;

Ephesians 1:13

Ezekiel 39:29

John 3:34-35

Question #6: How does the Bible speak of receiving the Spirit?

Answer: The Bible presents receiving the Holy Spirit in two ways:

- 1.) John 20:19-23 shows us the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit in order to be born-again (before Pentecost).
- 2.) Acts 2:4 shows us the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit in order to be filled or baptized in the Holy Spirit's power.