

Week 1: What Is the Holy Spirit and What Is Its Role in Our Lives?

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The Holy Spirit Is God

John 14:26 — The Comforter (Holy Ghost) will teach and remind us of all things.

Acts 5:3–4 — Lying to the Holy Ghost is lying to God.

- The Holy Spirit is a divine person.
- God is one Person, not three.
- The Holy Spirit is the one true God, dwelling within us.
- Active from creation (Genesis 1:2).
- The Spirit is also called the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9).
- Jesus promised He Himself would return as the Comforter (John 14:18).

Things to Think About:

- Do you understand that the Holy Spirit is God?
- What questions do you have about this?
- Who in your life needs this powerful revelation?

The Holy Spirit Is the Indwelling Power of God

Acts 1:8 — We receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon us.

Acts 2:4 — Speaking in tongues is the evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost.

John 3:5 — Part of the new birth experience.

- The Spirit empowers us for dominion, ministry, and witness.
- From salvation onward, He lives in us (Romans 8:9).

Things to Think About:

- How many of you have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit Helps Us Live an Overcoming Life

1. Convicts of sin (John 16:8).
2. Regenerates and gives new life (Titus 3:5).
3. Teaches and opens Scripture (1 Corinthians 2:12–13).
4. Leads and guides daily (Romans 8:14).
5. Produces fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23).
6. Intercedes in prayer (Romans 8:26).

Things to Think About:

- Tell us about a time the Holy Spirit helped you navigate a situation or circumstance.

We Must Submit to the Holy Spirit

1. Be filled with the Spirit — daily surrender (Ephesians 5:18).
2. Do not grieve or quench Him. Resisting or disobeying hinders His work (1 Thess 5:19; Ephesians 4:30).

Things to Think About:

- Share about a time you resisted the Spirit versus a time you yielded to Him.
- What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit in everyday life?

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

- Acts 5:3-4
- 2 Corinthians 3:17
- Matthew 28:19
- John 14:16-17 & 26
- Hebrews 9:14
- Genesis 1:2

DISCUSSION

1. Do you understand that the Holy Spirit is God?
2. Who in your life needs this powerful revelation?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE INDWELLING POWER OF GOD

- Romans 8:11
- 1 Corinthians 6:19
- 2 Timothy 1:14
- John 14:17

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...

Ephesians 3:16-17

DISCUSSION

How many of you have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit?

That good thing which was committed
unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which
dwelleth in us.

2 Timothy 1:14

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DISCUSSION

Tell us about a time the Holy Spirit helped you navigate a situation or circumstance.

And I will put my spirit within you, and
cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye
shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Ezekiel 36:27

WE MUST SUBMIT TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Be filled with the Spirit - Surrender
Daily
2. Do not resist the Spirit

DISCUSSION

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