

# Lesson 5 – The Holy Spirit

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## INTRODUCTION

Over the past few weeks we've considered some principles that help us grow our relationship with Jesus Christ. Another important aspect of a growing relationship with Jesus Christ is a proper understanding of the Holy Spirit. This lesson will help us understand the role of the Holy Spirit and how we relate to Him.

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

There is a lot of confusion and misunderstanding about the Holy Spirit. Read the following verses and identify who the Holy Spirit is according to the Scriptures.

*Act 5:1-4*

*Genesis 1:1-2*

*John 3:5-8*

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is as much God as the Father and the Son. He was active in creation and in our salvation.

## WHERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Before returning to heaven, Jesus promised the disciples He would not leave them alone but would send the Holy Spirit. Read the following verses and identify where He resides.

*John 14:16, 17*

*1 Corinthians 6:19*

*Ephesians 1:13, 14*

*Romans 8:16*

When we call on Jesus Christ to be the forgiver of our sins and leader of our life, the Holy Spirit takes up residency in our physical body. After we're saved, the Holy Spirit confirms and assures us that we have become children of God.

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### WHAT IS MY RELATIONSHIP TO THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit plays a vital part in developing our relationship with Jesus Christ. His primary role is to help us become like Jesus Christ. Read the following verses and identify some of the ways the Holy Spirit actively contributes to developing our relationship with Jesus Christ.

*John 14:26*

*John 16:13*

*Acts 1:8*

*Ephesians 3:16*

*Romans 8:12, 13*

*Romans 8:26, 27*

*John 14:15-18*

*1Corinthians 12:7-11*

*Galatians 5:16-23*

Without the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to fully develop our relationship with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is waiting to teach us, guide us into truth, empower us to tell others about a relationship with Jesus Christ, strengthen us, lead us away from sinful choices, help us in our weaknesses, comfort us, give us spiritual gifts to serve others and produce in us the character qualities of Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION

In Ephesians 5:18, the apostle Paul instructs us to *be filled with the Spirit*. Being filled with the Spirit is NOT us getting more of the Holy Spirit. We received ALL of Him the moment we trusted Jesus Christ as Savior. Being filled with the Spirit is the Holy Spirit getting MORE of us! It's a lifelong process of surrendering control to Jesus Christ and being supernaturally transformed into His likeness.

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### **HOMEWORK**

The fruit of the Spirit is . . .

*LOVE*

*JOY*

*PEACE*

*PATIENCE*

*KINDNESS*

*GOODNESS*

*FAITHFULNESS*

*GENTLENESS*

*SELF-CONTROL*

Each fruit of the Spirit is a character quality that was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. As we grow in our relationship with Him, we will begin to demonstrate these character qualities more and more.

On the line below, identify one fruit of the Spirit you want to focus on becoming more evident in your life:

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Now, ask God for a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit's activity in your life.

Next, look for ways the Holy Spirit wants to supernaturally produce this fruit in your relationships or circumstances.

In the space below, describe an experience with a person or event where the Holy Spirit produced this fruit: