



The Discipleship Project of Horizon Central

Level #1 Series #3 Study #1

Topic: The Holy Spirit

1. When someone brings up the term “Holy Spirit” what thoughts first come to your mind? Something like a ghost? Something impersonal, like “The Force” of Star Wars? Christians who do crazy things?
2. We should probably begin by emphasizing that just as the Father and Son are each fully God, so the Spirit is fully God as well. This is evident from the second verse in the Bible, in which the Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of God”. See **Genesis 1:2**.
3. The Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit on the same level as God in other places. Take, for example, the following passages that include *Trinitarian* language: **Matthew 28:19, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 4:4-6, 1 Peter 1:2** and **Jude 20-21**.
4. In **Acts 5:3-4**, Peter identifies the Holy Spirit as God in his conversation with Ananias. Paul does the same in **1 Corinthians 3:16**.
5. In what ways have the above passages either challenged or reinforced your previous ideas or beliefs about the Holy Spirit?
6. Now let’s look at a few ways the Holy Spirit and the Christian relate to one another at present:
  - a. The Holy Spirit lives within each and every genuine believer in Jesus. See **John 7:37-39** and **Romans 8:9**.
  - b. The Holy Spirit *seals* us, meaning He marks us or sets us apart for eternal life. The idea of *sealing* implies that we now belong to God. We can see this in **2 Corinthians 1:22** and **Ephesians 4:30**.
  - c. Finally, though there is certainly more to talk about regarding the Holy Spirit, let’s focus on the fact that the Holy Spirit works within us and produces “fruit” in a Christian’s life – provided we submit ourselves to Him. Read **Galatians 5:16-26** to see something of the kind of person the Holy Spirit empowers a Christian to become.
7. The lives of many Christians do not provide much evidence that the Holy Spirit is really at work within them. Why do you think this is true?
8. How can we ensure that the Holy Spirit has the fullest opportunity to accomplish what He wants to within us?