

**The Day of Pentecost ~ Sunday, May 20, 2018**  
**“Hearing God ~ How God Speaks - Part 5: the Holy Spirit”**

**Acts 2:1-21**

The Holy Spirit is both the \_\_\_\_\_ that God uses to communicate to His people and the “hearing aid” that \_\_\_\_\_ His voice, allowing us to \_\_\_\_\_ and hear what God is saying.

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” (John 16:13)

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

These passages point to the important role that the Holy Spirit has in \_\_\_\_\_ us and helping us to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s voice.

“...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

“I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.” (Joel 2:28-29)

“If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.” (John 14:15)

**3 PASSAGES ABOUT THE PERSON & WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Helper = parakletos =*

**#1. John 14:16-17**

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

**5 THINGS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- **The Holy Spirit is a part of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Another = allos =*

- **The Holy Spirit will be with us \_\_\_\_\_.**  
“I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.” (John 14:18)

- **The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Truth = aletheia =*

- **We must first \_\_\_\_\_ Christ in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.**  
“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” (Acts 2:38-39)

*Know = ginosko =*

- **The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ in us.**  
“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.” (Romans 8:9)

**#2. John 14:26**

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”  
One of the main purposes of the Holy Spirit is to \_\_\_\_\_ believers.

“For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:21)

**#3. John 16:7**

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

*Advantage = symphero =*

Jesus said His departure would be \_\_\_\_\_ for them because it would facilitate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.

**SHORT-CIRCUITING THE HOLY SPIRIT’S POWER**

- **We can \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.**  
“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.” (Ephesians 4:30-31)

We can grieve the HS by \_\_\_\_\_ on to sinful attitudes and habits in our lives.

• **We can \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.**

“Do not quench the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

When we ignore the Holy Spirit by continuously \_\_\_\_\_ our morals and biblical convictions, or trying to work in our own \_\_\_\_\_, the fire of the Holy Spirit can be \_\_\_\_\_ to smoldering embers.

We need to keep short \_\_\_\_\_ with God and with others. When you mess up, \_\_\_\_\_ it. When you sin, \_\_\_\_\_ it. When you’ve wronged someone, make it \_\_\_\_\_.

**Would you notice if the Holy Spirit was no longer in your life?**

**Would it make a difference in how you lived?**

**6 WAYS TO KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT**

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

*Keep in step = stoicheo =*

As we keep in step with the Spirit—as we \_\_\_\_\_ to Him; follow Him; submit to Him, \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and are guided by Him—we’ll experience His \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

**#1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit.**

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18)

The original Greek suggests that this is an \_\_\_\_\_ process that happens more than once’

**Are you feeling empty? Could you use a top up of God’s spirit?**

**#2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit should have a \_\_\_\_\_ affect in our lives.

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

The way we live should declare to the \_\_\_\_\_ that the Holy Spirit is within us.

**Do you see this difference in your life? Does your life bear witness to God’s Spirit within you?**

**#3. Serve according to your \_\_\_\_\_.**

God has also given every believer spiritual gifts to use fo \_\_\_\_\_ up the church.

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Cor 12:7)

**What are your spiritual gifts? More importantly, are you using them?**

**#4. Nurture the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

As we submit to the Spirit’s work within us, these \_\_\_\_\_—or fruit—are developed and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Is the Fruit of the Spirit ripening or rotting in your life?**

**#5. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit.**

“Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18)

To pray in the Spirit means to follow the Spirit’s \_\_\_\_\_ and to pray in the Spirit’s \_\_\_\_\_. To come \_\_\_\_\_ to prayer, not with an agenda, but with an open and \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27)

**How would you describe the nature of your prayers?**

**#6. Go with the Gospel in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.**

“You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:48-49)

The Great Commission is for us, but the battle belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_.

**In whose power do you proclaim the Gospel—your own or God’s?**

We can’t be \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses for Jesus without the Holy Spirit’s \_\_\_\_\_ and power. Thankfully, Pentecost was not a one-time event. God wants to continually pour out His Spirit on us—He wants to give us His power.

**Do I want it? Am I willing to let the Holy Spirit reign in my heart, in my life, and in this church?**