

Life Group Leader Notes
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7 Things About the Holy Spirit

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 depart, I will send Him to you. John 16: 7

"In my first book, O Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach." Jesus in His earthly body came "to do and teach." Acts 1: 7

He continues "to do and teach" through us His spiritual body on earth.

Age of God The Father: Old Testament

Age of God The Son: 4 Gospels

Age of God The Holy Spirit: Acts-Revelation

We are living in the age of God the Holy Spirit.

God The Father Must Get All The Glory

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2: 11

God The Son Must Have The Preeminence

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. Colossians 1: 18

God The Holy Spirit Must Be In Control Of Our Lives

So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Romans 8:8-9

The Holy Spirit must be in control of our lives. We must pass everything we do by the Holy Spirit.

7 Things About the Holy Spirit

1. He is God.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28: 19-20

The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the trinity. We serve one God. The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son.

2. He is a Giver.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of

the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

God gives the best. He gave His only son. Jesus gave His life and was willing to die so that we can live. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts. The problem is many of us have not received the gifts. We are not functioning in them. The gifts are tools to help us mature, for difficult situations and to do the works of the ministry.

Discussion: How can you serve God and others better?

3. He is a Creator.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5: 17

Discussion: What's new about you?

4. He is the Author of the Bible.

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1: 21

5. He is presented as a Dove.

He is presented as Fire.

He is presented as Wind.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 3: 11

We must have the Zeal of the Lord.

Discussion: Do you have Zeal for the Lord?

6. He is the Church's Power.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

The apostles had the power of the Holy Spirit and we do too. We need to rise up, stand and let people know there is a better life.

Discussion: How do you share the Gospel?

7. He was here from the beginning.

The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1: 2

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came in a person for a particular purpose. This changed after the cross. The Holy Spirit is now in us.

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? 1 Corinthians 6: 19

Discussion: Do you believe the Holy Spirit is in you? Have you experienced His comfort and power?