

WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT

I. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is a spirit, a person, a divine being that you cannot see.
The Holy Spirit is God, having all the characteristics and attributes of God.
The Holy Spirit is not in just one place, but He is in both heaven and on earth.

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOUR SALVATION – John 3:3-8

The Holy Spirit causes you to be born again. This is a spiritual, supernatural work of God in your life. The Spirit is fulfilling God the Father's desire for you to be saved, and is applying God the Son's work to your life, for Christ died for you, and paid for your sins. The Spirit makes you spiritually alive. Ephesians 2:4-5

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN YOU – 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20

The Holy Spirit is actually, spiritually, and supernaturally in you. John 3:8

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU SPIRITUAL LIFE – Romans 8:1-11

A. The Holy Spirit worked in your heart, convicted you of your sins, and gave you the desire to repent. The Spirit came in you and regenerated you, saving you and making you a new creature in Christ. He gave you eternal life.

B. You need to live by the desires of the Spirit so you can be pleasing to God, so you can be a godly and fruitful Christian.

C. The only way to fight and win the battle against sin is by the Holy Spirit enabling and empowering you to say no to sin, and to do what is right.

D. You are to be led by the Holy Spirit and fulfill His desires.

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES YOU HOLY AND FRUITFUL – Galatians 5:16-17

A. The Holy Spirit helps you to say no to sin, to live a holy life.
Because you are holy, then you can bear fruit for God.

B. Walking by the Spirit means you are living by the Spirit, by the leading and power of the Spirit. You have a daily conflict with the flesh, and only by the Spirit can you say no to the flesh. The mature Christian has learned to walk by the Spirit, to do what is right, and to keep doing what's right.

VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR HELPER – John 14:16-21

A. The Holy Spirit is your helper, your counselor (NIV), your comforter (KJ). The Holy Spirit is called to be with you forever, to help you live a godly life.

B. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. The Spirit wants to help you live in accordance with the truth of God. The Spirit testifies about Jesus, about His work and love for you – John 15:26. The Spirit teaches you God’s truth – John 15:13.

C. Because of Jesus’ work on your behalf, and because of the Spirit’s work in your life, then you can truly live, then you can truly obey God, and can know the love of God and Jesus Christ, and have this close relationship with God.

VII. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND REVIVAL - Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 2:41, 4:4, 4:31, 5:3, 6:5, 7:54-46, 8:14-17, 10:44-45, 11:22-24, 13:2-4, 13:9

A. You need to recognize the major role of the Spirit in the start-up and growth of the church, and of any church. The Holy Spirit is the One who is saving people, changing people and causing the growth of the church.

B. There are times when there’s a revival, when there’s an increased giving of the Spirit, a larger outpouring of the Spirit, a larger working of the Spirit in a church, town or city. This increased presence and working of the Spirit results in more holiness, in great blessing, in more salvations, in more growth in people’s lives.

C. Only God can bring true revival. It will take place when He wants and in the way that He wants, but we can and we should pray for revival.

THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT ALL JUDEA AND GALILEE
AND SAMARIA ENJOYED PEACE, BEING BUILT UP;
AND GOING ON IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD
AND IN THE COMFORT OF THE SPIRIT, IT CONTINUED TO INCREASE.

Acts 9:31

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. Who is the Holy Spirit? How does your knowledge of who He is affect you?
3. What is the Holy Spirit’s work in your salvation?
4. What does it mean when we say that the Holy Spirit gives you life?
5. How specifically does the Holy Spirit make you holy and fruitful?
6. Is the Holy Spirit helping you, and if so, how?
7. What does true spiritual revival look like? Where does revival start?