

**Lesson 11**  
**God the Holy Spirit - Part I**

1. The Holy Spirit is the THIRD person of the GODHEAD.
2. He is God the Holy Spirit - A PERSON. He has no body but has a PERSONALITY.
3. The Holy Spirit is the ASCENSION gift of Christ. John 16:7
4. The Holy Spirit, today, abides IN every believer.
5. Prior to PENTECOST the Spirit dwelt WITH the disciples but not IN them. John 14:17
6. The Holy Spirit takes up residence in the believer AT THE TIME WE ACCEPT Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This is the BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT. 1 Corinthians 12:13
7. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is FIRST found in the OLD TESTAMENT where He was active in the CREATION. Genesis 1:1&2
8. Remember the name God in Genesis 1:1 is ELOHEIM which is a PLURAL form of the word.
9. When the scriptures refer to the BREATH OF GOD it is often a reference to the SPIRIT OF GOD. Job 33:4; Psalm 33:6 and Genesis 2:7
10. In the Old Testament the Spirit did not INDWELL the believer but CAME UPON MEN at SPECIAL TIMES for SPECIAL WORKS. See Numbers 11:17; 24:2; Judges 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6, also 1 Samuel 10:6 & 10.
11. Also in the Old Testament the Spirit was POURED OUT upon men. See Isaiah 32:15; 44:3; Ezekiel 39:29; Joel 2:28&29
12. The Old Testament also uses the phrase “He RESTED UPON men.” See Numbers 11:25&26 and Isaiah 11:2
13. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 88 times in the Old Testament in 22 of the 39 books.
14. The PENTATEUCH (the first 5 books or the books of the Law), refers to the Holy Spirit 14 times.
15. Isaiah and Ezekiel have 15 references each to the Holy Spirit and Judges and 1 Samuel have 7 references each, leaving 30 references in the other books.
16. Not only was the Spirit GIVEN at special times for special works but He was also WITHDRAWN. See Judges 14:6 and 16:20, also compare 1 Samuel 10:9&10 with 1 Samuel 16:14
17. The Holy Spirit in the New Testament was active in the INSPIRATION and TRANSMISSION of the Word of God. See Acts 28:25; 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:21

18. In preparation for PENTECOST, just before HE ASCENDED Jesus told the disciples about “THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER.” Acts 1:4, 5 & 8

### **Special Notation**

Jesus Christ Himself made the most important statements concerning the Holy Spirit’s coming. See John 14:16, 17 and 26, also John 15:26 and 16:7, 12, 13 and 14

19. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit TOOK UP RESIDENCE in believers. See 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 17 and Ephesians 2:19-22
20. Because of the INDWELLING of the Spirit we as believers have GREAT POWER. See Matthew 11:11 and Acts 1:8
21. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit GUARANTEES our SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT. He RECALLS TO OUR MEMORY those things Jesus has said. John 14:26
22. The gift of the Holy Spirit is personal to every regenerated CHILD OF GOD. 1 Corinthians 6:19
23. TWO THINGS happened at Pentecost, believers were BAPTIZED with the Spirit as Jesus told them in Acts 1:5 and secondly, believers were FILLED with the Spirit in 2:4.

### **Special Notation**

It is important to notice that what happened at Pentecost was not “unknown” tongues, but rather languages which were readily understood by those who heard them spoken.

### **Summary**

The Holy Spirit is a Person indwelling all believers in Christ. He is the Teacher, the Comforter, the Paraclete (the one by our side), the Guide in our lives.

The Holy Spirit was sent by God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is an ascension gift of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit always magnifies Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is “the promise of the Father.” There are more than 3,000 promises in Scripture, but only one is called “the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4; Luke 24:49).

This truth assures all believers that the Holy Spirit indwells them and never leaves them.

What a thrilling truth - He abides in us!