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# **Growing to Know the Holy Spirit as a Divine Person**

A Study Guide

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The following outline is a scriptural reference guide to bring clarity and understanding as to what the Holy Spirit was sent to do as a divine person living inside of you.

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Have you really thought about the love God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ have toward us to send the Holy Spirit as a Promise? As our Lord and Savior, what greater love can an individual receive from God other than His Spirit sent from heaven? To be born-again means to receive God's Spirit in your heart to live in the world as a new creation. This means your life has started all over again regardless of your age. Your life has become spiritual with a mentality of the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus had a conversation with Jesus about the born-again experience according to John 3:1-8. There is no way we can enter the Kingdom of God unless we repent and receive the promise of the Holy Spirit. For God to be with us and live inside of us we must become a born-again Christian. When the Holy Spirit lives within us, our lives go through a sanctification process. Christians have the ability to live a righteous and holy life in this world before God. The Kingdom of heaven becomes a lifestyle at all times. This means the mind, heart, and the way we present our bodies changes. Faith and hope become our vision to walk with God. We now believe the same Spirit that brought forth creation when God spoke, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, that brought forth miracles, healings and power over the Devil is now the power that works in us. By the power of the Holy Spirit when a sinner repents of their sins they become saved, and the Holy Spirit removes demon spirits that performed wickedness and unrighteousness in their lives. The Holy Spirit seals our lives until the day of redemption. Look at the love Jesus has towards us that He cleans up our lives and gives us His Spirit for redemption. When Jesus returns for His saints (the church, the body of Christ) the Holy Spirit is the power of God for the resurrection of the saints, known as the rapture to enter the Kingdom of God. Christians should really live to grow in the knowledge of God to know the Holy Spirit as a divine person. He is the divine person that has been promised to lead and guide us in all truth. Jesus described Him as the Helper and Comforter for our lives at all times. The Holy Spirit has given us fruit to define the character of God in our lives. His fruit gives us a behavioral pattern that proves we are changed spiritual beings. We are so blessed to have the love of Christ shown towards us that God has trusted us with His power to continue the work of His Son, Jesus Christ. Man has no idea of how much God loves him, that He would keep His word and send us the Promise, the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a person most Christians know of, but do not know Him personally. The Holy Spirit is the anointing of God, the power of God, the presence of God and He presents the mind of Christ for all Christians.

In observing the Christian character today, the traditions of men have a lot to do with the establishment of today's church. Traditions and persuasive words of men heavily affect the Christian's life in church. Human wisdom has trapped many Christians based on the fact that they do not read and understand what the Holy Spirit has been sent to do; to perfect their lives as recipients of the same baptism of Christ, the Holy Spirit. If you are not watchful in your growth with God, your life can be in bondage for years, full of human wisdom and not the leading of the Holy Spirit according to the knowledge of God.

In 1 Corinthians 1:17, Apostle Paul says, "For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with the wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect." When the scripture is read in context (1 Corinthians 1:13-16), you will see the influence of the Holy Spirit leading the Apostle Paul to focus the church on the fact that they are not to be divided over being baptized in his name or baptisms period. The consistency of Apostle Paul's statement is in line with Hebrews 6:1-2: "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." Apostle Paul's focus was to grow in the knowledge of the Holy Spirit and to declare what Jesus said. He grew to know the Comforter and Helper as the divine person to bring forth the will of God in his life and to the lives of all who read his epistles. The Apostle Paul understood that the Holy Spirit was given to lead and guide him in all truth. The truth is the gospel of Christ and the Holy Spirit was sent to exalt and exhort Jesus Christ as the truth. Therefore, Paul said, "I was sent to preach the gospel and not with persuasive words of wisdom to build a doctrine on baptism." The Holy Spirit kept Paul in line with Jesus' ministry, "lest the cross of Jesus Christ should be made of no effect." 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, Paul says, "And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit (Holy Spirit) and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Apostle Paul understood what John the Baptist said in Matthew 3:11-17 about the difference of his ministry being that of water versus the baptism of Jesus Christ, which is the Holy Spirit.

To go on to perfection, you must first focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ. The

Apostle Paul used his mind to understand that the demonstration of power comes through the Holy Spirit and not the wisdom of men. The same way Apostle Paul grew to know the Holy Spirit is the same way our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to grow. Start by not allowing human wisdom and persuasive words to get in the way or take the place of the Holy Spirit. As you go through this outline, understand it is for you to know a person that has abided with you and now lives inside of you. Open your heart to receive Him and watch the manifestation of a spiritual life and a dimension you have never experienced before. The Holy Spirit is your guarantee for eternal life in a kingdom you hope to see someday soon.

Now let's grow to know the Holy Spirit.

I. He was sent to lead and guide you in Christ Jesus.

A. What scriptures describe the Holy Spirit as a person?

1. John 14:16-18 - "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him: but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

- i. God sends the Holy Spirit to help you in this life and to be with you forever (verse 16).
- ii. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth who lives inside of you. Your life becomes the true form of life because the life of God is now in you as a human being. The Christian's conscious (his soul) now lives in truth (verse 17).
- iii. The Holy Spirit makes sure the Christian is not left without the presence of God, the Father, in a world that hates them (verse 18).

2. John 14:26-28 - "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 things that I said to you.

- i. The Holy Spirit has been sent to teach you about Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God, the power of God in the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit.

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- ii. The Holy Spirit is responsible for bringing to your remembrance the scriptures, i.e., the Word of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ to quote and confess for your life.
  - iii. According to 1 John 2:20, 27, the anointing of the Holy Spirit allows you to know all things pertaining to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of Heaven. Since the Teacher (the Holy Spirit) lives inside of you, as He has taught you, now you must abide in Him. You are responsible to flow in the anointing by abiding in what you have been taught by the Holy Spirit. The day you receive the Holy Spirit is the day you begin to be taught by the Holy Spirit. You are then anointed of God as Jesus was according to Matthew 3:16.
3. John 15:26 - “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”
- i. The Holy Spirit was sent to testify about Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This is why He is called the Spirit of truth because He must reveal the will of God through Jesus Christ in order for man to live again in the presence of God. Jesus performed the will of God as the son of man in a world without the presence of God, as God was present in the beginning of creation.
  - ii. The Holy Spirit now helps us minister the truth about how through Jesus Christ we can overcome the devil and the world with His plan of salvation.
  - iii. Always remember the Holy Spirit has been sent to talk about Jesus Christ and what the Lord can do for you, through you, and to all those to be saved. The Holy Spirit is the person that brings the presence of God and is responsible to keep your mind (remembrance) fresh with the Word of God to testify about Jesus Christ.
4. John 16:7-11 - “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. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”
- i. These verses really prove that the Holy Spirit is a person sent to you from God-the Father. Jesus makes it clear that if He does not depart, then the Helper will not come to you. Jesus continually says I will

send you someone. When someone is sent to help you, you are responsible to find out what they are supposed to do and can do for you. You are responsible to build a relationship with the person sent to help by communicating and participating in what they have to offer.

- ii. A Christian must understand that the Holy Spirit has been sent to convict the world of sin, to bring forth righteousness in the lives of men and to bring forth judgment in the world. If the Helper is sent to do this, then the Christian should grow to understand why they are convicted, if and why they sin, and also why their lives bring forth conviction in the lives of others who are sinning. If the truth lives inside of you, then you cannot lie to yourself about sin because the Helper was sent to bring forth conviction and that conviction is always a part of your remembrance.
- iii. The Holy Spirit will always help a Christian to be in right standing with God. The Spirit of God only knows righteousness, and He was sent to help bring that forth in the believer's life. Jesus is with His Father and we have the Holy Spirit (the Helper) to help us live a righteous life before God, the Father.
- iv. The Holy Spirit will help us to constantly remind the devil and everyone that follows him that this world is judged. The Helper keeps us from the condemnation and judgment that has come upon Satan. This is why a Christian must understand that the Holy Spirit helps them to not participate in certain things of the world, and you need to grow to understand why. As a Christian grows in the Holy Spirit, their understanding becomes clear as to why convictions keep them righteous (in right standing) before God and their soul feels God's judgment when they participate in things that bring forth sin.

## II. He was sent for truth

- A. The Holy Spirit keeps us walking in the truth as a guide. While we are in this present world, God has given us a guide to walk like Jesus Christ. We are to continue to operate and build the Kingdom of Heaven in truth by the Holy Spirit.
  - i. John 16:13-15 - "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine

and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

- ii. The Holy Spirit will only speak the gospel of Jesus Christ and the scriptures for revelation knowledge through individuals in order to edify the Body of Christ or people in general. The Holy Spirit will not act or speak on His own authority, but only what God has spoken through Jesus Christ. A good example of this experience is how God put Peter’s mind in order according to Matthew 17:3-5. “And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.” Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” Please note that Jesus Christ is the focal point of salvation, and God-the Father, and the Holy Spirit are one to bring forth His authority. There is no other doctrine, except the doctrine of Jesus Christ, whereby the Holy Spirit moves. Remember this when you are listening to ministers preaching. Only what Jesus has spoken will the Holy Spirit perform, speak or bring to pass.
- iii. The Holy Spirit will only glorify Jesus Christ! When men boast of themselves and glory in their accomplishments to heap praises on themselves, know that the Holy Spirit is not present. We are called to preach this gospel to glorify the Lord and His mighty works of salvation. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will take His ministry and declare it unto you. The only thing the Holy Spirit can give us in this world is the ministry of Jesus Christ. What Jesus performed was declared in the Kingdom of God by His Father to declare to us to receive and to live. According to Luke 4:18-19, this is what Jesus meant when He said the Holy Spirit will take of what is mine and declare it unto you. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

The Holy Spirit is called a Helper, and the Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit is to lead and guide us in a world that is already condemned. This divine person who lives inside of us will teach us how to please God and be a witness for Jesus Christ.

### III. The Person of the Holy Spirit

- A. **He has a mind-** Romans 8:27 <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God
- B. **He can see-** Acts 13:9-11 <sup>9</sup> Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <sup>10</sup> and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.”  
And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.
- C. **He has feelings-** Ephesians 4:30 <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- D. **He works ministry-** 2 Corinthians 3:8-9 <sup>8</sup> how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? <sup>9</sup> For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.
- E. **He speaks-** Acts 13:2 <sup>2</sup> As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”; 1 Tim 4:11 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- F. **He obeys-** John 16:13-15 <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.
- G. **He has strength -** Ephesians 3:16 <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

- H. **He cleanses-** Romans 15:16<sup>16</sup> that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- I. **He has power-** Acts 1:8<sup>8</sup> 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.”
- J. **He is a comforter-** John 14:16-18<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
- K. **He is a counselor/teacher-** John 14:26<sup>26</sup> 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 things that I said to you.
- L. **He praises and worships Jesus Christ-** John 16:14-15<sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.<sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you; Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,
- M. **He is an intercessor-** Romans 8:26-27<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.<sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- N. **He is a witness of the truth** - John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.; 1 Corinthians 12:3 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.
- O. **He lives inside of us** - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.<sup>19</sup> 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?<sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s;

Romans 8:8-11 <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

#### IV. The Holy Spirit Manifests

##### A. The Gifts of the Spirit- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

1. wisdom
2. knowledge
3. faith
4. healing
5. miracles
6. prophecy
7. discerning of spirits
8. different kinds of tongues
9. interpretation of tongues

##### B. The Fruit of the Spirit (the manifestation of God's Character)- Galatians 5:22-23

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Longsuffering
5. Gentleness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Meekness
9. Self-control

Every Christian should live a lifestyle to produce these attributes everyday as their walk of life.

##### C. The Seal and Guarantee For Redemption- Ephesians 1:13-14-

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We trust Jesus through His word, the gospel of our salvation. Now that we believe the gospel of Christ, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Jesus has promised and guaranteed that our inheritance and redemption is through the purchased possession of His blood and the gift of the Holy Spirit to the praise of His glory. Amen!

May the Lord continue to bless you with wisdom, knowledge and understanding about the Holy Spirit. Grow in simplicity and respect the divine person that lives inside of you. Listen to your heart and be led with the mind of Christ. The Holy Spirit will lead your spirit to believe and trust God at all times. Do not be afraid to love through longsuffering because that is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit keeping you in God's character. If you allow the Fruit of the Spirit to dominate in your life nothing will stop the hand of God advancing you for His Kingdom. God bless you and may your mind be at peace to grow and know the Holy Spirit as a divine person.