

2nd Yr. Ambassadors

Lesson 18



I Got You!

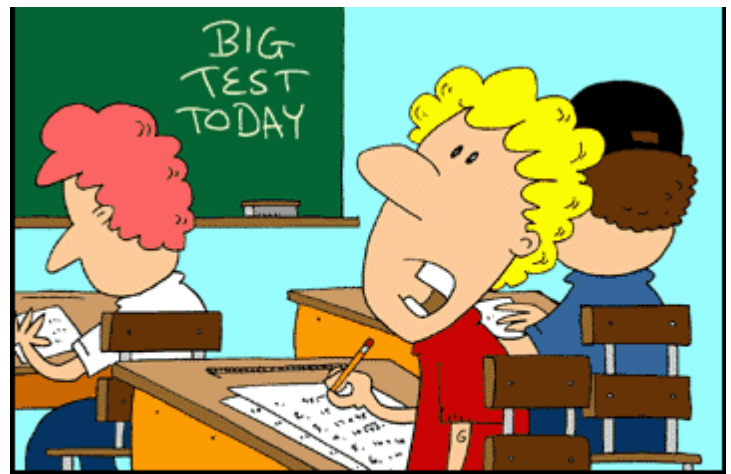
The Role of the Holy Spirit in You

Read John 14:16-21, 16:5-15; Acts 2:1-4

Conviction: The Holy Spirit making the gospel clear and showing the unsaved person his or her need for the Savior.

Regeneration: The ministry of the Holy Spirit in which a person who did not know Christ becomes born again and made a member of God's eternal family.

Ambassadors, do you ever feel like this comic strip? There are times when you may think or feel that you are alone or may be in need of direction. The Holy Spirit wants you to know that as a Christian, He Got You! This lesson will focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in your life.



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LORD, I KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT INSTRUCTS US IN YOUR WORD ... BUT I COULD USE SOME HELP IN MATH HERE TOO

Who That!

Of the three persons in the Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - the Holy Spirit is the least understood by many Christians.

The Holy Spirit is involved in many aspects of our lives. When we know the Holy Spirit and understand His ministry, **our lives have power, joy, and hope**. It is not based upon where you live or who your parents may or may not be. But if we neglect the Holy Spirit by ignoring Him, we will be weak Christians, subject to living defeated lives and getting beat down by the devil daily.

(Be sure to look up and read all of the scriptures mentioned in this lesson)

Within the Trinity, (Tri meaning three and unity meaning one) Three in One, the persons of the Godhead are all equal in power and authority. This means that the **Holy Spirit** is just as much “**God**” as the Father and Son. The **Holy Spirit** performs works that only God can do. We see **Him involved in creation** (Gen.1:2; Job 33:4), **the new birth of the Christian** (John 3:5-6), and the **writing of the Scriptures** (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16). **The Holy Spirit is also called God in the Bible**. In Acts 5:3 Ananias lied to the Holy Spirit. The next verse refers to the Holy Spirit as God (go ahead and read Acts 5:3-4).

The Holy Spirit, according to Scripture, has the same attributes (qualities that describe God) and is therefore God. The Bible speaks of His **pre-existence** and **eternal existence** (always is, always was) in Hebrews 9:14; His omnipresence (everywhere at the same time) Psalm 139:7-13; His omnipotence (all powerful) Luke 1:35; and His omniscience (all knowing or knows everything) 1 Corinthians 2:10.

The Holy Spirit is NOT an angel nor someone less than God. **Only God** can possess these attributes described in the paragraphs above, which, according to the Scriptures, the **Holy Spirit has** these attributes. Remember, attributes are the qualities that God possesses.

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Ambassador, it is important for you to understand and believe that God will never leave you hanging. The Holy Spirit Got You!

Besides being God, the Holy Spirit is also a person. He is not an “it,” or a “thing.” He has a **personality**, which means He has **intellect** (1 Cor.2:10-11); **emotions** (Eph. 4:30), and **will** (1 Corinthians 12:11).

“What He Do!”

The ministry of the Holy Spirit has changed from what it was during the time of the Old Testament, but He is still involved in many areas of life. Before the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit selectively enabled believers to accomplish a specific purpose for the Lord (see Numbers 27:18; 1 Samuel 16:13; Isaiah 61:1; Ezekiel 1:2-3). Now the Holy Spirit **indwells all believers** at the moment of **regeneration** (or new life in Christ).



When we deal with sin and salvation, the ministry of the **Holy Spirit** functions in seven different areas of the World or Christian’s life: **restraining, convicting, regenerating, indwelling, baptizing, sealing, and filling**. These may be words you heard in Church at some point but I will clarify and simplify them as we go on in this study.

Restraining: *To prevent from doing; to limit the force of.* The Holy Spirit actively hinders Satan and his evil forces to keep the world’s wickedness within certain limits set by God (2 Thessalonians 2:1-8).

Convicting: *to find or prove to be guilty.* The Holy Spirit convicts the unsaved world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11). For the believer, the Holy Spirit GUIDES us into truth, not convicts (John 16:13).

Regenerating: *to change radically and for the better.* The Holy Spirit gives life to people who are spiritually dead in their sins (John 3:3-7; Eph. 2:1; Titus 3:5). When Jesus used the term “**born again**” (John 3:3), He was referring to the new life brought to the believer by the Holy Spirit.

Indwelling: *to exist within as a force, spirit or principle.* At the same moment when a believer is regenerated by the Holy Spirit, he/she (the person who becomes a Christian) **is also indwelled**. This means that the **Holy Spirit takes up residence within the very body and being of the person who is now a believer**. Yes, the Holy Spirit lives in you! (John 7:37-39, 14:16-17; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:19).



Baptizing: *to purify or cleanse spiritually through a purging experience* (usually water). At the moment of salvation is the baptism of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13). The baptism of the Holy Spirit places the believer (you) into the family of Christ.

Sealing: *to confirm or make secure. When a person becomes a Christian, the new believer is also immediately sealed with the Holy Spirit* (Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30; 2 Timothy 2:19). This spiritual sealing is **God setting His mark of ownership, authority, and security upon those who truly put their trust in Christ.** From the sealing of the Spirit, we get the term “**eternal security.**”



Filling: *to put into as much as can be contained.* Then there's the ongoing filling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). The filling of the Holy Spirit does not mean that the Christian gets more of the Holy Spirit. Instead, **it means that the Holy Spirit is more in control of the Christians' life.** Unlike the Holy Spirit's other ministries in believers, **filling occurs more than once. It's continuous.**

No Limits

Apart from the Holy Spirit's ministry in the area of sin and salvation, **He also guides believers into all truth** (John 16:13), acts as our **comforter** or **helper** (14:16), **prays to the Father** for us (Romans 8:26), **empowers us for service** (Acts 1:8), and **illuminates the Scriptures** (1 Corinthians 2:12-14; 1 John 2:27).

Consider your own life for a moment. Are you living for the Lord as you should? Are you being controlled (filled) by the Holy Spirit? Every day we face temptations and trials that test our commitment and character. There's no easy formula for growing as a Christian.

Remember, part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to supply believers with spiritual gifts which are to be used for the Lord's work (Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11). **Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Are you active in your local Church?**

Memory Verse

“But I tell you the truth: it is good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

John 16:7

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Student Name: _____

1. According to the Bible, what are the attributes of the Holy Spirit?
2. Why is the Holy Spirit a person, not an it or a thing?
3. During the Old Testament times, the Holy Spirit.... (choose one)
 - Indwelled every believer
 - Was inactive
 - Selectively enabled believers to accomplish a specific purpose
 - Filled only the High Priest
4. The Holy Spirit _____ the unsaved world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
5. What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit through which He takes up residence within the very body and being of the believer?
6. True or False. Regeneration and indwelling occur at the moment of salvation, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs later.
7. When the Holy Spirit places His eternal stamp of ownership upon an individual at the time of salvation, this work is called _____.
8. Once a person becomes a Christian, he can never lose his salvation. This is the doctrine of _____.
9. Why is the Spirit's filling unique from the other ministries in the believer's life relating to sin and salvation?
10. Apart from the area of sin and salvation, list two other ministries of the Holy Spirit. Please include Scripture references.