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FOUNDATION LEVEL – Lesson 8: The Spirit of God

Introduction

Now that we have established the Biblical fact that we are Spirit having a Soul and living in a Body, we can now contextually study on the subject of The Holy Spirit.

These series of foundational truths about the New Birth and the regenerated Human Spirit are very powerful in our understanding and application of the full benefits of Salvation in Christ.

The role and Person of the Spirit of Christ is another amazing aspect of what we received when we became Born Again. *Christ in You, God with and in You* are themes that flow from the 'Well of Salvation' and we need to walk in the fullness of revelation of what these mean to us.

When our Lord introduces the Holy Spirit to His Disciples, this account is captured in John's Gospel and it tells us a lot.

John 14:15-18, 26

¹⁵ "If you love Me, ^[d]keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another ^[e]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

²⁶ But the ^[g]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.

John 16:5-15

⁵ "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ 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. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His



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own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He ^[c] will take of Mine and declare it to you.

- The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a major benefit and advantage to us
- He is described as The Helper
- The Holy Ghost is a Person not a force or mist
- The Spirit of God convicts (convinces) the sinner of sin
- The Spirit of God convinces the Believer of Righteousness
- The Spirit of Christ affirms the fate of satan and all who do not believe
- The Holy Spirit picks up from where Christ finished in the maturity of the Disciples
- There were things they could not bear (or handle yet) and He would teach them later
- He is called the Spirit of Truth
- He guides the Believer into the fullness of Truth
- He echoes only what Heaven is saying about you
- He tells of things to come
- He glorifies Christ
- He makes known to the Believer all the fullness of the riches in Christ
- Everything we have with the Father and Son are revealed by the Holy Spirit
- The Spirit of Truths lives forever in the Believer
- The Holy Spirit is a Teacher
- The Spirit of Christ is identical with Christ, therefore Jesus says I will come to you
- The Holy Spirit affirms that we are Sons and not orphans
- The Holy Spirit dwells within the Christian

1 Corinthians 3:16

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone ^[b] defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

- We are the temple of the Holy spirit
- The Temple was distinctly three parts – outer, middle courts and holy place
- Even though God's presence was there, He was located in the Holy of Holies



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- This is like Man's physical body, soul and spirit.
- God's Spirit comes to live inside our 'Holy of Holies'- our spirit

John 3:6

⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17-20

¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.¹⁸Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or 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? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body ^[a]and in your spirit, which are God's.

- The Spirit here is The Holy Spirit
- We were born by God's Spirit
- We do not just have (bios) or human life
- We have eternal (zoe) life from God
- We are of one Spirit with Christ
- We are joined with the Holy Spirit
- We are the Temple of the Spirit of God
- We are to glorify God with our body and our spirit which belong to Him

Romans Chapter 8 Bible Reading and Study

Romans 8 New King James Version (NKJV)

8 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who^[a] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the*



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things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to **the Spirit**, the things of **the Spirit**.⁶ For to be ^[b]carnally minded *is* death, but to be **spiritually minded** *is* life and peace.⁷ Because the ^[c]carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ 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.¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but **the Spirit** *is* life because of righteousness.¹¹ 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 ^[d]through **His Spirit** who dwells in you.

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by **the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.¹⁴ For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.¹⁵ For you did not receive **the spirit** of bondage again to fear, but you received **the Spirit** of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba,^[e] Father.”¹⁶ **The Spirit** Himself bears witness with **our spirit** that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

From Suffering to Glory

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the **sons of God**.²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of ^[f]corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of **the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.



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²⁶ 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 ^[e]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ 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*.

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the **image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Galatians 5

Walking in the Spirit

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in **the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against **the Spirit**, and **the Spirit** against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by **the Spirit**, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: ^[d]adultery, ^[e]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, ^[f]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of **the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ ^[g]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in **the Spirit**, let us also walk in **the Spirit**. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



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APPENDIX – Excerpt from Blue Letter Bible App

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. THE TRINITY

A There is one God manifested in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ([1 Timothy 3:16](#)).

B. I think the term "trinity" more clearly indicates the "Three-in-One" aspect of the Godhead.

C. In Hebrew, the singular word for God is El, the dual tense is Elah, and to indicate three or more the word Elohim is used. Elohim is the word translated "God" in [Genesis 1:1](#).

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON.

A. The Holy Spirit is thought by some to be an "essence" or "power" of God rather than a separate person, because "ruach", the Hebrew word for Spirit, also means breath, and "pneuma", the Greek word for Spirit, also means wind or air. We as Christians know He is a person.

The early Church scholar, Arias, caused division with his declaration that God the Father was the only true God, that Jesus was a created being, and the Holy Spirit was only an essence. This doctrine is known as the Arian heresy.

B. The Holy Spirit has the characteristics of a person

1. [1 Corinthians 2:10-11](#) - the Holy Spirit searches and has knowledge.

2. [1 Corinthians 12:11](#) - the Holy Spirit distributes gifts as He wills.

3. [Romans 8:27](#) - He has a mind.

4. [Romans 15:30](#) - He loves us.

5. [John 15:26](#), [16:13](#) - He testifies of Jesus and exalts the Father and Son over Himself.

6. Personal pronouns are used when referring to the Holy Spirit ([John 14:16-17](#), [John 16:7-15](#)). "Comforter" in [John 14:16](#) is "parakletos" which means "One who comes alongside of to help". The Holy Spirit is always with us ready to help when we ask Him to.

C. Personal acts are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

1. [Acts 13:2](#) - the Holy Spirit speaks.

2. [Romans 8:26](#) - the Holy Spirit intercedes for us.

3. [1 John 2:20-27](#). [John 14:26](#) - He teaches us.

4. [Acts 16:6-7](#) - the Holy Spirit guides Paul, sometimes forbidding things.

5. [Genesis 6:3](#) - the Spirit strives with man.

D. The Holy Spirit can receive treatment as a person.



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1. [Ephesians 4:30](#) - He can be grieved by us.
2. [Hebrews 10:29](#) - We can insult Him.
3. [Acts 5:3](#) - He can be lied to.
4. [Matthew 12:31-32](#) - He can be blasphemed.
- E. The Holy Spirit is identified with the Father and the Son as a person.
 1. [Matthew 28:19](#) - He is named with the Father and Son in baptism.
 2. [2 Corinthians 13:14](#) - He is named with the Father and Son in benediction.
 3. [Acts 15:28](#) - He is identified with the believers as a person.

CHAPTER 2: THE DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. THE TRINITY IN THE SHEMA.

A. The Shema, the foundation stone of Judaism, is found in [Deuteronomy 6:4](#).

1. The Hebrew word for God in the plural, "Elohim", is used here again.
2. The Hebrew word for "one" is "echad" which is a compound unity rather than the word "yacheed" which is an absolute one.

II ATTRIBUTES OF GOD IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. God is eternal. [Hebrews 9:14](#) speaks of "the eternal Spirit."

B. God is omniscient ([Acts 15:18](#)). Paul in [1 Corinthians 2:10-11](#) says the things of God are known only by the Spirit.

C. God is omnipresent. In [Psalm 139:7](#) David says the Spirit is everywhere.

D. God is omnipotent. In [Luke 1:35](#) the angel speaks of the Holy Spirit as the power of the Highest.

III. WORKS OF GOD IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. The Spirit was active in creation.

1. In [Genesis 1:1](#) the plural word for God, "Elohim", indicates that the Trinity worked together.

2. [Genesis 1:2](#) speaks of the Spirit moving on the face of the waters.

3. [Genesis 1:26](#) gives us a glimpse of the Trinity working in harmony to create man. "Let Us make man in Our image."

4. [Psalm 104:30](#) also speaks of the Spirit's part in creation.

B. The Spirit gives life.

1. In [2 Corinthians 3:6](#), Paul says the letter of the law kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2. In [John 6:63](#) Jesus also says that the Spirit makes us alive.

3. [Romans 8:10](#).

C. The Holy Spirit inspired the Bible. [2 Peter 1:21](#) declares that "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

D. The Holy Spirit works with the Father and the Son. [1 Corinthians 12:4-6](#) speaks of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the ministries of the Church.

IV. SCRIPTURES RELATING GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.



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A. There are some Scriptures in the Old Testament that refer to God. In the New Testament the same Scriptures are ascribed to the Holy Spirit, which means they are one God.

1. [Isaiah 6:8-10](#) refers to God speaking. [Acts 28:25-27](#) quotes the same verse, but says the Holy Spirit said it.
2. In [Jeremiah 31:31-33](#) God made a covenant. In [Hebrews 10:15-17](#) it says the Holy Spirit made the covenant.
3. [Psalm 95:7-11](#) speaks of hearing God's voice. [Hebrews 3:7-9](#) refers to the Holy Spirit speaking there.

B. There are some Scriptures that refer to the Holy Spirit as God.

1. [Acts 5:1-11](#) tells the story of Ananias and Sapphira who "lied to the Holy Ghost." Peter also says, "Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." Peter equated the Holy Spirit with God.
2. In [2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#), Paul speaks of the Lord as the Spirit and makes a direct association of One with the Other.

V. GOD DEALS WITH US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. We deal with God through Jesus ([John 14:13](#) and [Hebrews 4:16](#)). God deals with us through the Holy Spirit ([Romans 8:16](#)).

B. When we exist on the fleshly level, we are ruled by our bodies, and our souls and spirits are in second and third place. When we are born again, our spirits are moved to the dominant position and the Holy Spirit takes control. He helps us to conform to the image of Christ.

CHAPTER 3: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS HELPER

The Holy Spirit is a helper Who comes alongside us to guide us in our Christian walk ([John 14:16](#)).

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS TEACHER

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher ([John 14:26](#), [1 John 2:27](#), [1 Corinthians 2:13,14](#)).

A. When we are born again, we enter the dimension of the Spirit. In this dimension, we can be taught by Him to understand the things of God that are beyond the reach of our experience or intellect ([2 Corinthians 4:18](#)).

B. The Holy Spirit brings the Scriptures that we have read or heard to our remembrance ([John 14:26](#)). It is so good to have the right Scripture come to mind when we need it.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS GUIDE

The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth ([John 16:12-13](#)).

A. He will give us the discernment to judge between true and false teachings.



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B. If we will open our hearts and read the Bible with the Spirit as our Guide, we will not stray from the truth and we will have all we need to live the Christian life ([2 Peter 1:3](#)).

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PROPHECY

The Holy Spirit will show us things to come ([John 16:13](#)). The Spirit will help us to understand the prophecies in the books of Daniel and Revelation and Ezekiel. Since we are living in the last days, these prophecies are becoming more clear each day.

CHAPTER 4: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

I. THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

A. [Acts 1:4-5](#) contains the promise by the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the believers.

B. In [Joel 2:28](#), the Father said that in the last days He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh.

II. THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

A. In [Acts 1:8](#) we learn that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to live the Christian life as a witness for God.

1. It is impossible to live the Christian life without the power of the Spirit within us ([Romans 7:15-25](#), [Galatians 5:17-18](#), [Matthew 26:41](#)).

2. Jesus Christ is our example of the witness that we should be ([John 14:8-9](#)).

3. The word "power" in Greek is "dunamis" from which we derive the English word "dynamic".

4. The true witness lives his faith.

B. Before Peter received the power of the Holy Spirit, he was afraid to be identified with Jesus ([Mark 14:53-72](#)) even though he wanted to ([Mark 14:27-31](#)). After he received the power, he witnessed boldly to the same group of people who had tried Jesus ([Acts 4:5-23](#)), even telling them that there was no salvation apart from Christ. Then when Peter went back to the Christians, they prayed for greater boldness ([v. 23-31](#)).

C. We must allow the Holy Spirit to change us within, rather than trying to change the outside ourselves and then hoping we will change within ([Romans 8](#)). As we yield each area of our lives to the Spirit, He conforms us into the image of Christ.



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CHAPTER 5: THE CONFORMING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. THE STANDARD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. In [Matthew 5:20](#) Jesus told the disciples that they had to be more righteous than the scribes and Pharisees, who rigidly followed the law, if they wanted to enter the kingdom of heaven.

B. In [Matthew 5:21-47](#) Jesus gave illustrations of how the law should be kept. The Pharisees practiced an outward righteousness that conformed to the law, but Jesus said the law required inward purity also.

C. In the last verse of [Matthew 5](#), Jesus told them to be perfect even as the heavenly Father is perfect.

II. SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

A. Since we cannot reach the standard of righteousness that God requires, He has given us another way to come to Him. In [John 6:28-29](#) when the people asked Jesus what they should do in order to do the works of God, He told them to "believe on Him Whom He hath sent."

B. When we invite Christ into our lives, the Spirit of God also comes in and begins to work within us to make us more like Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

C. Jesus is the example of what God intended man to be when He created him ([Genesis 1:26](#)). In [John 8:29](#) Jesus said that He always did the things that pleased the Father, and in [Matthew 3:17](#) God said of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

III. THE SPIRIT CONFORMS US TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

A. God's Spirit works in us to change us into the likeness of Christ ([Ephesians 4:13](#)).

B. God's predestined purpose for us was to conform us into the image of His Son ([Romans 8:29](#)).

C. When we see the divine ideal for man in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit changes us from glory to glory into that same image ([2 Corinthians 3:18](#)). We have to see Christ with an open or "unveiled" face, a face that is not blinded to the truth.

D. We can only see Christ in the Word and we need the Spirit to make the Word alive to our hearts ([2 Peter 1:4](#)).

IV. WE BECOME SONS OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST

A. We become sons of God, not through any righteousness of our own, but by our faith in Jesus Christ ([John 1:12](#), [Romans 8:16-17](#)).

B. As we become more like Christ, our problems arise from living as redeemed spirits in unredeemed bodies. We desire to be delivered from these bodies of flesh so that we can enjoy the full, rich, overflowing life in the spirit ([1 John 3:2](#), [2 Corinthians 5:4](#), [Romans 8:22,23](#)).