

The Spirit of the Living God... the Holy Spirit.

Who is he?

- A) He is holy, set apart by and for God. 1 Corinthians 2:10-14
- B) He can be everywhere all the time. Genesis 1:2, Psalm 138:7-8, 1 Corinthians 3:16
- C) Is the third person of the God-head, the TRINITY. Ephesians 4:4-7
- D) He is Jesus' spirit in man and he has a mind, emotions and will, but no body.  
Acts 2:38-41, Titus 3:5-7
- E) He is the power in the Bible to complete God's plans and purpose. Acts 1:8
- F) He is there for all whom God calls both children and adults. Romans 8:26
- G) He is the author of Scripture by speaking through the prophets. 2 Timothy 3:16

The Spirit and God are both all knowing. (Psalm 139:7-10) They are of one mind. We see that the Spirit *is* God in Luke 1:35. "The power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be known as the Son of God". The Spirit does what only God can do. Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit and Jesus is the Son of God, the Spirit is God.

In Acts 10:38 we are told how Jesus was able to do His ministry. "...God anointed Jesus.. with the Holy Spirit and power...and. ..he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

The Holy Spirit also lives in us as Christians. In Romans 8:11 we are told "...if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to *your mortal bones through his Spirit, who lives in you.*"

He lives *in* us and will give life *to* us. Jesus says all believers should be baptized in the name of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 28:19) As we look in the Bible for the Truth we see clearly that the Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity. His role is to bring power and ENERGY to lives, acts and creation. Just as creation happened by the *Father's willing it and the Son speaking it, the Holy Spirit ENERGIZED it into being.* (Genesis 1:1-2) *The Spirit hovers over the water.*

It is important for us to understand our RELATIONSHIP with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit does many things in our lives. He is our ETERNAL life coach. John 16:5-15  
The Spirit:

- 1) brings us to SALVATION: being saved from eternal death because of our sin. Titus 3:5, John 3:5-8.
- 2) comes into our heart at the moment of faith and will never leave us. John 14:16
- 3) gives us strength as we fight the battles of life with the world, the flesh and the devil
- 4) shows us when we are in sinful acts and helps us to return to living right in the Lord.
- 5) comforts us.
- 6) teaches us in learning God's plan and purpose for our lives.

When you accepted Christ as your Savior and the Holy Spirit came into your life, what do you remember that was different? 1 Corinthians 12:13 calls this baptism of the Spirit "an act performed by God in joining all true believers to the body of the Lord Jesus."

The Holy Spirit calls us to faith in Christ. No matter how much we may want or how hard we may try to help someone to see the sin in unbelief only the Holy Spirit can draw someone to Christ. The same is true of trying to get a saved person to see the sin in their life. Only the Holy Spirit can open their eyes to Truth.

We as believers can pray for the Holy Spirit to come into that person's life and for that person to open their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit in a positive way.

Before the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 the Holy Spirit filled or EMPOWERED few of the hearts of God's children. The Holy Spirit came and went as he chose.

King Saul was anointed by the Holy Spirit but the Spirit left him as he turned from God and went his own way. After David's sin with Bathsheba, he begs that the Holy Spirit not be taken from him. (Psalm 51:10-12) He did not want to lose the powerful presence of the Spirit.

Since the Day of Pentecost we are promised the Holy Spirit will live in us and will be there forever. That is something to celebrate !!

To seal something is to close it up , such as with a letter. To make it so that it cannot be opened. Another meaning is to mark something with approval or authenticity. To be authentic means it is the "real deal". Something not changed or messed with in any way.

I was reading in the newspaper the other day about a new kind of "meat" that was being developed to replace chicken, beef and pork. It looked like chicken strips but the author said it had little taste. The "chicken" was made of plant protein, soy and other items put together under pressure, heat and cold temperatures. This new kind of "meat" is not authentic meat. It is some sort of product to use in place of meat.

The Bible tells us we are sealed by the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30) This seal is for our protection and to be identified as authentic HEIRS with Christ. Because you are sealed by the Holy Spirit, no other spiritual force can come into or dwell in your life. We are sealed and Demons cannot get in. This happens when we accept Christ as Savior and Lord. Jesus came to earth as the Light of the World. His Holy Spirit brings this light by:

- 1) putting a "spot light" on Jesus
- 2) bringing a "search light" to look for new believers
- 3) flashing a "stop light" using our CONSCIENCE to warn us of sin in our life
- 4) shining a "trouble light" to help us in the time of our need
- 5) providing a "street light" to light our path to follow Jesus

If the Holy Spirit is *not in us there is a dark hole in our soul to be filled by an evil spirit.*

We can see who the enemy is in 1John 2:15-17. Who is it? Our culture, Hollywood, TV, magazines? They tell us "follow your heart's desires", you don't need to tell all the truth because what someone doesn't know won't hurt her, sometimes it's alright to cheat if you feel you must, make your own rules if those in place now don't work for you. It's all about Me! What I want and doing whatever it takes to get it. Look at Jeremiah 17:9-10

The world, the devil, our sin nature and even our own heart, are tough enemies. But what does 1John 4:4 tell us? "You, dear children, are *from* God and have overcome them, because *the one who is in you* is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them." ***God gives us success over all this !*** 2 Peter 1:3-4. Thank you Jesus !!



Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit guaranteeing (promising) what is to come".

IS THERE A PROMISE TO CLAIM? He anointed us and put the Holy Spirit in our hearts as a promise as to what is to come. As believers this is our promise from God.

#### WHAT DID GOD SHOW US TODAY?

- 1) The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Living God. Luke 1:35
- 2) The Holy Spirit lives in us and is our life coach forever. 1 Cor 12:13, John 16:5-15
- 3) We are sealed by the Holy Spirit for our protection and to be identified as heirs with Christ. Ephesians 4:30
- 4) God gives us success over the world, the devil and our selfish desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4

What promises from God will you claim today in your heart?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Word Study:

- 1) conscience: our inner sense of what is right or wrong in our actions and motives. He seems to have a good understanding of right from wrong and lives within it.
- 2) empowered: to give power or authority to permit or make us able to do something. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live a right path with God.
- 3) energized: to give energy to something in order for an activity to happen.
- 4) eternal: lasting forever; no beginning or end; everlasting. God's love is eternal.
- 5) heirs: someone who inherits what belongs to another; a successor. We are heirs in Christ
- 6) Holy Trinity: It is God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit in one.
- 7) relationship: a connection between people, a group, family, ideas. Her relationship is good
- 8) salvation: the act of being saved in Jesus Christ; to be saved from the penalty of sin.