

THE HOLY SPIRIT

EXPANDED STUDY GUIDE



OVERVIEW



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FUNCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



- Involved in every aspect of God's redemptive work.



- Inspires Scripture, applies salvation, unites the church, and empowers believers.



- Transforms believers into the image of Christ.



- Jesus called the Spirit the "Paraclete" meaning advocate, helper, counselor, and comforter (John 14:16-17).



3 THE HOLY SPIRIT PURIFIES

- Convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11).
- Regenerates believers through the new birth (John 3:3-5).
- Brings spiritual life to those dead in sin (Eph. 2:1-3).
- Produces sanctification and continual transformation into Christlikeness.
- Produces spiritual fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).



4 THE HOLY SPIRIT UNITIFIES



- Poured out at Pentecost in fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32.



- Created the church and formed a unified spiritual community.



- Produced fellowship, generosity, worship, and unity in the early church (Acts 2:44-47).



- Unites Jews and Gentiles into one body in Christ (Eph. 2:18-22).



- Distributes spiritual gifts for the common good (1 Cor. 12:7-13).



- Opposes division, jealousy, and strife while producing love and harmony.



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THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS AND GUIDES



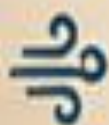
- Guided the apostles and New Testament writers into truth (John 16:13).



- Revealed God's plans through prophecy and inspiration.



- Confirmed Jesus as the Messiah.



- Manifested God's presence through wind, fire, and tongues at Pentecost (Acts 2:2-4).



- Led Jesus, Philip, Peter, Paul, and other believers.
- Continues to guide believers daily (Rom. 8:14).



6 TEACHING AND ILLUMINATION



- Jesus promised the Spirit would teach and remind believers of His words (John 14:26).



- Illuminates Scripture and reveals spiritual truth.



- Helps believers understand God's purposes (1 Cor. 2:12-15).



- Provides wisdom, discernment, and guidance in daily decisions.



7 THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS



- Empowered Jesus for ministry at His baptism.



- Empowered the early church for witness and evangelism (Acts 1:8).



- Gives spiritual gifts for ministry and service.



- Strengthens prayer and bold preaching.



- Provides victory over spiritual opposition.



- Will give resurrection life to believers (Rom. 8:11).



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ASSURANCE AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD



- Bears witness that believers are children of God (Rom. 8:16).



- Seals believers for the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).



- Produces peace, joy, love, truth, wisdom, comfort, and hope.



- Creates a Godlike atmosphere wherever He is welcomed.



GRIEVING AND QUENCHING THE SPIRIT



- Believers are warned not to grieve the Spirit through bitterness, anger, rebellion, or pride.



- Quenching the Spirit suppresses His influence and guidance (1 Thess. 5:19).



- Stephen accused Israel's leaders of resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51).



- Obedience and repentance allow believers to experience the Spirit's fullness.

