

# The Holy Spirit – Expanded Study Guide

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## Function of the Holy Spirit

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- 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).

## The Holy Spirit Purifies

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- 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).

## The Holy Spirit Unifies

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- 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.

## The Holy Spirit Reveals and Guides

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- 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).

## Teaching and Illumination

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- 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.

## The Holy Spirit Empowers

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- 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).

## Assurance and the Presence of God

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- 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

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- 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.

## Key Scripture References

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- John 16:13 – The Spirit guides believers into all truth.
- Acts 1:8 – Believers receive power through the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 8:14 – Those led by the Spirit are sons of God.
- Galatians 5:22-23 – The fruit of the Spirit.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 – Believers are transformed into Christ's image.