

Kingdom Foundations, Lesson 6: Holy Spirit—The Person and Fruit

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The Holy Spirit empowers us to live in the fullness of our identity in Christ. Bernie Ooley teaches on the different roles the Holy Spirit plays in each of our lives.

The Holy Spirit

The Person of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is not merely the power or influence of God, but He is the third person of the Trinity. He is co-eternal and co-equal with the Father and Son.
- The Holy Spirit has a personality. We get to know Him through the fruit that He is producing in our lives. He teaches us and renews our minds, making our bodies His temple.
- All Scripture is God-breathed and inspired by Him. *Spirit* means “wind or breath” in both Greek and Hebrew. *Inspired* means “God-breathed.”
- The Word and the Spirit work together. Jesus said that signs and wonders accompany the preaching of the Word (Mark 16:17-20).

The New Covenant Promise of the Holy Spirit

- Under the old covenant, the Holy Spirit moved through priests, prophets, and kings. They were representatives of God on the earth and the only ones anointed for specific functions.
- Under the new covenant, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would rest on us.
- Jesus is our example of one who walked as a man on the earth, anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Anointing and Equipping Us

The Role of the Priest

- The Holy Spirit prays for and with us. Scripture says He groans in us with deep utterances (Romans 8:26).
- The priest’s role is to represent man to God and God to man. Jesus fulfilled this role by being our sacrifice.
- Jesus is still interceding for us (Hebrews 7:25). The Bible says that as He is, so are we (1 John 4:17). We are also intercessors on earth as His priests.
- We are called to continually offer sacrifices of praise to God (Hebrews 13:15).
- Intercession releases heaven to earth. The Bible says the prayers of the saints fill the bowls of incense (Revelation 5:8).
- Jesus is our example of a priest. The Bible says that, “In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.” (Hebrews 5:7)
- We are a holy nation and a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9). *Holy* means “set apart.” Our holiness is designed to flow from us and influence the world.
- The church was called *ekklesia*, meaning the “called ones.” Jesus said He would build His church upon the revelation of His identity (Matthew 16:18).

The Role of the Prophet

- A prophet carries a governmental office. While not every believer is called to be a prophet, every believer who receives the Holy Spirit has an anointing in the prophetic.
- We are to pursue love and prophesy with words of comfort, edification, and exhortation (1 Corinthians 14:1-3).
- Under the new covenant, we can all speak words of encouragement from the Father.

The Role of Kings

- We are the children of God and therefore, we are royalty (Romans 8:16-17).
- We are transformed into God's image (2 Corinthians 3:18).
- We are seated in Christ and have authority through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:6).
- We shall reign in life through Christ Jesus (Romans 5:17). We extend our spheres of influence where our King leads us.

Ambassadors Represent the King

- We are the King's ambassadors. *Ambassador* means "elder; one who sets precedence."
- Being an ambassador means coming into your sphere and setting precedent through kingdom principles. We are not called to act according to the laws of where we are, but according to the law of God's government.
- Ambassadors are chosen; they don't appoint themselves. They always remain citizens of the country they are from.
- As citizens of heaven, we have access to heavenly resources and pursue the interests of heaven. Our instructions are found in the Bible.

The Comforter

The Father Sends Another

- Jesus told His disciples that the Father would send another Comforter, the Holy Spirit. He would do in Jesus' absence what Jesus would do if He were with us.
- The apostle Luke was the only one of the gospel writers who wrote about the Holy Spirit's coming. He wrote the book of Acts that records the works of the Holy Spirit.
- Referring to the Holy Spirit, Jesus used the word *paraclete*, which means "one called alongside to help." It was the Greek word for "counselor, comforter, and helper." A *paraclete* was one who gave assistance in a court of law.

The Sevenfold Meaning of Paraclete

- The Holy Spirit acts as a Comforter, Intercessor, Stand-by, Advocate, Helper, Counselor, and Strengthener.
- *Stand-by* means "one held in reserve." All the resources of heaven are reserved for us and readily available.
- The Holy Spirit is the Helper and wants to move through and with us. He breaks away the lies, fear, and discouragement that have held us back; He makes us capable of fulfilling our destinies.
- The Lord commissioned His disciples to do signs and wonders (Mark 16:15-18). He commissioned us as well. When we lay hands on people, He provides the miracle.
- In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-11), the word *blessed* means "happy, fortunate, and to be envied."

- Those who mourn are blessed because they are comforted (Matthew 5:4). *Comfort* means “to sign with empathy.” It also means to “to repent,” which is to change your thinking. The Holy Spirit enables us to comfort others.
- The Holy Spirit is our Strengthener, giving us ability to stand. He will quicken (give life to) our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11). *Mortal* means “our death-doomed, physical body.”

Physical Health and Wholeness

The Health of Your Temple

- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit affects your spirit, soul, body, and sphere of influence. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- He calls you to a place of healing in your body, reminding you to take care of and protect your body. You are government property and sickness is illegal.
- God will cast His glory on any temple that He chooses to dwell in. We are called to renew our minds and use our bodies as instruments of righteousness, to demonstrate His glory (Romans 6:12-13).
- God wants to bring us to a place of divine health. Miracles and healing are important, but God wants to take us to a new level where we live in continue health and abundance.

The Teacher

The Holy Spirit Guides You into All Truth

- One of the chief ministries of the Holy Spirit is that of a Teacher. He will draw upon what is from Jesus and transmit it to you (John 16:13-15).
- We have an anointing from the Holy Spirit that teaches us all things (1 John 2:20). He uses the Word, fellow believers, teachers, and other unique ways.
- The revelation of the Spirit is seen in metaphor all around you. To understand His lessons, gain a deeper understanding of the Bible. The Word is the standard by which all experience and revelation are measured.

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