

# **Teaching Children about The Holy Spirit**

# The Holy Spirit - Another Helper

- I. How many of you understand who the Holy Spirit is?
  - A. How important is He in our lives?
  - B. Is He only the power of God or is He more to us?
  - C. We need to understand this so that we can walk in a way that pleases God.
    1. This topic was so important that Jesus spent a lot of time telling His disciples about the person of the Holy Spirit.
  - D. John 14:1-6, 15-18, 26
  - E. John 14:1-6
    1. What did Jesus tell His disciples?
    2. How long would He be gone?
    3. Where was He going?
    4. What did His disciples think about Him leaving them?
    5. If you were about to leave your friends, what would you want them to know?
  - F. John 14:15-16
    1. What is the single greatest way we can show Jesus we love Him?
    2. How will we be able to keep His commandments?
  - G. Who is the Holy Spirit & how long is He promised to be with us? (Vs. 16)
    1. Read John 14:16-17
    2. How long is forever?
  - H. The Holy Spirit is always referred to by name, title, or personal pronoun.
    1. Do you understand what a name is?
      - a. Romans 8:9, John 14:16 (Spirit of Christ, Spirit of Truth)
    2. What is a title?
      - a. John 14:16 (Helper)
    3. What is a personal pronoun?
      - a. Him, He, His
  - I. The Holy Spirit has a personality.
    1. Why is He is never spoken of as an "it"?
      - a. Because He has a personality like people.
    2. What are some of His personality traits?
      - a. 1 Corinthians 12:11  
(1) He has a will.
      - b. Romans 15:30  
(1) He loves.
      - c. Romans 8:26  
(1) He prays for us.
      - d. John 14:26  
(1) He teaches us.
      - e. Acts 5:3  
(1) He can be lied to.
      - f. Ephesians 4:30  
(1) He can be grieved (made sad).

- J. Why is this important to understand?
  1. We are to be totally submitted to the person of the Holy Spirit.
    - a. To constantly be under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit.
  2. What does the word submit mean?
  3. Old Testament illustration
    - a. Leviticus 14:1-2, 11-18
  4. What do these things mean?
    - a. Each Emblem:
      - (1) Leper=Sin
      - (2) Cleansed leper=Cleansed of sin (trusted in Jesus)
      - (3) The blood= Christ's death setting us free
      - (4) The oil= Holy Spirit
      - (5) Anointed with oil the ear, thumb, and big toe.
        - (a) We've been cleansed by Jesus, through trusting that He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day.
        - (b) Now everything we hear, touch, and everywhere we go, is anointed by the Spirit. We have the blessing to submit every aspect of our lives to be under His control and influence.
  5. Galatians 5:16
- K. The Holy Spirit provides the "How" in our Christian lives.
  1. John 14:16,18,26
- L. What did Jesus ask His Father for? (Vs. 16)
  1. Who is the Helper?
    - a. What does a Helper do?
      - (1) Comes along the side of another to help and comfort them
- M. Jesus told His disciples that it was to their advantage that He would go away.
  - a. John 16:7
  2. How could Jesus make that statement?
- N. The key is found in the word "another". (Vs. 16)
  1. What does the word "another" mean?
    - a. Allos: Another of the same kind.
    - b. The Holy Spirit would be there for believers in the same way Jesus was there for the disciples.
      - (1) The same transforming work would continue through the person of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers in Jesus.
      - (2) Just as Jesus was there to watch over, provide, protect, lead, guide, strengthen, and encourage, so also...
      - (3) The Holy Spirit would continue that same work in the lives of believers.
  2. The result of that continued transforming work in the life of a believer through the Holy Spirit:
    - a. We are NOW able to live, walk, talk, and love like Jesus.
    - b. Galatians 5:16, Galatians 5:22

O. The Book of Acts testifies to this truth.

1. Acts of the Holy Spirit; not the acts of His apostles.
  - a. The Spirit was given to help the helpless disciples!

P. Acts 1:4-5

1. What are the disciples commanded to do?
  - a. Why wait?
    - (1) They were to do NOTHING until they received the promise.
  - b. Who is the promise from?
  - c. What is the promise for?
  - d. What makes a promise so wonderful?
    - (1) If the Father promises the Holy Spirit do we need to argue with Him to receive it?
2. How do you get the promise?
  - a. Acts 1:8
    - (1) Receive: is a gift word, and it speaks of God's grace!
3. What MUST you do to receive it?
  - a. Luke 11:9-13

Q. What was the cry of the apostle Paul's heart in Romans 7:18 & 7:24?

1. Did Paul know who he was in the flesh? (Vs 18)
  - a. Did Paul have a willing heart to do what was right? (Vs 18)
  - b. What is so telling about the word "HOW" in verse 18?
    - (1) At one point he didn't know "HOW" to live this life called Christianity.
    - (2) He understood the Christian life was a supernatural life.
    - (3) He couldn't be like Jesus by operating in the flesh!
2. What was Paul's final cry in verse 24?

R. What makes Romans 8 so important in understanding Paul's cry in verse 24?

1. How often is the Holy Spirit referenced in Romans 8?
2. What is the answer for the "How" to live out our Christian lives?

S. The Apostle Peter speaks of this truth.

1. 2 Peter 1:3
  - a. The Divine Power is a reference to the Holy Spirit.
  - b. He has been GIVEN to us that we might live a life of godliness.

T. Recap:

1. Christianity is NOT attempting to imitate Jesus in the power of my flesh. It is rather the impartation of God Almighty in the person of the Holy Spirit living in and through my life.
  - a. When that event occurs, He produces a beautiful life that looks more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The "What" of God's Word is now coupled with "How."
  - a. Now it is possible to live this Christian life out.

# The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

## II. Acts 1:4-8...

### A. The Importance of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life.

1. Wait for the promise. (Vs. 4)
  - a. Why wait?
  - b. What's a promise?
  - c. Who is the promise from?
    - (1) Is the Father trustworthy?

### B. Baptism vs. 5...

1. To be fully immersed.
  - a. Why use the term "baptize"?
    - (1) Use a hug as a reference point.
      - a. You hug people after they are baptized and the water they were baptized in gets all over you.
      - b. When people come into contact with us they should come in contact with the Holy Spirit. It should spill all over them!

### C. What is the three- fold ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer?

1. John 14:16-17
  - a. With -"Para"
  - b. In-"En"

### D. When did the disciples receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit?

1. John 20:22

### E. Is this considered the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

1. What is the baptism with the Holy Spirit?
  - a. It's found in the word "Upon"- "Epi" (Vs. 8)
  - b. Speaks of the baptism with the Spirit in verse 5.
  - c. The overflowing work of the Spirit in the life of a believer
2. What's the result of the "upon" work of the Spirit in a person's life?
  - a. Power vs. 8
    - (1) Dynamic, dynamo, dynamite
3. What is the purpose of this power?
  - a. It's the provision of power given to be a witness to Jesus.
4. What does being a witness to Jesus look like?
  - a. Gal 5:22...
    - (1) Love, and all the attributes of love, defined in Galatians 5:22
    - (2) To LIVE like Jesus!

### F. When did Jesus share this truth with His disciples?

1. Acts 1:9
2. How important was this truth found in verse 8 to Jesus?
  - a. Very last words before He ascended to heaven
3. How important is it to us today?

### G. How do I experience this power?

1. Receive it.

- a. It's a gift, a grace word.
    - b. Can't earn it, it's freely given.
    - c. The promise of the father; He wants to give it more than we want to receive it.
  2. How do we know that?
    - a. Luke 11:9-13
- H. How will I know if I have been baptized?
1. Have you asked?
  2. Is love proceeding from your life?
    - a. John 7:37
  3. What does it mean to have rivers of living water flowing from my life?
  4. Is there a torrent of living water flowing from your life?
    - a. Is your life a source of refreshment for others?
      - (1) If not, there is a greater work of the Holy Spirit available for you!
  5. Stop and ask and watch the Lord work in your life!

# Maintaining the Holy Spirit

## III. What does it mean to maintain something?

A. Does that mean you play a part in your Christian life?

B. What does grieving mean?

1. Anger softened by love.

a. Anger at the sin, but tremendous love for you the sinner!

2. Can someone be made sad if they don't love you?

3. Does that mean that the Holy Spirit loves you?

C. Ephesians 4:25-31

1. What things can make the Holy Spirit sad?

2. Lying (Vs. 25)

a. Deliberate and intentionally misleading someone.

3. Sinful anger (Vs. 26)

a. This is selfish anger wanting to get your way at the expense of hurting others.

4. Stealing (Vs. 28)

a. Taking something that doesn't belong to you.

5. Corrupt Speech (Vs. 29)

a. Rotten, putrid words.

b. Picture a decaying bowl of fruit.

c. Examples: foul language, complaining about others.

6. Bitterness (Vs. 31)

a. Extreme Resentment

7. Wrath (Vs. 31)

a. Explosive anger

(1) Like a teapot that explodes under intense heat.

8. Anger vs. 31

a. Violent desire expressed in extreme punishment of others.

9. Clamor vs. 31

a. Using words to express your anger.

b. Fighting with your words.

c. Someone who loves to argue.

d. Root word for clamor speaks of the squawk of a crow, obnoxious sounding!!

10. Evil Speaking (Vs. 31)

a. Speech that hurts others.

b. To speak about others with the intent of destroying their name.

11. Malice (Vs. 31)

a. Wishing harm upon someone else.

b. Pure hatred

D. What should we do when we sin?

1. What does it mean to confess and repent?

a. God, I'm wrong and you're right, I agree with your Word and I apologize!

2. What does repentance produce?
  - a. I John 1:9
3. How will I know when I make the Holy Spirit sad?
  - a. When we do anything that contradicts His Word, we know we are making Him sad.
  - b. He will tell you when you ask.
4. What should you do if you don't know God's word?
  - a. Start to read and get to know Him?
- E. If we don't confess and repent, what will happen?
  1. 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- F. What does quenching the Holy Spirit mean?
  1. To extinguish the power and influence of the Spirit in my life!
- G. How do we quench the Holy Spirit?
  1. Willful, deliberate, protracted disobedience to God's word.
    - a. When we partake of sin even when we know it saddens the Holy Spirit.
- H. Have you ever seen a large blazing campfire?
  1. The Holy Spirit is likened to a fire.
- I. What effect does a campfire have on a camp?
  1. It provides light and warmth; it's an influence to everyone who comes in contact with it.
- J. How does the Holy Spirit influence others through our lives?
  1. He radiates light, love, warmth, and influences others for good to God's glory!
- K. What would be the two most effective ways to put out a campfire?
- L. Throwing on buckets of water is a very effective way to put a fire out.
  1. In what ways would the constant bombardment of sin extinguish the fire of the Holy Spirit?
    - a. When we continually introduce sin into our lives, it's like pouring bucket after bucket of water on a blazing fire.
    - b. The full expression and influence of the Holy Spirit will be extinguished from our lives.
- M. Simply neglecting the fire.
  1. Failing to give the fire the necessary fuel to keep it blazing.
  2. A fire needs a continual supply of fuel to burn, i.e. adding logs.
- N. What will happen if we neglect to feed the fire of the Holy Spirit?
- O. What fuel does God encourage us to use?
  1. Acts 2:42
  2. Is there an Acts 2:42 without the person of the Holy Spirit?
    - a. Apostle's doctrines:
      - (1) The Word of God
      - (2) Reading, studying, meeting with God through His Word
      - (3) When we couple the word with the Holy Spirit we have both the fire and the fuel.
    - b. Fellowship:

(1) Being connected to the body of Christ by serving others and using the gifts of the Spirit to bless and encourage the family of God.

c. Breaking of bread:

(1) Communion: The Lord's Supper

(2) Remember what He has done for us on the cross and look forward to His glorious return.

d. Prayers:

(1) Communicate with God.

(2) Meet with Him in His word.

(3) Intercede for others.

(4) Thank Him, rejoice in Him, seek His wisdom.

(5) In prayer, the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. (Romans 8:26)

P. All of these "spiritual logs" fuel the fire of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.

1. It protects our relationship with the Lord, so that anything that is introduced into my life that will minimize the influence and control of the Holy Spirit will be dealt with!

Q. Recap:

1. What must we do to enjoy the fullness of the Spirit filled life?

a. Repent of sin.

b. Confess it as sin to God.

c. Don't make excuses, but say instead, "You're right and I'm wrong, please forgive me."

d. Call on the Helper for help. The Spirit is here to help!

e. Ask to be filled with the Spirit again.

# Be Filled with the Spirit

IV. No one is more eager for us to know the fullness of the Holy Spirit than the Spirit Himself.

## A. Ephesians 5:18-21

1. What's the first command found in verse 18?
2. What is drunkenness?
  - a. It is to come under the influence and control of another substance.
  - b. Under the influence of alcohol an individual becomes a different person.
    - (1) It affects your thinking and decision making.
    - (2) Example:
      - a. DUI: **D**riving **U**nder the **I**nfluence
      - b. In that condition you have turned yourself over to that substance.
      - c. You've made the decision to come under the influence and control of something or someone else.
      - d. You have turned yourself over to that substance.
  - c. Should Christians ever live under the influence or control of alcohol?
    - (1) No Christian is to ever live under the influence of anything other than God!
    - (2) God is to be the primary influence and dominate Person in our life.
3. What does drunkenness lead to?
  - a. Dissipation= wasteful riotous living
  - b. Luke 15:13
    - (1) From Heaven's perspective, any life NOT lived under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit is wasteful living...

## B. What is the second command found in verse 18?

1. How often are we to be filled?
  - a. Be filled: continuous action
    - (1) Translation: be-being filled with the Holy Spirit!
2. How do you become filled?
  - a. Passive voice: you receive it!
  - b. Luke 11:9-13
3. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
  - a. We are to be surrendered to the influence and control of the person of the Holy Spirit.
4. Why does God couple drunkenness with being filled with the Spirit?
  - a. In the same way a drunk **MUST** continue to drink to stay under the influence of alcohol:
    - (1) The child of God **MUST** continuously be refilled with the Spirit of God.
    - (2) Everything we hear, touch, and everywhere we go must be under the control of the Holy Spirit.
      - a. Galatians 5:16, Galatians 5:22 - A life surrendered to the Spirit is a life controlled by love, not enslaved by sin.

V. What is the three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

A. John 14:15-17

1. Verse 17: We have two of the three main prepositions which describe our relationship with Him.
  - a. WITH: Greek word "Para"-to come alongside
    - (1) The Holy Spirit comes along our side to help us.
      - a. He is always with us.
      - b. He can't help but be with us, He is God and is everywhere at all times.
    - (2) Greek word: "Parakletos"
      - a. Verse 16 translates it as "Helper"
        1. One who comes along our side to HELP us!!
    - b. In: Greek word "En": dwell inside
      - (1) This second relationship happens when we become born again by the Holy Spirit
        - a. God Almighty, in the person of the Holy Spirit, comes and dwells inside of us at the moment of our salvation.
        - b. 1 Corinthians 3:16
          1. It's that event which makes us a Christian

B. The third relationship is found in the book of Acts.

1. Acts 1:8 "But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come **upon** you; and you shall **be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
  - a. These are literally Jesus' final words before ascending into heaven.
  - b. Most important thing He wanted His disciples to know!
2. What is the key word in this verse?
  - a. Upon
  - b. The Holy Spirit was **WITH** the disciples, He was **IN** them because they were born again, and now He was going to come **UPON** them.
3. Upon: Greek preposition "Epi"
  - a. The third relationship would happen when the Holy Spirit came "Upon" them.
  - b. This experience is described in Acts 1:5 as being baptized with the Holy Spirit.
    - (1) This is when the Holy Spirit came "Upon" the believers...
      - a. It would prove to be their **provision of power**.
    - (2) This provision of power is "How" they would be able to live out the truths found in the Scriptures.
  - c. This power is necessary so that Christians can "**be Witnesses**" to Jesus.
    - (1) To live, walk, act, and love like Jesus

C. Unique Terminology used to describe the "Upon" experience:

1. Baptism: Speaks of being fully immersed in water.

D. Why does the Spirit inspire the use of the word baptism?

1. When a person is baptized and they come out of the water the very element they are baptized in gets on everyone they come in contact with.
  2. That's what God wants for each and every believer.
    - a. When we are baptized with the Holy Spirit everyone we come in contact with will come into contact with the person of the Holy Spirit.
    - b. He will spill onto their lives and affect those we interact with.
    - c. That's how, other lives are affected by a Spirit filled and controlled life.
- E. How do we receive the "Upon" work of the Holy Spirit?
1. Acts 1:8 "But you shall **Receive power...**
    - a. It's received.
  2. Received is a gift word, a grace word!
    - a. Not something we earn, it is freely given to us by God as a part of His unmerited favor toward us!
  3. Luke 11:9-13
    - a. All we need to do is ask for it!

#### VI. What does being filled with the Spirit look like in believer's life?

- A. According to Ephesians 5:19-21 three characteristics flow from a Spirit filled life.
1. Joy and praise as expressed in good communication. (Vs. 19)
    - a. Speaking to one another
      - (1) There will be joy and a song coming from our lips.
      - (2) My words will be filled with the word of God and a song to the Lord will fill my heart.
      - (3) Praise and worship will describe my life.
  2. Thankfulness (Vs. 20)
    - a. Thankfulness regardless of circumstances.
  3. Mutual Submission (Vs. 21)
    - a. Humility will be the characteristic of my life.
    - b. A willingness to serve others, to live a selfless life.
    - c. To submit and think of what is best for the other person.

#### VII. Conclusion:

- A. If you've lost the song in your heart, if you're no longer thankful, if you refuse to submit and serve others:
1. The solution is found in being filled with the Holy Spirit.
  2. Ask for a fresh filling of Gods Spirit.
  3. The Spirit is the "How" of our Christian lives.
  4. He is here to HELP us daily.
- B. John 7:37-39
1. God desires that our lives would be a source of refreshing living water to all we come in contact with.
  2. As we ask to be filled continually with His Spirit He will give us a song in our hearts, cause thanksgiving to flow from us as we serve, love and submit to the needs of others.