

Lesson 8

HOLY SPIRIT

Our Intimate Friend

INTRODUCTION:

Purposes of study:

- To study the scriptures regarding the Person of the Holy Spirit.
- To get a better understanding of the WORK of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.

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I. YOUR "HELPER"

(Gk. *paracletos*) Called Alongside to help.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

A. A FRIEND

Proverbs 18:24; 17:17 John 15:15

John 15:15

15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

B. A FRIEND is someone you TALK TO

2 Corinthians 13:14

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

C. How Does He Speak?

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| 1. | A knowing in your heart | Romans 8:16 |
| 2. | Through the Scriptures . | Hebrews 10:15-17 |
| 3. | Prophecy – Vision – Dreams | Acts 2:16-17
Habakkuk 2:1-3 |
| 4. | Revelation | 1 Corinthians 2:9-12
John 16:13-14 |

1 Cor 2:9-11

But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,

Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

II. "...YOU KNOW HIM"

"The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." John 14:17

A.W. Tozer - *"In most Christian churches the Holy Spirit is entirely overlooked, whether He is present or absent makes no real difference to anyone."*

Most all Christians have heard **about** the Holy Spirit.

But, do you know Him?

As a real divine person who can be KNOWN and LOVED and WORSHIPPED in an intimate relationship.

The word "know" here means knowledge that comes from experience, not just the intellect.

It is one thing to know about someone but quite another to know them personally.

A. The Holy Spirit is a Spiritual Person - separate and distinct

1. Own **mind & will** Romans 8:27
1 Cor 12:11
2. **Grieved** (mental anguish) Isaiah 63:8-14
Eph 4:29-32
3. **Quenched** (extinguish, cool, suppress) 1 Thessalonians 5:19

1 Thess 5:19-20
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
4. **Resisted** Acts 7:51

5. **Insulted** Hebrews 10:29

6. **Lied to** Acts 5:3

7. **Blasphemed** Mark 3:28-29

28 "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter;
29 but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"

8. Jesus is very **protective** of Him. James 4:4-5

B. The Holy Spirit is LORD and GOD

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 4:24; Acts 5:3-4

2 Corinthians 3:17

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

John 4:24

24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

1. **Omnipresent** Psalm 139:7-10
(spirits are not)

2. **Omnipotent** John 6:63; 2 Cor 3:6
Job 33:4

John 6:63

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

3. **Omniscient** 1 Corinthians 2:9-12

4. **Eternal** Hebrews 9:14

You are the **temple** of God/Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Is He recognized as such? Acknowledged?

Is He worshipped?

III. "... WITH YOU ... IN YOU"

"The spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him. Because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."
John 14:17

"On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If a man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."
John 7:37

"You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."
Romans 8:9

A. **Who Is In You?**

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| 1. | Spirit of the Father | Matthew 10:20 |
| 2. | Spirit of Jesus | Acts 16:7 |
| 3. | Spirit of God | Romans 8:9 |
| 4. | Spirit of the Christ | Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11 |
| 5. | Spirit of His Son | Galatians 4:6 |
| 6. | Spirit of Jesus Christ | Philippians 1:19 |
| 7. | Spirit of Holiness | Romans 1:4 |
| 8. | Spirit of Grace | Hebrews 10:29 |
| 9. | Spirit of Glory | 1 Peter 4:14 |
| 10. | Spirit of Truth | John 16:13; Isaiah 11:2-3 |
| 11. | Spirit of Adoption | Romans 8:15 |
| 12. | Spirit of Life | Romans 8:2 |
| 13. | Spirit of Faith | 2 Corinthians 4:13 |

B. The work pictures of the Holy Spirit

It is often difficult to impart truth by the use of words only. Emblems or picture-types help unfold a greater understanding.

1. **FIRE** Speaks of His consuming, **purifying** power in the life of the believer.

Luke 3:16 Acts 2:3 Isaiah 6:1-7

Luke 3:16

16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

2. **WIND** Speaks of His **unseen power** to take you where He wants.

John 3:8

8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

3. **WATER** Speaks of His **washing / cleansing** power to fill the believer to overflowing with spiritual life.

1 Corinthians 6:11 Titus 3:5 John 7:37-39

Titus 3:5

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

4. **SEAL** Speaks of His **ownership** of the believer. It is a finished, eternal transaction.

Ephesians 1:13

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

5. **OIL** Speaks of His power to **anoint** for service and/ or healing.

Acts 10:38 Mark 6:13

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

6. **DOVE** Speaks of His **gentle, tender, peaceful** nature.

Luke 3:22

22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

IV. YOUR TEACHER

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26

A. Teach You

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| 1. The Bible | 2 Peter 1:21 |
| 2. To Pray | Romans 8:26-27
Ephesians 6:18 |
| 3. What God has given | 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 |
| 4. Things to come | 1 Chronicles 12:32 |

32 of the children of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

5. How to **minister** 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

6. What to **say** Acts 6:10
Matthew 10:20

20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

V. YOUR GUIDE

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."
John 16:13

"He will lead you." Romans 8:14

A. **GUIDE and LEAD YOU**

1. To **where** He wants you to minister. Acts 8:29 Acts 10:19
2. In **righteousness** John 16:8

B. **To be our Teacher and Guide we must talk to Him**

"The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace."
Romans 8:6

Set our **mind** on Him.

1. Jesus spoke what the **Spirit** revealed. Acts 1:2
2. He spoke to **Philip** Acts 8:29
3. He spoke to **Peter** Acts 10:19
4. He spoke to **them** Acts 13:2

5. He spoke to them through the **Prophets**. Acts 28:25
6. "**Hear** what the Spirit says" Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29

VI. GLORIFY JESUS

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me."

John 15:26;

"He will bring glory to me by making it known to you." John 16:14

A. *Glorify Jesus - Beholding His Glory*

A more intimate relationship with Jesus requires a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. He reveals Jesus.

1. Glory of the Lord 2 Cor 3:7-8; 17-18
2. Behold God's Glory John 17:24
"with Me . . . that they may behold My glory"
3. Therefore we must **fellowship** with the Holy Spirit.
2 Corinthians 13:14
4. As we look at what the Holy Spirit **reveals** of the Glory of the Lord - He changes us. 2 Corinthians 3:18

MORE **SPIRIT** ⇒ MORE **REVELATION** ⇒
MORE **GLORY** ⇒ MORE **CHANGE**

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

B. *Glorify Jesus - Filled with the Spirit*

1. "*Filled*" not like a vessel but like a sail. Ephesians 5:18
John 3:8

Ephesians 5:18

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit

2. The Changes: Ephesians 5:19

Mind / Speech

Heart / Song

Attitude / Giving Thanks v 20

Nature / Servant: v 22; v 25

Ephesians 5:19,20,22,25

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

3. Ephesians 3:16-19 “... His Spirit .. in love .. filled with the **fullness** of God”

**MORE SPIRIT ⇒ MORE CHRIST ⇒
MORE LOVE ⇒ FULLNESS OF GOD ⇒
OTHERS CHANGED.**

Ephesians 3:16-19

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

4. When filled with the Holy Spirit – His Personality
The **fruit** of the Spirit will be made manifest **in our lives**.
Galatians 5:22

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

- a) **LOVE** 2 Corinthians 5:14
- Love alone can fulfill the will of God in our lives. The believer must become love-inspired, love-mastered and love-compelled. If not, we are just a religious noise. 1 Corinthians 13:1
John 15:12-13
- b) **JOY** John 15:11
Romans 14:17
- Joy is the result of abiding in His Love. Love's Strength.
- c) **PEACE** John 14:27; 16:33
Philippians
Colossians 3:15
- The result of abiding in Him.
- d) **PATIENCE** 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Love is Patient, Suffers long.
- e) **KINDNESS** 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Love is Kind. Love's Conduct
- f) **GOODNESS** John 10:11; Psalm 106:1
Romans 2:7, 10; 12:21
Galatians 6:10
1 Peter 3:11
- Love's Character. *"I am the good Shepherd"*
- g) **FAITHFULNESS** Matthew 25:21
Luke 16:10
Revelation 2:10
- Love's Confidence. Commitment.
- h) **GENTLENESS / MEEKNESS** 2 Corinthians 10:1
- Love's Humility.

i) **SELF-CONTROL**

Love's Victory

"Against such there is no law." A Holy Spirit controlled man needs no law to cause him to live a righteous life. The secret of a Spirit controlled life is found in Romans 12:1-2.

C. *Glorifies Jesus THROUGH His Power*

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| 1. | Greater Works | John 14:12, 16 |
| 2. | Demonstration of the Spirit | 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 |
| 3. | By My Spirit | Zechariah 4:6 |

"might" - innate talents and abilities

"power" - that which we can acquire i.e. money, influence

4. The gifts of the Spirit:

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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| a) | Word of Wisdom | 1 Corinthians 2:6-14 |
| b) | Word of Knowledge | Acts 5:3; 10:11-20;
John 16:13 |
| c) | Faith | 2 Corinthians 4:13 |
| d) | Gifts of Healing | Acts 2:43; 3:6-8; 5:12-16 |
| e) | Effecting of Miracles | Acts 19:11-12; 8:13 |
| f) | Prophecy | Acts 11:27-28; 21:10-11 |

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| g) | Distinguishing of spirits | Acts 16:16-18 |
| h) | Kinds of Tongues: | |
| | (i) Prayer language | Jude 20
1 Cor 14:2, 5,14, 18 |
| | (ii) Language to men | Acts 2:4-13
1 Corinthians 14:21-22 |
| | (iii) Interpretation of Tongues | 1 Corinthians 14:5, 13 |

VII. HE BRINGS CONVICTION

“When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer, and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”

John 16:8-11

VIII. HE BRINGS CONVERSION AND REGENERATION

“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”

Titus 3:5

“Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

John 3:5

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

John 3:8

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.”

John 6:63

“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.”

1 Peter 1:23

IX. HE LIBERATES FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH

“Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”
Romans 8:2

X. HE GIVES ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”
Romans 8:16

“This is the one who came by water and blood –Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.”
1 John 5:6

XI. HE WILL GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODY

“And 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 bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”
Romans 8:11

The word “*mortal*” means, ‘bound to die’ and refers to our physical bodies. When He dwells in us He will impart life (increase our life span) strength, health and vigor.

XII. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS OUR PRAYERS

“But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.”
Jude 20

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”
Ephesians 6:18

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

Romans 8:26-27

XIII. THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRES PRAISE AND WORSHIP

"(Both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues."

Acts 2:11

"For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God."

Acts 10:46

"For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh."

Philippians 3:3

"God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

John 4:24

XI. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES POWER FOR SERVICE

A. Anointed to Minister

1. Anointing Oil Exodus 30:22-33
2. Consecration Leviticus 8:10-12, 30

B. Empowerment by the Spirit in the O.T.

1. **Seventy Elders** Numbers 11:17, 25-29.
2. **Joshua** Deuteronomy 34:9
3. **Othniel** Judges 3:10

4. **Gideon** Judges 6:34
5. **Samson** Judges 14:6, 15:14
6. **Saul** 1 Samuel 10:6, 9, 10
7. **David** 1 Samuel 16:13
8. **Saul's men** 1 Samuel 19:20-23

C. *Empowerment by the Spirit in the Gospels*

1. **John the Baptist** Luke 1:15, 17
2. **Mary** Luke 1:35
3. **Elizabeth** Luke 1:41-42
4. **Zacharias** Luke 1:67

D. *John the Baptist's statement on Jesus*

Luke 3:16

16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

E. *Jesus' Experience with the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:21-22; 4:1, 14, 18

F. *Jesus' Teaching on the Holy Spirit*

John 14:12-18

G. *The Position of the Disciples After Three Years*

Luke 22:32

H. The Events of the Resurrection Day.

Luke 24:1, 13, 21, 33-51

Luke 24:49

49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

I. After the Cross

Luke 24:45 cf. John 20:22

Luke 24:45

45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

John 20:22

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

J. The Holy Spirit Empowerment after the Cross

Luke 24:49-51 cf. Acts 1:1-9; 2:1-4

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

K. Results

Acts 2:14-18, 33, 38-39; 4:8, 31, 33; 6:3, 5, 8

Acts 2:14-18,33, 38-39

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.¹⁵ "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.¹⁶ "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,

1 That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

*Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.
18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.*

33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Acts 4:8, 31, 33;

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 6:3, 5, 8

3 "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

L. Other Activities of the Holy Spirit

Acts 8:5-18; 9:17; 10:44, 19:1-6

Peter and John Acts 8:5-18

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,¹⁰ to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God."¹¹ And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.¹³ Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.¹⁸ And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

Ananias Acts 9:17

¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Peter Acts 10:44

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

Paul Acts 19:1-6

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

M. Receiving the Holy Spirit

Luke 11:11-13

11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Communion/Fellowship ⇒ How much more do you want?