

Foundations for Your Faith Lesson 18 NIV
The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit John 16:7-16 (Pneumatology)

Read John 16:7-16 carefully, several times, and then answer the following questions from the verses as noted.

1. God works through the ages in regards to His covenant relationships with His people. (Edenic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, New) What covenant was in operation at the time of the narrative in John 16?
2. How is the work of the Holy Spirit different today from His work in the Old Testament?
3. 16:7-16 - Is the Holy Spirit a “person” or a “force”? Give reasons for your answer.
4. 16:7-16 What “works” does He perform in this passage
5. What other ministries does the Holy Spirit have in the life of the Christian?
6. List the names and titles belonging to Him that you find in John chapters 14, 15, 16.
7. 16:8-11 Describe the 3 things He does here and define each one.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
8. 16:14 - What is one “job” (work) of the Holy Spirit described in this verse?
9. What ministries of the Holy Spirit are described in the passages below?
 1. Titus 3:5
 2. I Cor. 6:19-20
 3. I Cor. 12:13
 4. Eph. 1:13 and 4:30
 5. I John 2:27
 6. Romans 8:16
 7. Romans 8:14
 8. Romans 8:26-27
10. According to Romans 8:9, can a person be “saved” and not “have” the Holy Spirit?

Quiz on Lesson 18 NIV
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1. The dispensation (covenant) of the law was fulfilled at the Cross, but the “church age” didn’t begin until _____. Therefore gospel history occurs during the covenant (dispensation) of the _____ .
2. The 3 aspects of “personality” that all persons possess are_____
3. Does the Holy Spirit possess these?
4. Is He a person?
5. All people are _____but not all _____are people; for example...

6. List at least 5 works (ministries) of the Spirit in your life as a believer
7. In the O.T., the Holy Spirit came _____ certain people, but in this age He _____ all believers.
8. Define: Inspiration
 Justification
 Imputation
 Redemption
 Sanctification
 Glorification

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

9. List 5 Key Chapters that show that Christ is fully God (Deity of Christ)
10. The Faith Chapter
11. The Resurrection Chapter
12. The “Grand Central Station of the Gospel” Chapter

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God works in regards to His covenant relationships with His people through the ages. (Edenic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, New) What covenant was in operation at the time of the narrative in John 16?

This is the first advent of Christ and is under the covenant dispensation of Law.

Edenic Covenant . also called Adamic Covenant or Innocence; Adam & Eve before the Fall
Promise . Genesis 3:15 brings the first promise of the Redeemer Seed of Woman

Conscience- from the fall through the law; Conscience continues on until the law

Human Government- before the law Gen. 9, continues on even to the Kingdom

Abrahamic Promise-began at Abraham and continues on through the Kingdom age because that is the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Promise . reveals further God's promise in Gen. 3:15

Mosaic Law, Exodus 20 ends at Pentecost when the Church Age begins.

(The Law was fulfilled at the cross).

Some covenants do not end when the next begins. These are Covenants within God's great plan of salvation & redemption. Ultimately, the purpose of God is to remove the curse from all aspects of man's existence.

We are now enjoying the freedom from the curse of the penalty of sin.

Rev. 21-22 will be the final freedom from the curse. The New Heaven and the New Earth.

- **The Holy Spirit worked in different ways in different times under different covenants.**
- **Because God does some things at some times, does not mean He does all things at all times.**

The "Health & Wealth Gospel"; those who believe in declaring dominion over sin, sickness, Satan, and Demons say, "well, the Apostles did it, and Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and therefore if they can do it, we can do it, because Jesus never changes."

This is ludicrous! To say that Jesus never changes and therefore His activity never changes is ridiculous theology. Are we suppose that He creates a new universe every 7 days just because He did so once? Are we to assume He is destroying cities with fire from heaven just because He did so once. He is never going to destroy the world again with a flood . are we to assume that He is lying, since He never changes, and since He did so once He is obligated to continue doing so.

Heb. 13:8 – Jesus Christ the same....does not refer to His works, but to His nature.

He is not still dying today since He died back then.....He does not give the same gifts today that he gave to the apostles.....we must be careful students of the Word of God in our interpretation of scripture

The Holy Spirit never changes, but it is quite evident that the works of the Holy Spirit do change from time to time. There is Church truth in the Gospels because Jesus is preparing the disciples for the Church. John 10 is an example. Matt. 18 (dealing with conflict that will be in the church down the road) But the Gospel history is under the covenant of the Law. In the Gospels we must be careful to understand: Is Jesus speaking to the Jews, or to the church of the future?

How is this different from today?

In a general relationship the Spirit was with them because they were of the nation of Israel.

He dwells with you, but He shall be in you.+ John 14:17

Was the Holy Spirit with the disciples in verse 7? See John 14:17 Yes, but not in the same way He would be at Pentecost.

How did He dwell with them?

The Spirit of God was upon the Lord Jesus Christ; He was led of the Holy Spirit, He was filled with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit came upon Christ at His baptism, and **since Jesus was there with them, the Holy Spirit was there also.**

Rom. 8:9; *He is the Spirit of Christ.*

After Christ left, the Holy Spirit would be in them in a new and unique way.

- ***In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon prophets, priests, and kings.***

In the Old Testament, The Holy Spirit even spoke through the unsaved. John 11:49-51.

None of these individuals in the Old Testament necessarily had to be saved for this work of the Spirit. There is no evidence of the new birth in either Saul or Samson! But they had the Holy Spirit temporarily for God's appointed purpose.

- ***They had a work of the Holy Spirit upon them because of their office,***

- ***Today we have a work of the Holy Spirit on us because of our saving relationship.***

We are made Kings, Priests and Witnesses and thus indwelt by the Spirit particularly.

See Rev. 1:6 and Acts 1:8

The first revelation of the Holy Spirit is in Genesis 1:2 . He moves upon the chaotic, formless, empty earth. We see how the Spirit is at work as light comes forth, form and order is brought out of the formless chaos and the emptiness is filled with fruitful life .

This is a glorious illustration as well of the work of the Spirit of God in the life of God's own. He moves upon the emptiness of our chaotic and lifeless hearts. He brings the light of the glory of God to bear upon us. (2 Cor. 4:4-8) He brings the order of God's law to our hearts, creating conviction and brings us the new birth and gives order and structure to our lives and fills us to overflowing with life and fruitfulness.

16:7-16 - Is the Holy Spirit a "person" or a "force"? Give reasons for your answer.

In vs.7-16, is the Holy Spirit referred to as a "He" or an "it"? He!

Neuter in gender but masculine pronoun with a neuter noun.

He is not a male man, but He is genuine personality.

What does this tell us about Him?

He is a person who possesses attributes and exhibits actions of a person that an influence or mindless force cannot do. (Gravity, tides)

- ***What is a person?***
- ***Are all people persons?***
- ***Are all persons people?***

What makes a person a person?

What is personhood or personality, as opposed to a force like gravity or the wind or tides?

• **Personality is composed of three aspects**

1. **INTELLECT** . the ability to know, to discern, the judge –self knowledge, self awareness, And this includes *moral sense* and the ability to make moral judgementsō right or wrong
2. **EMOTIONS** . feelings, *desire related to values* as well as bodily drives and instincts, love
3. **WILL** . *the ability and responsibility to make moral choices* . the ability to choose, not just an instinctive, natural, bodily response like an animal

Must a person possess a body to be a person by this definition? NO

- Is God the Father a person?
- God the Son?
- God the Holy Spirit?
- Are you a person?
- Are angels persons?

Are all people (human beings) persons? YES

Are all persons people? NO – God & angels are also persons – spirit persons

16:7-16 the things the Holy Spirit does that "persons" do, and that "forces" do not do.

- 1) **Convicts us of moral failure. Re proves.**
- 2) **Guides us into the mental comprehension of truth.**
- 3) **He communicates truth. He speaks.**
- 4) **He hears.**
- 5) **He will communicate to you what will happen in the future.**
- 6) **He will bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 7) **He will receive the things of Christ.**
- 8) **He will reveal the things of Christ.**

Others found elsewhere:

- 1) **He has intelligence.** He knows and searches the mind of God. (1 Cor. 2:10-11);He possesses a mind (Rom. 8:27); He is able to teach people (1 Cor. 2:13)
- 2) **He shows feelings** He can be grieved by the sinful actions of believers (Eph. 4:30)
- 3) **He has a will.** He uses this in distributing gifts to the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:11) He also directs the activities of Christians (Acts 16:6-11)
- 4) **He guides us into truth** by hearing, speaking, and showing (John 16:13)
- 6) **He performs miracles** (Acts 8:39)
- 7) **He intercedes** (Rom. 8:26)

• **Old Testament Ministries**

Creation, Striving/Convicting/Hindering sin, Inspiration, Moving the Prophets, Filling prophets, imparting gifts (Tabernacle), Coming upon prophets & kings

Old Testament Anointing – selective, temporary anointing

New Testament Indwelling – universal, permanent indwelling, baptism, sealing, etc.

List the names and titles belonging to Him that you find in John chapters 14, 15, 16.

Comforter, Spirit of truth, Holy Spirit

Comforter = come along with strength.

Another comforter . homo versus hetero (same versus different)

- **The Holy Spirit is the SAME KIND OF COMFORTER as the Lord Jesus Christ**

16:8-11 Describe the 3 things He does here and define each one.

4. **Convict/convince of sin**
5. **Convict/convince of righteousness**
6. **Convict/convince of judgment**

Sin = Our guilt; makes us aware of our guilt, emptiness and lack of faith in Christ, and He convinces us of the reality of our sin and our helplessness to save ourselves .

Righteousness = The Holy Spirit will come and He will convince you of righteousness because I go to my Father. He will do this because Christ will be with the Father and no longer among us visibly on earth. The Spirit did it through Christ while He was among us, now He will do it through our lives . **YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

Judgment = Satan is judged by Christ's death and resurrection, and since it is certain that even the most powerful angel will not escape judgment, neither will you. The Spirit will convict us of the certainty of our coming judgment and need of a Savior.

16:14 - What is one "job" (purpose) of the Holy Spirit described in this verse?

To glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and to reveal the things of Christ to us.

He exalts the Lord Jesus Christ and Christ points us to the Father.

One of the major errors of Charismatic teaching is their improper emphasis on the Holy Spirit, and their careless way of interpreting scripture. The Spirit does not magnify Himself, He magnifies Christ! The focus of worship is to be Christ, not the Spirit. The focus of service is to be serving, not receiving gifts. The goal of ministry is godliness, not feelings.

What ministries of the Holy Spirit are described in the passages below?

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| 9. Titus 3:5 | Regeneration |
| 10. I Cor. 6:19-20 | Indwelling |
| 11. I Cor. 12:13 | Baptism |
| 12. Eph. 1:13 and 4:30 | Sealing |
| 13. I John 2:27 | Teaching |
| 14. Romans 8:16 | Assuring |
| 15. Romans 8:14 | Leading |
| 16. Romans 8:26-27 | Interceding |

- **Romans chapter 8 is the GRAND CENTRAL STATION OF GOSPEL TRUTH. Everything flows into it and flows out of it...it brings together the law, the cross, the Trinity, the glorious certainty of our salvation...it is a watershed of important doctrine.**

SEVERAL HANDOUT SHEETS FOLLOW ON THE PERSON & WORKS OF THE SPIRIT

DEFINITIONS FOR PNEUMATOLOGY

REGENERATION

TITUS 3:5-6 Regenerate = Give life to, again!

***Adam became a sinner because he sinned;
everybody since Adam sins because we are sinners.***

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin and that operates on the mind, emotion, and the will;

The Holy Spirit brings that home through the work of regeneration (born-again, new birth).

The means of doing this is the gospel.

The Spirit of Truth uses the message of truth to convict the sinner of his lost condition and to impart to him the new birth.

When that truth is imparted to his spirit and he is born-again, he claims Christ as his own.

Faith is the consequence of the new birth, not the cause of it.

It all happens in an instant of time; as the gospel is dawning upon my soul, the Spirit of God opens my eyes, I believe on Christ and I am saved.

- ***Logically, the order is... conviction, regeneration, repentance and faith.***

INDWELLING

1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Cor. 3:16 = He indwells us.

Is the Holy Spirit in this table? Your computer? In an unbeliever?

If not, then He is not omnipresent!

But in what sense is He present in these things that is different from His presence in the life of the believer?

- *His omnipresence = everywhere – of necessity*
- *His personal presence = indwelling the body and soul of the believer personally.*

Example: When we speak of Jesus, we say He is at the Father's right hand, seated in heaven.

But we also speak of His being everywhere...Matt. 28:18-20

He is personally present in Heaven, omnipresent everywhere, and personally present with us in His Spirit with believers.

SPIRIT BAPTISM

1 Cor. 12:13 = He baptizes (places) us into the Body of Christ. (ALL) This is the unique ministry of the Spirit in the life of the church that was not in the life of believing Israel under the law.

SEALING

Eph. 4:30; 1:13 = He seals us unto the day of redemption. (Mark of ownership, authority, and permanence.)

An Arminian does not believe that salvation is a miracle.

They believe it is a decision. You cannot amputate Christ's Body.

We did not seek God out, He sought us;

We decided for Christ because the Holy Spirit opened our blind eyes, convicted us of sin, and drew us to himself.

We were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world.

No man can be proud and be arrogant and believe in the sovereignty of God and the total depravity of man. The two are complete opposites. The truth of God's sovereign grace and man's total depravity exalts God and humbles man.

TEACHING

1 John 2:27 = He anoints us in that He will be our teacher.

We cannot understand any spiritual truth without Him.

Teachers are beneficial, but not essential for imparting spiritual truth.

The Holy Spirit and Word of God are essential.

Godly teachers are important and God-given.

ASSURING

Rom. 8:16 = He bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Assures us; our assurance. There is a difference between our security and our assurance. We are secure in Christ if we are saved. We received assurance of that security as we grow in the Word and learn from the Holy Spirit.

LEADING

Rom. 8:14 = He leads us as children of God.

The Spirit of God will never lead you where the Word of God forbids.

There is an inseparable connection between the Word and the Spirit.

See Eph. 5:18 and Col. 3:16 . the same concept, but the Word and the Spirit are interchanged.

According to Romans 8:9, can a person be “saved” and not “have” the Holy Spirit?

All OT believers were saved by faith looking forward to the coming of the Messiah and to the cross. (John 3:3) They were regenerated, but not necessarily indwelt.

- **All New Testament believers after Pentecost are permanently indwelt by the Holy Spirit upon believing in Christ. From this time on all believers are indwelt from the time of their salvation. Rom. 8:9 is the key.**

The Holy Spirit and His Work in the Believer in the Church Age

He Convicts us of sin - John 16:7-11

He Regenerates us (New Birth) - John 3:3-7

He Imparts Faith to us - Gal. 5:22

He Indwells us (Lives within us, making us God's temple) 1 Cor.6:19-20

He Baptizes us into the Body of Christ - I Cor. 12:13

He Creates Spiritual Unity in the Body - I Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 4:3

He Seals us in Christ - Eph. 1:13-14 & 4:30

He Assures us of our Salvation - Romans 8:16

He Prays for us in the will of God - Romans 8:26-27

He Empowers us for witnessing & service - Acts 1:5-8

He Fills and Controls our lives enabling us to live a life of worship & joy & freedom from the domination of sin - Eph. 5:17-20

He Gives us **Spiritual Gifts** to serve with - 1 Cor. 12:4-31, Eph. 4:3-16

He Teaches us & makes God's word understandable- 1 Cor.2:9-16
1 John 2:20 John 16:13

He Leads and directs us in the will of God - Romans 8:14

He Creates Fruit (holiness) in our characters - Gal. 5:22-26

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

CREATION: *creates, brings order out of chaos, preserves*

Gen. 1:1-2; Psalm 104:29-30; Job 33:4; Job 26:13; Psalm 33:6; Isa. 40:12-13

REVELATION: *moved & guided authors of scripture, imparted revelation to men*

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Sam. 23:2; Micah 3:8; John 14:26

DIRECTION: *Restraining men from evil, convicting, enabling for service,*

selective/temporary indwelling or "coming upon" special servants . i.e. prophets/judges, priests/servants, kings/leaders Gen. 6:3; Neh. 9:20; Psalm 51:11; Psalm 32:1-8; Judges 14:6; 1 Sam. 16:13; Exo. 31:3

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Conception: Luke 1:35; Heb. 10:5-7

Life & Ministry: Isa. 42:1-7; Isa. 61:1-2; Matt. 4:1

Death: Heb. 9:14

Resurrection: Romans 8:11

PNEUMATOLOGY The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit **Key chapters: John 14-16 & Romans 8**

The Personality of the Holy Spirit

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| Intelligence | 1 Cor. 2:10-11 |
| Emotions | Eph. 4:30 |
| Decisions | 1 Cor. 12:11 |
| Speaks | Acts 10:19-21 |
| Sends | Acts 13:4; Acts 8:29 |
| Intercedes | Romans 8:26 |
| Convinces the conscience | John 16:8 |
| His works . | see below |

The Divine Nature of the Holy Spirit

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|------------------|--|
| He is called God | Acts 5:3-5 |
| Names & Titles | Matt. 28:19-20; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; John 14-16 |
| Omnipresence | Psalms 139:7 |
| Omnipotence | Genesis 1:2 |
| Truth | 1 John 5:6 |
| Holiness | Romans 1:4; John 14-16 |
| Inspiration | 2 Peter 1:21 |
| Gives Life | John 3:3-7; Titus 3:5-6 |

The Ministries of the Holy Spirit in the Christian

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|---------------------|---|
| Conviction of Sin | John 16:8-11 |
| Regeneration | John 3:3-7; Titus 3:5-6 |
| Indwelling | 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 8:9-18 |
| Baptism into Christ | 1 Cor. 12:13 |
| Sealing | Eph. 4:30 & 1:13 |
| Filling | Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:22-23 |
| Gifts | 1 Cor. 12:11; 1 Peter 4:10; Eph. 4:8-16 |
| Teaching | John 16:12-15; 1 Cor. 2:14 |
| Guiding | Romans 8:14 |
| Assuring | Romans 8:16 |
| Praying | Romans 8:26 |

The Holy Spirit and His Work in Your Life - DEFINITIONS

God is a Trinity - a Triune Being - One God, eternally existing in 3 Persons

The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit

God the Father sent the Son to be our Savior 1 John 4:14

The Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit and He.....

He Convicts us of sin - John 16:7-11

The reality of our sin & guilt - upon the conscience

The desperate nature of our sinful condition & guilt before God - Isa. 6:1-6

The realization of His holiness & our own unworthiness - the absolute impossibility of coming to God on our own merit or efforts or terms

He Regenerates us (New Birth) - John 3:3-7

Granting repentance - so that we don't run from the truth or resist it

Imparting saving faith - without this, we would be left in despair

Implanting spiritual life to our own dead spirit - Eph. 2:1-4

He Imparts Faith to us - Gal. 5:22

The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to create & increase faith in our hearts

1 Cor. 2:12-16; Romans 10:17

He Indwells us - **CHRIST IN YOU!** (Lives within us, making us God's temple) 1 Cor.6:19-20

We become the very dwelling place of God -the internal, permanent residence of God the Holy Spirit

He Baptizes us into the Body of Christ - **YOU IN CHRIST!** 1 Cor. 12:13

We become part of the family of God - The body of Christ - a member of Christ's body

Also called the Bride of Christ . every believer at the moment of regeneration is **"IN CHRIST"** -

See Ephesians 1 (Find every **we**+Eph. 1:3-23)

He Creates Spiritual Unity in the Body - 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 4:3

Because of our **oneness**+in Christ - See Ephesians 4:1-6

(make a list of the **we**+things we all share as believers)

He Seals us in Christ - Eph. 1:13-14 & 4:30

This is the Holy Spirit Himself - the mark of ownership II Tim.2:19

The mark of security & ownership - **God's** property, under His authority+

John 10:27-28

He Assures us of our Salvation - Romans 8:16

This is the inner assurance the Holy Spirit gives through the scriptures in our hearts - this is the assurance that is beyond **hoping**+to **knowing**+we are saved based on His word and His witness internally

(The **we**+assurance - knowing God is truly our Father through Christ alone!)

He Prays for us in the will of God - Romans 8:26-27

This is a mysterious ministry in that the Holy Spirit is continually praying for us to be in the will of God - Romans 8:26-27 He also assists us in praying in a submissive spirit and in agreement with the Father's will - Jude 20 - He empowers us & leads us in our praying as we yield to Him

He Empowers us for witnessing & service - Acts 1:5-8

It is the Spirit that gives us the power to live a holy life & serve in an effective way
Romans 8:1-14 Ephesians 4:7-16

He Fills and Controls our lives enabling us to live a life of worship & joy & freedom from the domination of sin - Eph. 5:17-20 To be ~~filled~~+means to be under the control of
This is the basis of sanctification (growing in holiness)

He Gives us **Spiritual Gifts** to serve with . 1 Cor. 12:4-31, Eph. 4:3-16

Along with special power, the Holy Spirit also gives us special spiritual abilities with which to serve, and also can direct & sanctify natural talents to the glory and service of God (See also Romans 12:6-8)

He Calls us to serve God in certain tasks He chooses for us - Acts 13:1-2

At times, the Holy Spirit gives us ~~a~~ burden+or a ~~leading~~+to take on a certain ministry or a life calling. It may be crystal clear at the outset, or it may be a gradual awareness of His calling as we follow Him daily in obedience. It may be **witnessed** to by others (~~them, they~~) and is made evident **as we serve** (not before) Eph. 2:10 Gal. 1:14-16 Acts 13:1-4

He Teaches us & makes God's word understandable to us- 1 Cor.2:9-16

1 John 2:20; John 16:13 The Holy Spirit makes the bible ~~come~~ alive+as we say . although it has always been alive Heb. 4:12 . it was we who were dead Eph. 2:1-5 and causes us to see and understand Who God is, what He's done for us, what He promises to do for us in the future. (Often using others with the spiritual gift of teaching to assist us.)

He Leads and directs us in the will of God - Romans 8:14

His inner conviction of sin, guidance in circumstances, control over providence, and direction in fellowship with other believers, and especially His teaching as we read the scriptures are all part of His leading work in our lives. His leading is always consistent with Scripture, and never contrary to any of God's commands or revealed will! **The Spirit is never leading us in paths forbidden by His Word!** We must be careful when we say ~~the~~ Lord is leading me to.....+as it must be consistent with scripture, and not contrary to it!

He Creates Fruit (holiness) in our characters - Gal. 5:22-26

The overall work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is primarily that of conforming us to the image of Jesus Christ. This means, that He is at work in our character & attitude to make us holy, as He is holy. Romans 8:26-29 The Holy Spirit is at work making us holy. When we are holding on to sinful attitudes, outlooks, habits or deeds, we are causing the Holy Spirit grief and quenching His purifying fire in our lives.
Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19