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First, Let's Have a Talk

A Word From Your Study Guide Author

You have probably read on the back cover of this book some reasons why people study this course. Are these your reasons? If so, you will enjoy reading about men and women who have received the Holy Spirit as their Friend and Helper. You will learn from the Bible what this Friend can do for you. Best of all, as you put into practice the suggestions given in each lesson, you will know God better and serve Him more effectively.

You will find the *Suggestions for Further Reading* at the end of this book helpful if you plan to teach the course or want to study more about the subject and keep informed about what the Holy Spirit is doing today. This course uses a modern method of teaching, which will help you to learn the principles easily and put them into practice immediately.

Don't be surprised if the Bible verses in these lessons are not exactly the same as in your Bible. As you know, there are many translations of the Bible. We have used *Today's English Version* of the Old and New Testaments, unless otherwise noted, and have given the chapter and the verse where you can find it in your Bible. Sometimes we quote just part of a verse.

Your Study Guide

Your Helpful Friend is a workbook that you can take with you and study whenever you have five or ten minutes free. Try to do at least a lesson a week.

You will notice that objectives are given at the beginning of each lesson. The word *objective* is used in this book to help you know what to expect from your study. An objective is something like a goal or a purpose. You will study better if you keep in mind your objectives.

Be sure to study carefully the first two pages of each lesson. This prepares your mind for what follows. Next, study the lesson section by section and follow the instructions under the title *For You to Do*. If there is not enough room to write your answers to the study questions in the study guide, write them in a notebook so you can refer back to them when you review the lessons. If you are studying this course with a group, follow the instructions of your group leader.

How to Answer Study Questions

There are different kinds of study questions in this study guide. Following are samples of several types and how to answer them.

A *MULTIPLE-CHOICE* question or item asks you to choose an answer from the ones that are given.

Example of Multiple-Choice Question

- 1 A week has a total of
- a) 10 days.
 - b) 7 days.
 - c) 5 days.

The correct answer is *b) 7 days*. In your study guide, make a circle around *b)* as shown here:

- 1** A week has a total of
a) 10 days.
(b) 7 days.
c) 5 days.

For some multiple-choice items, more than one answer may be correct. In that case, you would circle the letter in front of each correct answer.

A *TRUE-FALSE* question or item asks you to choose which of several statements are TRUE.

Example of True-False Question

- 2** Which statements below are TRUE?
a The Bible has a total of 120 books.
(b) The Bible is a message for believers today.
c All of the Bible authors wrote in the Hebrew language.
(d) The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible.

Statements **b** and **d** are true. You would make a circle around these two letters to show your choices, as you see above.

A *MATCHING* question or item asks you to match things that go together, such as names with descriptions or Bible books with their authors.

Example of Matching Question

3 Write the number for the leader's name (right) in front of each phrase that describes something he did (left).

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| . . . 1 . . . a | Received the Law at Mt. Sinai | 1) Moses |
| . . . 2 . . . b | Led the Israelites across Jordan | 2) Joshua |
| . . . 2 . . . c | Marched around Jericho | |
| . . . 1 . . . d | Lived in Pharaoh's court | |

Phrases **a** and **d** refer to *Moses*, and phrases **b** and **c** refer to *Joshua*. You would write **1** beside **a** and **d**, and **2** beside **b** and **c**, as you see above.

Your Student Report

If you are studying to earn a certificate, you will need to complete the Student Report. The Student Report and answer sheets are located at the end of the book.

There are two units in this course. In the Student Report there are questions for each unit. There is also an answer sheet for each of the two units. Your study guide will tell you when to answer the unit questions and to fill out the appropriate answer sheet.

Follow the instructions given in your student report for sending the answer sheets to the ICI office in your area. The address should be stamped at the top of the copyright page. When you do this, you will receive an attractive certificate. If you have already earned the certificate, you will receive a seal to affix to it, indicating that you have completed another course in this unit of study.

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Reverend Walker wrote this course with a thorough knowledge, both personal and biblical, of the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit, your helpful Friend.

Additional Helps

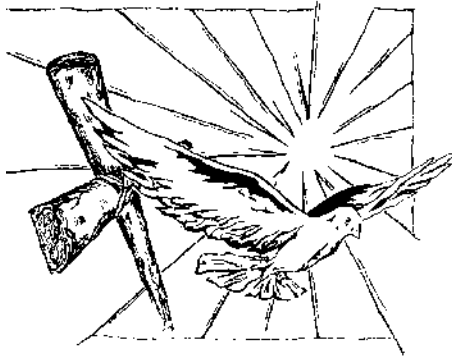
Other materials are available for use with this study guide, including supplemental audiocassettes, an Instructor's Guide, and an Instructor's Packet (for instructor's use only). Consult the *Evangelism, Discipleship, and Training Manual*.

Lesson
1

You Have a Friend— the Holy Spirit

Today, more than ever before in the history of the world, people are talking about the Holy Spirit and His work. They have discovered that He is a Person, not just an influence. He has brought new life and power into thousands of churches. And millions of people today are discovering what the early Christians meant when they talked about being “filled with the Holy Spirit.”

In *The Pentecostal Evangel*, Robert C. Cunningham wrote about the question, “What does it mean to be filled with God?” He said this: “We know what it means for a person to be filled with fear, don’t we—or filled with envy, or anger! . . . It means that these strong forces urge him to actions which express the spirit that has gained control of him.”



“Here then is the real glory of Pentecost. God the Holy Spirit comes into the lives and bodies of men and women to such an extent that they are filled with His presence . . . The Lord suddenly comes and fills His temple! Human beings become temples of God—think of it! May we learn again the unutterable wonder of being filled with God.”

In this lesson you will study . . .

He Is a Special Friend
He Will Help You
He Will Teach You
He Will Make God Real to You
He Will Fill Your Life with Love

This lesson will help you . . .

- Explain who the Holy Spirit is.
- Describe how the Holy Spirit can be your Friend.
- List seven specific titles of the Holy Spirit that show who He is and what He does.

HE IS A SPECIAL FRIEND

Objective 1. *Name the “helper” that Jesus promised to send.*

Someone asked a great man the secret of his success. He answered: “I had a friend.” He let everyone know that without the help of his friend his life would have been a failure. His friend had helped him, encouraged him, and stood by him. His friend loved him, had faith in him, and made his life worthwhile. Do you have a friend like that? You need one.

What kind of friend would you like to have? You would want him or her to love you, to care about you and your problems, to share in your happiness. You would want this friend to be perfectly frank with you, to tell you the truth even when it hurts, and to point out your faults with kindness in order to help you do better.

Maybe you would like your friend to be wiser, stronger, and better than you are. Then your friend would teach you, help you day by day, and answer your questions. He or she would help you with all of your problems. And the more time you would spend together, the more like your friend you would become—stronger, wiser, better than you are now.

Jesus Christ was this kind of friend to Peter, James, John, and the other disciples. He was a friend of sinners. He forgave their sins and gave them a clean new life. He was a friend to all who wanted His friendship: rich or poor, sinner or saint, ignorant or well educated of any race or nation. He gave them a richer, deeper, more unselfish love than they had ever known before—the love of God. He taught them the truth. He helped them with all of their problems.

But a human body limited Jesus. He could be in only one place at a time. He could not be with all of His friends who needed Him. So Jesus told His followers that He would go back to heaven and send them another Friend and Helper who could be with them all at the same time, wherever they were.

John 14:16,17. “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever . . . The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you.”

This helper that Jesus promised to send is the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity. He is just like God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son in His nature, power, and purpose. He knows all things. He has all power. He does not have a body but can be everywhere at the same time. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, just as He promised to do, so that He could live in those who would receive Him. He has come to do for you what Jesus did for His followers.

John 16:7. “It is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you.”

Do you sometimes feel that no one understands you or cares about your problems? God does! He knows just what you need. He loves you so much that He has sent His Holy Spirit to be your special Friend and Helper. In this course you will learn about how the Holy Spirit came, what He did for the early Christians, and what He will do for you. With the Holy Spirit as your Friend, you never need to feel lonesome or helpless again.



For You To Do

In each of these *For You to Do* sections, the questions or exercises will help you review or apply what you have just studied. Follow the directions given for completing each one. When you are

directed to, write your answers in your notebook. If you need to, review the section entitled **How to Answer Study Questions** at the beginning of this study guide.

1 Memorize John 14:16,17. Think about what Jesus did for people and what the Holy Spirit will do for you.

2 The “Helper” Jesus promised to send is

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HE WILL HELP YOU

Objective 2. List the seven titles the Bible uses for the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised to send another Helper. The word He used in Greek was *Paraclete*, which is sometimes translated Comforter. It means, “someone called alongside to help.” The other titles of the Paraclete show you what His powers and responsibilities are and how He will help you. He is called the Spirit of life, the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of Christ, and the Spirit of God. Whatever your problem may be, your Helper has the solution.

The Spirit of Life

Do you need healing for your body? In different parts of the world sick people are being healed miraculously today in answer to prayer. Deaf ears hear again. Blind eyes see. Paralyzed people throw away their crutches and walk once more by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of life who gives life to all living beings. He has worked through Jesus to heal the sick and still does the same work.

In the next lesson you will study more about how the Spirit of life gives you life and health for both body and soul—a joyful, satisfying life on earth, and glorious, everlasting life in the world to come. But in order to enjoy the life that the Spirit gives, you must let Him lead you.

Romans 8:5,6. Those who live as the Spirit tells them to, have their minds controlled by what the Spirit wants. To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace.



For You To Do

3 In your notebook, list the seven titles the Bible uses for the Holy Spirit.

4 Would you like to have the Holy Spirit as your Friend and Helper?

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5 Do you want to know the Holy Spirit better?

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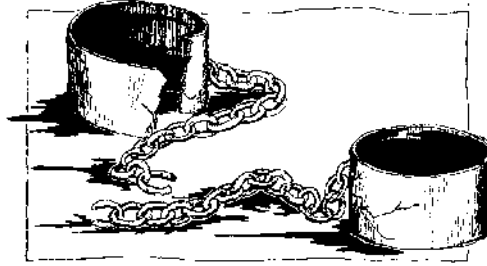
6 Read Romans 8:5,6 several times. Think about the changes the Holy Spirit can make in your life.

The Holy Spirit

Objective 3. *Describe specific areas in your life where the Holy Spirit can help you.*

Do you find it hard to live the right kind of life? Do you want to be a better Christian? Your Helper is the Holy Spirit, or Spirit of holiness. Holy means “separated from sin and given to God.” The Holy Spirit shows us how terrible our sins are and helps us get rid of them. As we let Him have His way, He leads us closer to God and away from such sins as pride, selfishness, stubbornness, bad temper, prejudice, hatred, resentment, laziness, self-pity, rebelliousness, greed, and immoral thoughts or actions.

Maybe you need help to get rid of some bad habit. If you are a Christian, your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He will help you get rid of any habits that would harm your body. The Holy Spirit has set thousands of drug addicts free. Medical science and social workers had been able to give them only temporary relief. In a last desperate effort to “kick the habit,” they turned to God for help. After accepting the Lord Jesus as their Savior they asked the Holy Spirit to fill them and give them power to live for God. When the Holy Spirit filled them, He delivered them from the drug habit. He filled them with the love of God and the desire to help others. Many are now preaching the gospel. Their lives are clean because of the Spirit of holiness in them.



1 Peter 1:2. You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by His Spirit.



For You To Do

7 Do you have any sins or bad habits from which you want the Holy Spirit to free you? Write them down just for you and Him to see. Ask Him to take control and deliver you from these things.

HE WILL TEACH YOU

Objective 4. *Identify the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth.*

The Spirit of Truth

Just as Jesus taught His disciples the truth and answered their questions, the Holy Spirit will teach you. He will answer your questions about God. He will show you the purpose of life. He will help you understand the Bible. Things that used to puzzle you will suddenly become clear. Jesus said:

John 16:13 (NIV). “But when He, the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.”



Recently some seminary students received the Holy Spirit. Bible truths suddenly “came alive” for them. Their teachers were amazed at their new understanding of spiritual things. The Spirit of truth had come.



For You To Do

- 8 Memorize John 16:13.
- 9 Do you want the Spirit of truth to teach you?

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The Spirit of Wisdom

Objective 5. *Identify the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of wisdom.*

Do you wonder what you should do or how to solve your problems? The Spirit of wisdom has come to help you. He will lead you and show you what is best for you. In Lesson 4 you will study about how He will do it.

Do you want wisdom to work for God? In Acts you see that the deacons had to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to do their work, as they should. Maybe you teach in Sunday school, do personal evangelism, or preach. The Spirit of wisdom wants to fill you and help you just as He did the workers in the early church.

Acts 6:10. But the Spirit gave Stephen such wisdom that when he spoke, they could not refute him.



For You To Do

- 10 Do you need to be filled with the Spirit of wisdom?

HE WILL MAKE GOD REAL TO YOU

Objective 6. *State how God makes himself known to us.*

The Spirit of God

Does God seem real to you? Is He a far-off Ruler that you call on only in times of great crises? Or is He a loving heavenly Father who cares about every detail of your life? Are your prayers little speeches that you make because of a sense of duty? Or are they frank conversations with your Father? The Spirit of God has come to help you know God better.

1 Corinthians 2:10-12. God made known his secret by means of his Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, even the hidden depths of God’s purposes . . . We have received the Spirit sent by God, so that we may know all that God has given us.

Your teacher will be praying for you as Paul prayed for the Christians at Ephesus:

Ephesians 1:16-19. I . . . ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you, so that you will know him. I ask that your minds may be open to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, and how great is his power at work in us who believe.



For You To Do

11 Read Ephesians 1:16-19 several times. Make this prayer your own. Pray it for yourself and others.

12 According to 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, how does God make himself known to us?

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The Spirit of Christ

The Holy Spirit of Christ made Jesus real to you when He saved you. He let you know that Jesus is more than a great Teacher who lived long ago. He introduced you personally to Jesus, the Son of God, and helped you accept Him as your Savior, Lord, and King. He joined you to Christ and made you a member of His body, the church. This union is so real that Christ lives in you by His Spirit.

Romans 8:9. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

The Holy Spirit was with the followers of Jesus before the Day of Pentecost, but Jesus promised that He would come in a new way and fill them. Jesus himself would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. When he baptized them, the Holy Spirit taught them more about Jesus and gave them power to tell others about Christ.

In the same way today, all those who have been born again have the Spirit of Christ. But Jesus wants to baptize them in His Spirit so that they can be more effective witnesses for Him. You will study about this later.

John 15:26; 16:14. “The Helper will come—the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and he will speak about me. He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you.”



For You To Do

13 Would you like for the Spirit to make Jesus more real to you? If so, ask Him to do it.

HE WILL FILL YOUR LIFE WITH LOVE

Objective 7. *State five aspects of God's love.*

What our world needs most today is unselfish love, the love that only God can give. God can use you to help meet that need if you let the Holy Spirit fill you with this kind of love.

In Old Testament times God talked with the prophets and showed them His love. They told the people about His love. But many people still thought of God only as a strict judge ready to punish them for their sins. They did not understand that He wanted to save them from their sins and be their Father.

Finally God sent His Son Jesus Christ to live among people and show them what God is really like. In Jesus' teachings you learn about the wonderful love of God for all mankind. In Jesus' life, you see this love in action. In His death and resurrection for you, you see the proof of God's love.

But what happened 2,000 years ago may seem far away. We get taken up with the problems of today—hunger, violence, crime, wars—and wonder if God really cares. We need to meet Him personally and find out for ourselves that He does love us.

So the Holy Spirit has come to give you a personal encounter with God. Just as Jesus came to reveal the love of the Father, the Holy Spirit has come to reveal the love of the Father and of the Son. He will pour into your life a love that you cannot describe. He begins to do this when you are converted. When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit you may seem to have even more capacity for God's love. And down through the years your life can overflow constantly with the love of God as you are filled again and again with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5. God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us.

A five-way love fills your life:

1. God's love for you
2. Your love for God
3. Love of other Christians for you
4. Your love for other Christians
5. Your love for everyone else

Persons who have been filled with the Spirit describe their experience this way:

“It was a baptism of love. I suddenly had a great love for God and for His Word.”

“The Holy Spirit gave me a new love for my family, friends, other Christians, and even for persons who had been my enemies.”

“The Holy Spirit made Calvary real to me. My heart was filled with gratitude to God. A great love for God welled up in me and burst from my lips in praise to Him.”

“Sobs shook my body as God's love for lost souls filled me and the Holy Spirit prayed through me for their salvation.”

Modern day experience follows the pattern in the early church: “See how they love one another!” Wherever you go you will appreciate the love of Spirit-filled brothers and sisters in the Lord. And you can enter into a life more joyful than you had dreamed possible as you let the Holy Spirit fill you with love.



For You To Do

14 Memorize Romans 5:5.

15 Draw the sketch of five-way love.

16 While studying this course, read at least a chapter a day from the Book of Acts in your Bible. Underline the name of the Holy Spirit wherever you find it. Later you will report on this.

17 If we want the Holy Spirit to help us, the first step is to recognize our need. Write an **N** after each of His titles where you have a definite need (help from the Helper, etc.).

Helper	.....	Spirit of Truth	.....
Comforter	.....	Spirit of Christ	.....
Spirit of God	.....	Spirit of Wisdom	.....
Spirit of Life	.....	Spirit of Holiness	.....

Now go back and write an **E** (for experience) by each title where you have already experienced the help of the Holy Spirit. Next, thank the Spirit for what He has done for you already. Then pray for your needs where you have written an **N**. Be definite. You may want to write these needs out on a separate piece of paper and keep it in your Bible to remind you to pray for them and to thank God as He answers.



Check Your Answers

We have given answers for those exercises where you were asked for a certain reply. We have also included comments on some of the other exercises. The answers are not given in the usual order. This is done so you will not see the answer to your next question ahead of time. Look for the number you need, and try not to look ahead.

12 He makes himself known to us by means of His Holy Spirit.

2 the Holy Spirit.

15 Now, show your sketch or diagram for someone else and explain it.

3 The titles are (in any order): a) Comforter, b) Spirit of Life, c) Holy Spirit, d) Spirit of Truth, e) Spirit of Wisdom, f) Spirit of Christ, and g) Spirit of God.

Lesson

2

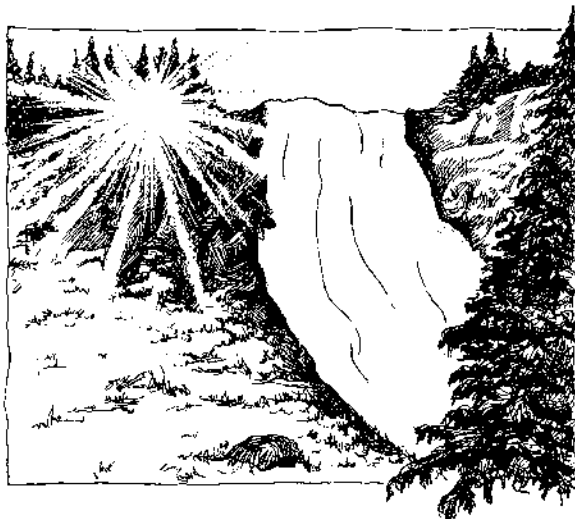
The Holy Spirit Gives You Life

Why did the Holy Spirit come? The Pentecostal writer, Melvin L. Hodges, gave four important reasons. The Holy Spirit has come, he said, to *enable us to think God's thoughts*. Our natural thinking is self-centered; the divine program calls for self-giving. We think of ourselves; God thinks of others. So something must take place that will bring our thoughts into line with God's thoughts. The coming of the Spirit was intended to accomplish this.

The Holy Spirit came to *enable us to share God's emotions*. One of God's emotions is love. It is not in us to yearn for the lost, to sacrifice strength and time, to weep and pray for the fallen. Only God's Spirit can put that love in us.

The Spirit has come to *enable us to pray God's prayers*, to pray in God's strength for the things God wants us to receive. We do not know what to ask for, and we have no ability to present ourselves to God. So the Spirit helps our weaknesses.

Finally, the Holy Spirit came to *enable us to do God's work*. God's method was announced in the Bible: "Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty" (Zechariah 4: 6, NIV).



In this lesson you will study . . .

Life and Health for Your Body
Life and Health for Your Spirit
Life With a Purpose

This lesson will help you . . .

- State how the Holy Spirit can give you life and health.
- List the qualities of character that the Holy Spirit will produce in you.
- List ways the Holy Spirit can help you fulfill the wonderful purpose God has for your life.

LIFE AND HEALTH FOR YOUR BODY

Objective 1. *Identify the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and body.*

Life From the Spirit of Life

You have received from the Spirit something worth more than all the silver and gold in the world—life. Two of the titles of the Holy Spirit are *Spirit of God* and *Spirit of life*. Together with God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit took part in the creation of the world. The Spirit of Life brought life to this earth. His life-giving power is the force that makes the laws of nature function. Your Friend, the Spirit of life, worked through these natural laws the miracle of life and birth that brought you into the world.

Job 33:4. God's spirit made me and gave me life.



For You To Do

- 1 Memorize Job 33:4.
- 2 Give two titles of the Holy Spirit that are mentioned in this section.

Health From the Spirit of Life

Who can give you new strength when you are weak? Who can give you vibrant health when you are sick? Who can protect you against the poisons in your environment, the diseases that you are exposed to? Who can give you peace and joyful release from the nervous tensions of your daily problems? Who can break the power of drug or alcohol addiction? Who can make the deaf hear, the blind see, and the paralytics walk again? Who can heal cancer, leprosy, heart trouble, and any other disease on earth? Who can even bring the dead back to life? Your Friend, the Spirit of life! The One who made our bodies knows how to make them well again.

The Spirit works in different ways to heal. Many are healed when they accept Jesus as Savior, others when they are baptized in water or in the Holy Spirit. Many are healed instantly when prayed for, others gradually. Some are healed while reading the Bible; others while taking communion, sitting in a church service, praying, or going about their work. As God's children pray and believe, the Spirit of life pours His life and strength into the one for whom prayer is made.

The Spirit of life brings health to the mind and nerves as well as to the body. He delivers people from depression, fears, and all kinds of mental illness. He sets people free from demon powers today just as Jesus did when He was here on earth.

The Holy Spirit worked through Jesus to bring healing and health to all who needed it.

Acts 10:38. You know about Jesus of Nazareth and how God poured out on Him the Holy Spirit and power. He went everywhere, doing good and healing all who were under the power of the Devil, for God was with him.

After Jesus went back to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to take His place. The Holy Spirit filled the believers and kept on doing through them the very same miracles that He had done through Jesus.

Acts 5:12, 16. Many miracles and wonders were being performed among the people by the apostles . . . And crowds of people came in from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing those who were sick or who had evil spirits in them; and they were all healed.

The Holy Spirit gave the early Christians the *charismata* or supernatural gifts that they needed to carry on the work Jesus had begun. Nine of these gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12. Three of them are gifts of faith, healing, and miracles.

1 Corinthians 12:9,10. One and the same Spirit gives faith to one person, while to another person he gives the power to heal. The Spirit gives one person the power to work miracles.

Many Christians today recognize that what the Holy Spirit did for the early church in the Book of Acts is God's pattern for His church today. They ask Jesus to fill them with the Holy Spirit and He does. They ask for the Holy Spirit to manifest His gifts through them and He does. As a result, many are receiving healing by the power of the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer.

James tells us what to do when we are sick. We are to ask the elders of the church to pray for us—the pastor, the evangelist, or the deacons. In the Bible, oil is a symbol that represents the Holy Spirit. People were anointed with oil to show that they belonged to God and trusted in His Spirit to work in them. The oil doesn't heal. The Spirit does.



James 5:14,15. Is there anyone who is sick? He should send for the church elders, who will pray for him and rub olive oil on him in the name of the Lord. This prayer made in faith will heal the sick person; the Lord will restore him to health.

You too, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, can be used by the Holy Spirit to bring health to others. You can show them in the Bible how Jesus healed the sick. Let them know that He still answers prayer and heals people today through the power of the Holy Spirit. Every believer in Jesus Christ has the right to pray for the sick and expect them to get well. Why? Jesus promised it! So believe!

Mark 16:17,18. “Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, and these will get well.”



For You To Do

Fill in the missing words.

- 3 According to Jesus' promise in Mark 16:17, 18, would place their on the sick, and the sick would get
- 4 Does the Holy Spirit perform miracles of healing today?.....

Resurrection From the Spirit of Life

The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and changed His body. And He will do the same for you! The Holy Spirit lives in God's children now to give us the more abundant life that Jesus promised. And someday He will give resurrection life to all those who believe in Jesus. He will so change our bodies that we will rise in the air to meet Jesus. In our changed bodies we will never again know weakness, pain, disease, or death!

Romans 8:10-11. But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God, even though your bodies are going to die because of sin. If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you.



For You To Do

- 5 Read Romans 8:10,11 several times.
- 6 Thank God for the hope of the resurrection.

LIFE AND HEALTH FOR YOUR SPIRIT

Objective 2. *State how we can have spiritual life, health, and growth.*

Spiritual Life

You need more than just life for your body. You need the everlasting life that God has provided for your spirit. Jesus died in your place to give you that life. And the Holy Spirit brings that life to you. The change He works in you is so great that Jesus called it a new birth. We also call it conversion, indicating change. No one can be God's child or go to heaven without this miracle of spiritual birth. Jesus said:

John 3:6,7. "A person is born physically of human parents, but he is born spiritually of the Spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again."

Here is what the Holy Spirit does for you in conversion:

1. The Holy Spirit leads you to Christ. The Holy Spirit gets you ready for conversion by letting you see that you are a sinner, condemned to eternal separation from God. He lets you know that you cannot save yourself. He helps you understand that Jesus died in your place. He makes you want to leave your sins and accept the forgiveness Jesus offers you. He makes Christ real to you and helps you accept Him as your Savior.

2. The Holy Spirit breaks the power that sin has over you, gives you a new nature, and makes you a child of God.

Romans 8:2. For the law of the Spirit, which brings us life in union with Christ Jesus, has set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:14. Those who are led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons.

3. The Holy Spirit comes to live in you, to help you, lead you, and let you know that you are now a child of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19. Don’t you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you, and who was given to you by God?

Galatians 4:6. To show that you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts.

Romans 8:15,16. For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God’s children, and by the Spirit’s power we cry out to God, “Father! my Father!” God’s Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God’s children.



For You To Do

- 7 Do the steps here describe your experience of conversion?.....
- 8 If something seems missing in your experience, go back over these three steps and pray about each. Ask the Holy Spirit to do His work in you.

Spiritual Health

1 Thessalonians 5:23. May the God who gives us peace . . . keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—free from every fault.

You feed your body, clothe it, and take care of it as best you can. Why? You do it because you want it to be satisfied, comfortable, strong, and healthy. You must take care of your spirit too if you want it to be satisfied, happy, strong, and healthy.

Prayer is just as important to your spirit as the air that you breathe is to your body. In the next lesson you will learn how the Holy Spirit helps you pray.

God’s Word is food for your spirit. The Holy Spirit has come to help you understand the Bible. He is the Author of the Bible, so He understands everything in it. Long ago the Holy Spirit had men of God write in the Bible the things that you need to know.

2 Peter 1:21. Men were under the control of the Holy Spirit as they spoke the message that came from God.

Jesus promised the disciples that when the Holy Spirit came He would teach them. After they were baptized in the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they understood God’s Word better. Many of those who now receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit have the same experience.

John 14:26. “The Holy Spirit . . . will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.”

Nehemiah 9:20 (NIV). You gave your good Spirit to instruct them.

In their book on the Pentecostal experience, Kevin and Dorothy Ranaghan included these testimonies and many more like them.

“I suddenly found myself strongly drawn to the Scriptures. They seemed transparent to me. Prayer became a real joy.”

“I went back to my dormitory room and stayed up until 3 a.m. reading the book of Psalms and Acts. I couldn’t put the Bible down. I wanted to read more and more.”

“Since this experience the Holy Spirit has taught me more about Scripture than I could have learned in a whole lifetime on my own. When I read the Bible now the words live because Christ lives for me.” (1969, pp. 37, 64, 68).



For You To Do

9 Memorize John 14:26.

10 Think about your own attitude toward Bible reading. Do you really enjoy it? Would you like to understand it better?

11 Thank God for the Bible and for the privilege of prayer. Before you read the Bible every day, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through it.

Spiritual Growth

How many times have you heard people say: “Look at that boy! He looks more like his father every day!” As children grow up, they usually do look more and more like their parents. What about you? Do you look more like your heavenly Father every day? As you let the Holy Spirit lead you day by day, you will grow spiritually. Others will be able to see in you these characteristics that make you look like your heavenly Father. They are often called the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22,23. But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.



When you were a baby, you were very helpless. But as you grew, you became stronger. You had new experiences and learned to do many things that you could not do before. God leads His children into many new spiritual experiences too: blessings, tests, and work to be done for Him. These experiences will help you grow spiritually.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a spiritual experience that God wants all of His children to have. It is also called “being filled with the Spirit.” Remember that the Holy Spirit has the same nature as God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit wants to fill you so completely

that your whole nature will be saturated with the nature of God. The nature of God is love and holiness. So when you are full of the Holy Spirit, you will be full of love and holiness.

Think of a dry sponge. If you put it in a bucket of water, it soaks up every drop that it can hold. Take it out and it just drips with water. Shake it, hit it, squeeze it, and what happens? It just gives out the water with which it is filled. You are the sponge. Jesus wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit, plunge you into the very Spirit of life until you soak up His nature in every part of your being. When you are full of the Spirit, troubles may shake you, people may strike you, but all the pressures of life just bring out the love of God with which you are filled.

In his book, *They Speak With Other Tongues*, John L. Sherrill tells about his Baptism in the Holy Spirit:

At the actual moment of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, there was one overwhelming impression: I was bathed in, surrounded by, washed through with love . . . We are so concerned with the power-aspect of the Holy Spirit. But the nature of that power, I am convinced, is love . . .

The secret ingredient in this kind of transforming holiness, I came to think, was love. When I came into contact with love as an overwhelming experience in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I found that I had been cleansed, built up, healed. I knew a kind of wholeness I'd never dreamed of. (1965, pp. 130,131).



For You To Do

12 Memorize Galatians 5:22,23. Pray that the Holy Spirit will produce these fruits in you.

13 Name two characteristics of the nature of God that people should be able to see in His children.

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LIFE WITH A PURPOSE

Objective 3. *Explain how you can have purpose in your life.*

You weren't born just to take care of yourself. Your physical life has a purpose greater than just taking care of your body. And your spiritual life is more than just taking care of your spirit. You were born to have a part in God's great plan. He has a special plan for you—a work for you to do.

The Holy Spirit wants to help you fit into God's plan. Let Him lead you and you will discover the real meaning and purpose of life. He will give you a cause worth living for and worth dying for—the cause of Christ. The Spirit will make you a witness for Christ in two ways: through your changed life and through your words. He sets your feet on the road to heaven and helps you invite others to go with you to your heavenly home.

Acts 1:8. "But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me."

14 Thank the Holy Spirit for coming to be your Friend and Helper.

Complete this statement: We can have purpose in our lives if we allow ourselves to be led by the

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Check Your Answers

13 love, holiness (could be others as well).

2 Spirit of God, Spirit of Life.

15 Holy Spirit.

3 believers, hands, well.

5 Did you notice how many times the words “lives” and “life” appear in these verses?

4 Yes, He does!

Lesson
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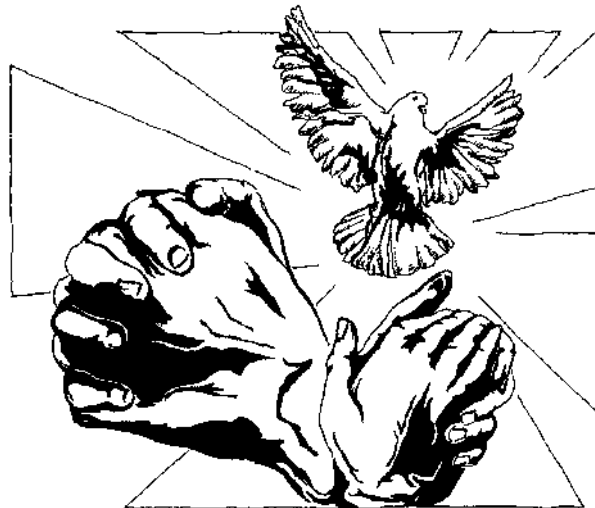
The Holy Spirit Helps You Pray

Some students baptized with the Holy Spirit have written:

“There was a newness in prayer, a newness that for many of us marked the beginning of a deeper faith life. . . . Many were drawn to long periods of prayer, marked by the predominance of the praise of God.”

“Prayer became a real joy—the sense of the presence and love of God was so strong that I can remember sitting for a half hour just laughing out of joy over the love of God.”

“My times spent in prayer were the happiest times. I was realizing the joy of prayer. Praise of God was something I had never done before. I always prayed when I wanted something or in thanksgiving, or because I knew it was the thing every good Christian should do in order to become closer to God and to better his life as a Christian. Now it was joyful to pray to God in praise of himself. I experienced an extreme closeness and joyfulness while I prayed.” (Ranaghan, pp. 40,41,64, 80,81).



In this lesson you will study . . .

The Holy Spirit Teaches You to Pray
The Holy Spirit Helps You to Worship God
The Holy Spirit Helps You Confess
The Holy Spirit Shows You What to Ask
The Holy Spirit Prays Through You

This lesson will help you . . .

- Discover important truths about prayer as the Holy Spirit teaches you.
- Worship God in a new and deeper way as the Holy Spirit inspires you.
- State what happens when you allow the Holy Spirit to pray through you.

THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES YOU TO PRAY

Objective 1. *Name three things that are part of prayer.*

What is prayer in your daily life—a duty or a conversation that you enjoy with God? Does God seem near you when you pray? Are your prayers answered? Do you want to work with God in prayer and see wonderful results? You have a Friend who specializes in teaching people how to pray—the Holy Spirit.

You have studied how the Spirit makes God real to you. As He shows you how much God loves you, you love God more and want to spend more time with Him in prayer. You know that God cares about you and so you have confidence to ask God for what you need.

The Spirit gives you faith to ask and the assurance that God has heard and will answer. He uses God’s Word to teach you to pray. The Bible tells you what to pray for, how to pray, and what to expect. The Spirit makes God’s promises real to you and helps you claim them.

Prayer is talking with God. It may be spoken words or just in your thoughts quietly turned toward God. It should be a two-way conversation—you should listen to God as well as talk to Him. And when you speak to God you should do three things:

1. Worship God.
2. Confess your faults.
3. Ask for what you want.

Think of your prayers as wheels that help you go forward in your Christian life and service for God. A wheel would not go very far with one section left out, would it? The Holy Spirit wants to help you in every part of your prayers.



For You To Do

- 1 What is prayer?
- 2 Name three things that you should do in prayer. Put an X beside any part that seems weak in your prayers.

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THIS HOLY SPIRIT HELPS YOU WORSHIP GOD

Objective 2. *Learn steps that can help you make worship a part of your daily life.*

What part does worship have in your prayers? In worship you express your love for God. If there is no love, there is no true worship, nothing but an empty form. The Holy Spirit takes you into God’s presence and helps you respond to His love. Sometimes the words of a hymn express best the love you feel, so you sing to God. Sometimes you praise Him in words and sometimes in silent appreciation of His goodness.



Ephesians 2:18. All of us . . . are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father.

Philippians 3:3. For we worship God by means of his Spirit. . . . We do not put any trust in external ceremonies.

John 4:24. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is.

The great preacher Charles Finney wrote this:

As I went in and shut the door after me, it seemed as if I met the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. . . . He said nothing, but looked at me in such a manner as to break me right down at His feet. I wept aloud like a child, and made such confessions as I could with my choked utterance. . . . As I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. . . . No words can express the wonderful love that was shed abroad in my heart. I wept with joy and love.

Do you want to make worship a part of your daily life? You can do it by cooperating with the Holy Spirit in these five ways:

1. Read a Psalm every day. The Psalms will help you appreciate God more.
2. Notice the prayers in the Bible. They are a pattern for you.
3. When you pray, worship God first before asking Him for your needs.

Psalm 100:4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him.

4. Sing songs of worship and thanksgiving. Sing to God at home or in church. Think of the words and mean them. The Holy Spirit may even give you a new song of worship to God.

Ephesians 5:18-20. Be filled with the Spirit. . . . sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with praise in your hearts . . . always give thanks for everything to God the Father.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Many of those who have been filled with the Holy Spirit tell of the new joy and freedom that they find in worship. The Holy Spirit wants to help you too.



For You To Do

- 3 Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to help you worship Him. Then for several minutes thank and praise and worship God without asking Him for anything.
- 4 Read Psalm 145 aloud to God. Sing a worship song to God.
- 5 Write a list of things that you are thankful for. Thank God for them.

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS YOU CONFESS

Objective 3. *Explain how the Holy Spirit helps you remove hindrances to your prayers.*

Have you ever felt that you were praying against a wall and couldn't get through to God? The Holy Spirit wants to help you get rid of anything that hinders your prayers. Think of how a boy acts when he is disobeying his father. Is he glad to see his father? Does he run to meet him or stay out of his way? If he needs his father's help, his guilt is a barrier. He needs to confess what he has done, ask his father to forgive him, and stop disobeying. When he does this, he is reassured of his father's love and has confidence to ask for help.

The same thing happens between God and us. However, we are often blind to our own faults. So the Holy Spirit helps us by showing us our faults. He shows us how terrible sin is and helps us confess our sins to God. If we have wronged others, He tells us to ask their forgiveness too and helps us do all we can to make things right. This has been a part of revivals ever since Bible days.

Jonathan Goforth gives many examples in *When the Spirit's Fire Swept Korea*. For months the Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries had been meeting daily to pray for revival. A great revival came which went on for years and produced strong, spiritual churches. It began in one of the outstations of Ping Yang.

While conducting the service in the usual way many commenced weeping and confessing their sins. Mr. Swallen said he had never met with anything so strange, and he announced a hymn, hoping to check the wave of emotion which was sweeping over the audience. He tried several times, but in vain, and in awe he realized that Another was managing that meeting. (1943, p. 8).

After this, the mother church in Ping Yang expected special blessing during the week of prayer, but it seemed their prayers were not answered. On the last evening, the 1,500 persons present were startled when the leading man of the church, Elder Keel, stood up and said that God could not bless them because of his sin. At the request of a dying friend, he had agreed to administer his estate. But in doing so he had kept back a large sum of money for himself. After confessing his sin, he said: "I am going to give the money back to that widow tomorrow morning."

Instantly it was realized that the barriers had fallen, and that God, the Holy One, had come. Conviction of sin swept the audience. The service commenced at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, and did not end until 2 o'clock Monday morning, yet during all that time dozens were standing weeping, awaiting their turn to confess.

It paid well to have spent the several months in prayer, for when God the Holy Spirit came He accomplished more in half a day than all of us missionaries could have accomplished in half a year. In less than 2 months, more than 2 thousand . . . were converted.

By the middle of 1907 there were 30,000 converts connected with the Ping Yang center. It was clear that the revival had not died down by 1910, for in October of that year 4,000 were baptized in one week. (Goforth, pp. 9,12).

What happened at Ping Yang has happened time and again all around the world in many different churches, during the 20th century. As Christians let the Holy Spirit search their souls He

reveals the hindrances to revival. When Christians confess their sins and make things right with God and themselves, God can use them for His glory. Revival comes. Prayers are answered. Souls are saved.

2 Chronicles 7:14. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.



1 John 1:8,9. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all wrongdoing.

Psalm 19:12,14. No one can see his own errors; deliver me, Lord, from hidden faults! May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord, my refuge and my redeemer!

Psalm 139:23,24. Examine me, O God, and know my mind: test me, and discover my thoughts. Find out if there is any evil in me, and guide me in the everlasting way.

6 Circle the letter before each TRUE statement.

- a** In Ping Yang, the Holy Spirit directed many people to confess and repent of their sins.
- b** 1 John 1:8,9 says that God will show us the future if we confess our sins.
- c** Sometimes we need the help of the Holy Spirit to see our own faults.

7 Read Psalm 51. Notice verse 4, which says, “I have sinned against you.” This is an example of

- a) worship.
- b) confession.
- c) asking God to supply needs.

8 Memorize 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Psalms 19:12, 14; 139:23,24. Repeat these verses to God. Wait for the Holy Spirit to show you your faults. Ask His forgiveness and help. Do what He shows you that you should do.

THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOWS YOU WHAT TO ASK

Objective 4. *Describe how the Holy Spirit can help you pray for the right things.*

The Holy Spirit encourages you to ask your heavenly Father for what you need. He reminds you to pray for others and their needs. And He gives you faith to believe God will give you what you ask.

Romans 8:15. For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!"

Philippians 4:6. Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.

But sometimes you don't even know what you need. You might ask for the wrong things. So the Holy Spirit, your helpful Friend, is right there to put in your mind what to ask in prayer both for yourself and for others.

God has chosen to work through your prayers. Where there is a need, He tells His children to pray. Then He does what is necessary in answer to their prayers. This is how He saves souls, sends revival, heals the sick, solves problems, and supplies needs.

God gives you the responsibility of praying for your family, your friends, your church, your country, and your world. How you pray affects God's work all around the world.

The Holy Spirit may impress you to pray for a certain man without letting you know what his need is. Maybe the person is deathly sick, or in great danger, or facing a terrible temptation, or in urgent need of supernatural power to do God's work. Your prayers will help troubled man.

A Christian on the western coast of the United States said to his pastor, "I had a wonderful experience today. God spoke to me and told me to pray for someone by the name of Alva Walker in Africa. I prayed until I felt the assurance that God had answered." Half a world away a missionary named Alva Walker had been dying with black water fever. While his unknown brother in Christ prayed, he fell asleep and woke up on his way to recovery. His life was saved because someone obeyed the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 6:18. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people.



For You To Do

9 Memorize Philippians 4:6 and Ephesians 6:18.

10 Pray for others you may know who are studying this same course, *Your Helpful Friend*. Also pray for any of your friends or relatives who need to know Jesus Christ and accept His salvation.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYS THROUGH YOU

The Holy Spirit will pray through you in your own language with an intensity beyond your natural way of praying. It may be for a need you have already felt. Or it may be for a need that the Holy Spirit makes you conscious of as He directs your mind and feelings. The prayer pours out the depths of your soul with great urgency. The Holy Spirit pleads with God for your needs or for the needs of others.

As you pray you may feel a burden as if the desperate need were your own. The Holy Spirit may pray through you in weeping over a need you sense but do not understand.

Hebrews 5:7. Jesus made his prayers and requests with loud cries and tears to God.

Romans 8:26,27. The Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray . . . the Spirit pleads with God on behalf of his people and in accordance with his will.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit may want to pray through you in a language that He and the Father know but you don't. Paul calls this praying in tongues, or *glossolalia*. In some places it is translated "to speak in strange sounds" because any language that we don't understand is strange sounding to us.



The Holy Spirit prays through you for details of problems that you don't need to know about. He takes authority over the satanic powers that would hinder your prayers. He claims the victory and praises God for the answer. And He expresses in the language of heaven the love that you don't know how to express, the need that burdens your soul, or the praise that fills your heart.

Paul taught the Corinthian church that letting the Holy Spirit pray through them in tongues was important, but that it did not take away their responsibility of praying with their understanding too. Both kinds of prayer are necessary.

1 Corinthians 14:2, 14,15. The one who speaks in strange tongues does not speak to others but to God, because no one understands him. He is speaking secret truths by the power of the Spirit. For if I pray in this way, my spirit prays indeed, but my mind has no part in it. What should I do, then? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray also with my mind.

James 5:16. Pray for one another.

God offers you the exciting adventure of working with Him. Let the Holy Spirit lead you, teach you to pray, and pray through you. You will see many wonderful answers to prayer as you accept this ministry.



For You To Do

11 Memorize Romans 8:26,27. The Holy Spirit prays in accordance with whose will?

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12 Do you want a ministry of prayer? Begin now. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you sensitive to His leading. Use your opportunities to pray at church, at home, or wherever you are. If possible, join for an hour or more of prayer with friends who know how to let the Holy Spirit pray through them.



Check Your Answers

- 6 Statements **a** and **c** are true.
- 1 talking with God.
- 7 b) confession.
- 2 worship, confess, ask.
- 11 God's will.
- 9 Is there anything that you are worried about right now? Why not tell God about it and ask for His help.

Now that you have completed the first unit, you are ready to answer the questions in your student report for UNIT ONE. Review the previous lessons, then follow the instructions in your student report. Send your answer sheet to the address given on the first page of the student report.

Lesson

4

The Holy Spirit Leads You

The Bible says, “The Spirit has given us life; he must also control our lives” (Galatians 5:25). That is, we must not only *receive* the Holy Spirit, but we must also *walk* in the Spirit. The apostle Paul had heard of some Christians who were not walking in the Spirit. To them he made this sad announcement: “You still live as the people of this world live” (1 Corinthians 3:3).

In his book *The Baptism in the Holy Spirit*, Willard Cantelon points out the importance of walking in the Spirit. “No matter how much a man may receive from God in spiritual gifts, nothing is accomplished unless that man walks in the Spirit” (p. 29). The Holy Spirit comes to show us the truth. But how can He teach us if we ignore the Bible, the Word of Truth? He has come to give us power to witness and power to pray. But how can He perform His great work through us and in us if we keep silent about our faith and neglect prayer?

“Walking in the Spirit” means letting the Holy Spirit lead you. But just exactly *how* does He lead? This lesson answers that important question.



In this lesson you will study . . .

You Have a Friend to Lead You
He Leads You by God’s Word
He Leads You by the Church
He Leads You by Spiritual Gifts
He Leads You by Visions and Dreams
He Leads You by Circumstances and Impressions

This lesson will help you . . .

- Explain why the Holy Spirit is qualified to lead you.
- Describe five ways the Holy Spirit helps you “walk in the Spirit.”
- Know how to identify which messages and gifts come from God.

YOU HAVE A FRIEND TO LEAD YOU

Objective 1. Give reasons why the Holy Spirit is qualified to lead you.

How many times have you asked your friends, “What do you think I should do?” Some people even depend on horoscopes and fortunetellers. But you have Someone much better than that. You have a Friend who knows the future. He knows what is best for you. He loves you and wants to guide you in all your decisions. He is the Holy Spirit, your helpful Friend.

Galatians 5:16, 25. Let the Spirit direct your lives. The Spirit has given us life; He must also control our lives.



For You To Do

1 The Holy Spirit is qualified to lead you because He knows theand He you.

HE LEADS YOU BY GOD’S WORD

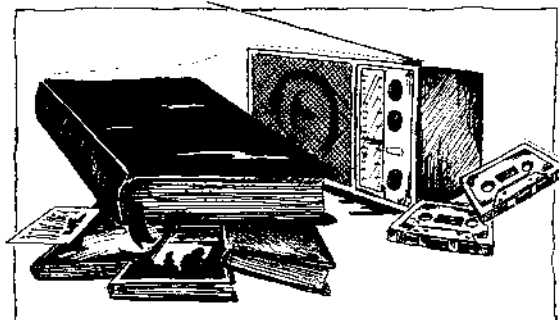
Objective 2. Identify ways in which you need to let the Holy Spirit use the Bible to lead you.

The Bible is the *road map* that the Holy Spirit uses to lead you to heaven. Day by day He helps you apply to your circumstances the teachings of God’s Word. So it is very important for you to read your Bible every day.

The Holy Spirit will sometimes speak to you through certain verses as you read. Time after time Christians have said, “I had a problem and didn’t know what to do. Then as I was reading the Bible one verse seemed to stand out from the page. It was exactly what I needed. My problem was solved.”

The Bible verses that you memorize make it easier for the Holy Spirit to lead you. He will bring them to your mind when you need them. When you are tempted to do something you shouldn’t do, a verse may come to your mind as a warning. “You are the God who sees me.” the Bible says (Genesis 16:13, NIV). The Holy Spirit has brought these words to many a Christian just in time to turn him or her away from temptation.

Psalms 119:9. How can a young man keep his life pure? By obeying your commands.



The Holy Spirit will also speak to you through Bible teaching. This may be in preaching or teaching in the church, on the radio, in Bible clubs, in gospel literature, and in study courses such as this one. These are ways that He has chosen to lead you into all truth. Remember John 16:13.



For You To Do

- 2 Repeat from memory John 16:13.
- 3 Memorize Psalm 118:9.
- 4 Following are listed ways the Holy Spirit can use the Bible to lead you. Draw a line under those that you need to do more often.
Read the Bible.
Memorize Bible verses.
Listen to sermons.
Attend Bible classes.
Read books that explain truths in the Bible.
Study Bible courses.

HE LEADS YOU BY THE CHURCH

Objective 3. *Appreciate the people God sends to teach you.*

How do children learn to walk, talk, run, play, and work? From their families! Father, mother, brothers, and sisters all teach the child what to do and how to do it.

When you were born again, the Holy Spirit made you a part of God's family—the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He expects you to accept from your brothers and sisters in Christ the help that they can give you. You will find much guidance, teaching, and help as you take your place in a local church. Be sure that it is one that believes the Bible, obeys it, and teaches and accepts the work of the Holy Spirit.

Christ has put in the church pastors, teachers, and other leaders. The Holy Spirit provides for them special gifts and power so they can do their work well.

Ephesians 4:12. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.

Every member of the church needs to be full of the Holy Spirit. As leaders and members are led by the Spirit, the whole church can work together in harmony. Each one will do his or her part effectively in God's plan.



For You To Do

- 5 Pray for your pastor and other leaders that they may be continually full of the Holy Spirit.

HE LEADS YOU BY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Objective 4. *Identify five standards that spiritual gifts will meet.*

The Holy Spirit has spiritual gifts for every Christian. He wants us to accept these gifts so we can help one another.

1 Corinthians 12:4,7. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

You have read about the gifts of faith, miracles, and healing. Here are some other supernatural gifts of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:8,10. The Spirit gives one person a message of wisdom, while to another person the same Spirit gives a message full of knowledge.... to another, the gift of speaking God's message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the difference between gifts that come from the Spirit and gifts that do not. To one person he gives the ability to speak in strange tongues, and to another he gives the ability to explain what is said.

The Holy Spirit may give your pastor or another Spirit-filled Christian the message of wisdom or of knowledge that you need. Or this message may come directly to you in a deep impression or flash of insight. You suddenly understand what God's will is for a certain situation. From outside of your own mind comes the revelation of what a Bible passage means and how it applies to your problem. God gives you the very words that you need to help someone else.

When you talk to people about the Lord or teach a Bible lesson you need this leading of the Holy Spirit. Parents need the word of wisdom from God to give their children the right kind of advice. The work of the Spirit is for practical everyday living, not just for crises.

Ephesians 1:17. The Spirit, who will make you wise.

Exodus 35:31 (NIV). And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability, and knowledge, in all kinds of crafts.

Prophecy, messages in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues are ways the Holy Spirit speaks to a group. Prophecy is God's message in the language of the speaker. It may be telling something that will take place in the future. Or it may be just a message of exhortation and comfort to help the hearers. Sometimes the message comes first in tongues and then is interpreted. These two gifts together are like the gift of prophecy.

Some people are afraid of these gifts of the Spirit because of false messages that they have heard about. This is like refusing to accept money because you might get a counterfeit bill. Satan has always tried to confuse people by imitations of God's work. There were false prophets in Bible times and still are today. But your Friend the Holy Spirit does not want you to refuse His gifts for fear of receiving a counterfeit or imitation of His work.

Neither does God want you to be deceived by imitations of His work. That is why one of the gifts of the Spirit is discernment of spirits; it protects the church from the work of evil spirits and mistaken ideas of people. People sometimes mistake their own ideas for revelations from God. Some bring terrible confusion by giving "messages" to tell others whom to marry, where to go, and what to do. So God tells us to test all messages.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22. Do not restrain the Holy Spirit; do not despise inspired messages. Put all things to the test: keep what is good and avoid every kind of evil.

Messages from the Holy Spirit meet these five standards:

1. The message must agree completely with God's Word. For example, a message that tells a man to take someone else's wife could not possibly be from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has come to help us obey God, not to tell us to do something God has forbidden. Agreement with God's Word is the most important test; everything has to be measured by it.

2. *The message must be true.* If what is said in a message is not true, it is not from the Holy Spirit for He is the Spirit of truth. Prophecies that are from the Lord are fulfilled.

Jeremiah 28:9. But a prophet . . . can only be recognized as a prophet whom the Lord has truly sent when that prophet's predictions come true.

Deuteronomy 18:21,22. You may wonder how you can tell when a prophet's message does not come from the Lord. If a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord and what he says does not come true, then it is not the Lord's message. That prophet has spoken on his own authority, and you are not to fear him.

John 16:13 (NIV). But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

3. *The message will honor Christ.* The Spirit of God honors both the Father and the Son.

John 16:14. He will give me glory.

1 Corinthians 12:3. No one who is led by God's Spirit can say, "A curse on Jesus!"

4. *The message will bring blessing, not confusion.*

1 Corinthians 14:3,4, 26. But the one who proclaims God's message speaks to people and gives them help, encouragement, and comfort The one who proclaims God's message helps the whole church Everything must be of help to the church.

5. *The one who gives the message is conscious and responsible to do everything in an orderly way.* Sometimes Satan imitates the work of the Holy Spirit. In spiritism the mediums may go into a trance and not be conscious of what they say when another spirit takes control of them. But when the Holy Spirit gives a message through a person, He does it with the conscious cooperation of that person. The person can choose when to speak and when to keep quiet so that he won't interrupt the message God has given the pastor or others. Paul clearly teaches this in 1 Corinthians 14. The pastor should encourage the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but at the same time he or she is responsible to see that all is done in order and not confusion. So those who have the gifts of the Spirit must recognize the leadership of the pastor and not resent his or her instructions or advice.

1 Corinthians 14:32-33,40. The gift of proclaiming God's message should be under the speaker's control, because God does not want us to be in disorder but in harmony and peace. Everything must be done in a proper and orderly way.



For You To Do

- 6 Memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22.
- 7 You have studied five standards to use for judging any message that is supposed to be from God. Circle the letter in front of each word or phrase that gives one of those standards. (There will be a total of five.)
 - a) Long with many details
 - b) Honoring to Jesus Christ
 - c) Forceful, loud, and authoritative
 - d) Under the speaker's control
 - e) Brings a blessing to the hearers
 - f) Accompanied by tears
 - g) Agrees with God's Word
 - h) Has a true message

HE LEADS YOU BY VISIONS AND DREAMS

Objective 5. *Recognize the way God can lead you through visions and dreams.*

You have read in the Bible about how God spoke to people in visions and dreams. The Holy Spirit still speaks to people in this way today. What Joel prophesied is happening.

Acts 2:17. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams.

In 1940, B.T. Bard wrote about a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit in Peking:

There are confessions of sins and shortcomings, messages in tongues and interpretation, prophetic utterances, spiritual dreams, heavenly visions of Christ and the glory land, divine healings, and, above all, a spirit of prayer and worship.

Kao Chu Ju truly desired the presence of God but she was afraid to have any show made of herself, or for anyone to lay hands on her. Suddenly she saw Jesus in a vision, and He graciously laid His own nail-pierced hands on her. She fell to the floor under the power of the Spirit and soon was speaking rapturously in other tongues as the Spirit gave her utterance.

Dreams that come from God are very vivid and impress the person deeply. Many people have been warned in dreams to give up sin and accept Jesus as their Savior. You may receive blessing, help, and encouragement in your dreams. Or the Holy Spirit may lead you to pray for someone or warn you of a danger.

Most dreams are not revelations from God. Your subconscious mind keeps on working while you sleep and weaves your thoughts into dreams. However, you can make even these dreams work for you. Use them as a reminder to pray for everyone that you see in your dreams.



For You To Do

8 If you have a dream that seems to have a spiritual meaning, ask God to show you what the meaning is.

HE LEADS YOU BY CIRCUMSTANCES AND IMPRESSIONS

A Christian missed the bus she had planned to take. Four hours later she caught the next bus, sat down by a woman who needed God, and was able to lead her to Christ. The Holy Spirit had led through circumstances.

Do the doors of opportunity seem closed before you? Look around. The Holy Spirit may be opening a door to better opportunities. Think of the early Christians who fled from Jerusalem to save their lives. But wherever they went they spread the gospel and souls were saved. Paul in prison was unable to continue his missionary journeys, but while there he wrote some of his most helpful epistles.

Are conditions around you terrible? Maybe God has put you there so you can do something about them. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see what you can do. Then keep your eyes open and go to work to improve conditions. You are one of God's lamps. Don't complain about the darkness. Just shine where you are.

The Holy Spirit will often lead you by impressions, as you trust Him to help you in the choices you must make. When you think about doing one thing, you feel a deep peace about it. But when you think about the other possibility, you feel uneasy.

A Christian businessman had a reservation on a certain plane, but he felt uneasy about it. The more he thought about it the worse he felt. Finally he changed his reservations for a later flight. The plane he had planned to take crashed and all the passengers were killed. The Holy Spirit saved his life.

Proverbs 16:9. You may make your plans, but God directs your actions.

A pastor, hurrying to an appointment, felt an impression. “Stop and knock on the door of that house.” He tried to ignore the idea but it grew stronger. Finally he turned around and went up to the house. There he found a Christian in desperate need of his help.

A Christian felt an urgent impulse to go visit a friend. When he arrived, he found his friend getting ready to commit suicide. The Christian was able to lead him to Christ and save his life.

“The Lord told me to bring you this,” a man said as he gave a basket of food to a pastor. The pastor and his wife had been praying for God to supply their needs because they had no money and no food.

Life can become a series of thrilling adventures for you as you are filled with the Holy Spirit and learn to follow His leading. He will lead you into a life of great usefulness and blessing.



For You To Do

9 You have read five different examples of God’s leading through circumstances or impressions. Based on these examples, what could be said about this kind of leading?

- a) It usually concerns something to avoid.
- b) It is definite and the result brings honor to God.
- c) It can be easily ignored.
- d) It conforms to the plans one has already made.

10 Do you want the Holy Spirit to lead you? Mark an **X** before each step you will take each day so that He can help you “walk in the Spirit.”

... Read and study the Bible.

... Listen to godly leaders.

... Judge spiritual gifts and accept those that are genuine.

... Hear God’s voice if He uses visions or dreams.

... Obey God’s warning or direction if He guides through circumstances or impressions



Check Your Answers

10 We hope you marked all of them!

1 future, loves.

9 b) It is definite and the result brings honor to God.

7 b) Honoring to Jesus Christ.

d) Under the speaker's control.

e) Brings a blessing to the hearers.

g) In agreement with God's Word.

h) Has a true message.

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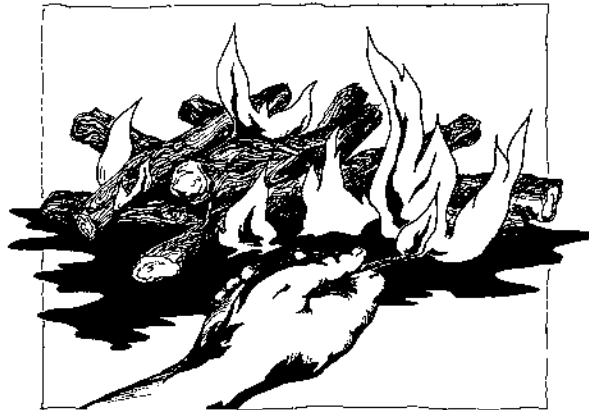
The Holy Spirit Gives You Power

You say, “Can we have this power equally with the early disciples?” I say: “Yes.” I say yes because *I am as unworthy and as needy as they were*. I do not think we have any better preachers today than the preachers in the New Testament. *And they needed this power*.

Do not waste time discussing whether or not we can have this Baptism today. *We are of no use without it*. Christianity without the Holy Ghost in it is a shell, a beautiful form, but lifeless, *dead*. Only God, the Holy Ghost, can produce the spark that quickens—the flame that kindles.

If I need this power so badly, *is it likely that God will withhold it* if I meet the conditions? The Bible is full of promise and exhortation to us to approach God with a full confidence of faith to receive this promise. There is not one paragraph that suggests that God will withhold.

Our Savior goes on record that He bought this gift for us. *It is an integral part of the full gospel*. It is meant to be. There is no other inference in the New Testament.



“The gift is . . . for you to use now!” (Ward, 1966, pp. 10, 12).

In this lesson you will study . . .

Power for Many Purposes
The Promise of Power
The Promise Fulfilled at Pentecost
The Normal Experience after Conversion
Signs of the Holy Spirit’s Power

This lesson will help you . . .

- Explain the purpose for the power, which the Holy Spirit gives you.
- State what the Bible says about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- Name the signs of the Holy Spirit that show His presence in the lives of believers.

POWER FOR MANY PURPOSES

Objective 1. *Identify the results that come when the power of the Holy Spirit is used in the right way.*

Learn How to Use Power

Think of how many ways electricity is used: With it people light their cities, cook, heat their homes, run their factories, and operate all kinds of machinery. Because people have learned how to use electric power they can do what used to seem impossible—even go to the moon.

The Holy Spirit wants to fill your life with a power greater than electricity—power to do what is impossible without it—but you must learn to use it. Used in the right way this power will bring glory to God and blessing to your life. Power of any kind used in the wrong way will always bring trouble.

Three mistakes to avoid:

1 *Some people use the Holy Spirit's power as a toy to be played with.* This was the problem of the Corinthian church. They so enjoyed talking in other tongues by the Spirit's power that they were just having a good time in their services. There was a lot of disorder. Outsiders thought they were crazy. Paul let them know that all things should be done decently and in order. They should learn to channel the power of the Holy Spirit so that souls would be saved, not turned away from Christ.

2 *Some people call attention to themselves instead of giving glory to God.* If the Holy Spirit gives a man faith for healing the sick, it is not so that he can shout: "Look at me, everybody! Miracles! I have lots of power!" Or if God uses someone to give messages in prophecy, it is not so that he or she can say: "Everyone had better listen to me! I am a prophet! Come to me if you want to know what to do." Such pride brings many problems.

3 *Some people just don't use the power that the Holy Spirit has for them.* This is the most common mistake of all. Some have seen the misuse or imitations of the Spirit's power and are afraid of anything supernatural. The Thessalonian church had this problem. Paul told them to test the spirits to see if they were of God and not to accept any false prophecies or imitations of God's work. But they were not to throw away the real thing along with the imitations.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22. Do not restrain the Holy Spirit; do not despise inspired messages. Put all things to the test; keep what is good and avoid every kind of evil.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is like having your house wired for electricity. It's not wired so you can sit in the dark and say: "I've got electricity at last!" Turn the light on! Use the power! In the Book of Acts you have God's pattern for the right use of the power of the Holy Spirit.

This Is the Pattern for You

The power of the Holy Spirit in the early Christians made their lives clean and good in a civilization noted for its crime and corruption. An inner joy and peace made them sing and praise God when they were beaten and thrown into jail for Christ's sake. Full of God's love, they forgave and prayed for those who tortured them. This is power used rightly!

They had a powerful message and gave it powerful personal conviction. They knew what they were talking about. Anyone without Christ was lost, but Jesus would save those who believed on Him. They spoke with wisdom, logic, and courage beyond their own abilities—power that convinced their hearers of the truth and convinced them of sin.

They had a powerful faith. They knew that God was with them and would work through them as He had promised. So in Jesus' name they commanded paralytics to walk and they did. They prayed

and things happened. Sick people were healed. Prison doors opened. Multitudes of sinners turned to God.

This power in the early Christians made them witnesses, just as Jesus had said. They had the boldness and urgent desire to tell all their neighbors about Jesus. They had a mission to fulfill. Courage, love, a great vision, and total commitment to Christ drove them on from town to town and country to country. They were determined to give the good news of salvation to every man, woman, and child in their world.

This is the pattern of power in the early church. Their power then was the power of the Holy Spirit who filled them and worked through them. What they did was the natural outflow of Spirit-filled lives. The Bible tells you their experience in detail because it is the pattern for Christians today.



For You To Do

- 1 Draw a circle around each of the results of the Spirit's power in the early Christians.

fear faith message worry
courage popularity healings
vision money conversions love

THE PROMISE OF POWER

Objective 2. *Identify the description of the Holy Spirit given in the Bible.*

John the Baptist promised that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. This was a general promise made to all those who were being converted and baptized by him in water.

Matthew 3:11. "I baptize you with water to show that you have repented; but the one who will come after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Jesus had a great work for Christians to do all down through the ages. He knew they could never do it in their own strength. So He told His followers to wait until they received the power of the Holy Spirit and then they would be His witnesses. Jesus' command and promise were for all His followers.

Luke 24:49. "And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you."

Acts 1:4,5, 8. "Wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit . . . When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



For You To Do

- 2 Read Acts 1:1-14. Memorize verses 4,5, and 8.
- 3 Luke 24:49, the Holy Spirit is described as a

- a) blessing requested by the disciples.
- b) reward for holy living.
- c) gift promised by the Father.
- d) sin reserved for special leaders.

4 Why do you think that the Bible calls the Baptism of the Holy Spirit a “gift”?

THE PROMISE FULFILLED AT PENTECOST

Objective 3. *Name the book that shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the first Christians.*

What did Jesus’ followers do to receive the promised Holy Spirit? For 10 days 120 of them waited—praying and expecting something to happen. And it did! On the Day of Pentecost they received what we would call the Pentecostal experience or the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:14. They gathered frequently to pray as a group.

Acts 2:1-5, 7, 8, 11, 13. When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky, which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious men who had come from every country in the world. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, “These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages . . . about the great things that God has done!” But others made fun of the believers, saying, “These people are drunk!”

Before this, Peter had been afraid of ridicule. What a change after he received the power of the Holy Spirit! He stood up and preached a powerful message. He explained that what they saw was the fulfillment of God’s promise. God had poured out His Spirit.

Acts 2:14-17, 41. Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: . . . “These people are not drunk, as you suppose . . . Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about: ‘This is what I will do in the last days, God says: I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message.’ . . . Many of them believed his message and were baptized, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day.



From then on Acts is the record of how the Holy Spirit worked through the Christians: He helped them witness, spread the gospel, and win souls to Christ.



For You To Do

- 5 Which book shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the first Christians?
- 6 Read Acts chapter 2.

THE NORMAL EXPERIENCE AFTER CONVERSION

Objective 4. *Recognize the normal pattern the Bible gives for receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.*

The apostles expected all believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit after their conversion. Peter made that plain.

Acts 2:38,39. Peter said to them, “Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized in the name Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God’s gift, the Holy Spirit. For God’s promise was made to you and your children, and all who are far away—all whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

If new converts did not receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit right away from their conversion, someone went to pray for them so that they would receive it.

Acts 8:14-17. The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them.... Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

After Saul was converted, the Lord sent Ananias to pray for him.

Acts 9:17. “He sent me so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Cornelius and his family heard the gospel, believed, and were saved as they accepted the truth. Before Peter finished preaching they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The experience of the believers in Ephesus was different. Like many Christians today, they had not even heard that God wanted to fill them with the Holy Spirit. Paul asked them:

Acts 19:2, 6. “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” “We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit,” they answered. Paul placed his hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Judging from the pattern in the early church, God wants to fill all of His children with the Holy Spirit and power. Who received then? Rich and poor. Men, women, and children. Illiterate and well educated. Religious leaders and persons recently delivered from deep sin. Persons of many nations. Peter said in the house of Cornelius, a Roman soldier:

Acts 10:34,47. “I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis . . . These people have received the Holy Spirit, just as we also did.”



For You To Do

- 7 Based on the description in the Bible, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is
- a) the normal experience after conversion.
 - b) for those who have been Christians a long time.
 - c) mainly for educated men and church leaders.
 - d) God's gift to all His children.
 - e) necessary before a person is baptized in water.

SIGNS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

Objective 5. Name several signs and results of the Holy Spirit's power.

Speaking in Other Languages

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, He gave several signs of His power. People heard a sound as of a strong wind. They saw tongues of fire. And they spoke in languages they had never learned. In Acts you find that one of these signs—speaking in tongues—was repeated when others received the Holy Spirit. This was how Cornelius and his family had received the Holy Spirit. The same sign was repeated at Ephesus. Compare the experiences.

Acts 2:4. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Acts 10:44-47. While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his message. The Jewish believers who had come from Joppa with Peter were amazed that God had poured out his gift of the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speaking in strange tongues and praising God's greatness. Peter spoke up: "These people have received the Holy Spirit, just as we also did."



Acts 19:6. Paul placed his hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came upon them; they spoke in strange tongues and also proclaimed God's message.

Speaking in other languages by the power of the Holy Spirit is the supernatural sign that God has chosen to show that the Holy Spirit has filled a person. Both Jesus and Paul referred to speaking in tongues as a miracle or proof.

Mark 16:17. “Believers will be given the power to perform miracles . . . they will speak in strange tongues.”

1 Corinthians 14:22. The gift of speaking in strange tongues is proof for unbelievers.

Christians throughout the world are continually experiencing this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.

Usually the language is not known to anyone present. However, many times the Spirit has spoken through a person in a language unknown to the speaker but understood by someone in the audience, just as at Pentecost.

Others Signs of Power

You have read about many other signs of power that follow, as we keep filled with the Holy Spirit: the clean life, love of God, courage, and complete dedication to Christ. Signs of power are seen in powerful faith, powerful prayer, powerful witnessing, and powerful preaching. The results—conversions, healings, Baptisms in the Holy Spirit, and church growth—follow.

The Bible records Paul’s prayer for the believers in Ephesus. You can claim this prayer for yourself.

Ephesians 3:16. I ask God from the wealth of His glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves.

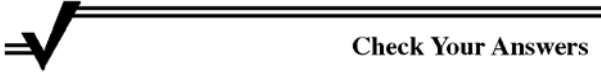
As God makes you strong through His Spirit, you will be able to refuse evil, endure suffering, serve, and witness for your Lord.



For You To Do

8 You have studied several signs of the Holy Spirit’s power. How many can you name? Write them in the space following.

.....
.....



Check Your Answers

5 The Book of Acts.

1 You should have circled the following words: faith, message, courage, healings, vision, conversions, and love.

7 Two completions are correct:

- a) the normal experience after conversion.
- d) God's gift to all His children.

3 c) gift promised by the Father.

8 I hope you were able to name at least three, such as speaking in other languages, dedication to God, conversions, and healings.

4 Your answer. I would say the Holy Spirit is called a gift to help us know that we do not have to do anything to earn the Holy Spirit. God has already promised to send Him. Our part is to receive!

Lesson

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The Holy Spirit Fills You

We have learned that the Holy Spirit is a gift. When are we ready to receive this gift? In his book, *Keys to the Deeper Life*, A. W. Tozer gives us an answer.

First, he says, we must be “sure that the experience of being filled is actually possible.” We must be convinced that it is nothing strange or unusual. We must see that it is the proper work of God, a gift that comes because of the work Christ did to save us. If we read and study what the Bible says about being filled with the Holy Spirit, our conviction will become strong (pp. 26,27).

Secondly, Tozer says we must *desire* to be filled with the Holy Spirit. “Are you truly willing to let the Spirit of God be Lord of your life?” he asks. Are you willing to give up pride, boasting, and selfishness? Are you willing to obey the written Word of God? Are you willing to be tested and disciplined? (p. 28).

If you cannot answer an eager “yes” to these questions, examine your motives. You may want only the thrill of power or victory. But if you can, you are ready to be filled with the Holy Spirit!



In this lesson you will study . . .

Others Are Being Filled
Make the Holy Spirit Welcome
Believe and Receive
Surrender to the Holy Spirit

This lesson will help you . . .

- Become convinced that the Gift of the Holy Spirit is for you, today.
- Overcome barriers to receiving the Holy Spirit.
- Know how you can receive the Holy Spirit.
- Explain four ways in which you need to surrender to the Holy Spirit.

OTHERS ARE BEING FILLED

Objective 1. *State Bible verses that describe who will be filled with the Spirit.*

Did you know that God is “pouring out His Holy Spirit” on all people now even more than on the Day of Pentecost? Joel’s prophecy was fulfilled in part then and in a greater measure now.

Acts 2:17,18. God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on everyone . . . Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message . . . Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit . . . and they will proclaim my message.”

Between A.D. 300 and A.D. 1900 some individuals and groups continued to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Augustine, Xavier, the Waldenses, Zinzendorf, Finney, and many of the early Methodists and Quakers had the Pentecostal experience and power.

In 1900 God began pouring out His Spirit on His children all around the world. From then on the Pentecostal revival has grown. Many thousands of Christians in all different churches, such as Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Some estimate that there are over 110 million Pentecostal believers in the world today.

Who is being filled with the Holy Spirit? People who hunger and thirst for God receive the Baptism. Many go without some meals in order to spend more time in prayer. Hunger of the soul has become more important than that of the body.

Psalm 42:2. I thirst for you, the living God.

John 7:37-39. Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice; “Whoever is thirsty should come to me and drink... Whoever believes in me, streams of life-giving water will pour out from his heart.” Jesus said this about the Spirit which those who believed in him were going to receive.

The Holy Spirit is filling those who want Him to take control of their lives. They surrender mind, emotions, will, and body so God can use them in any way He chooses.



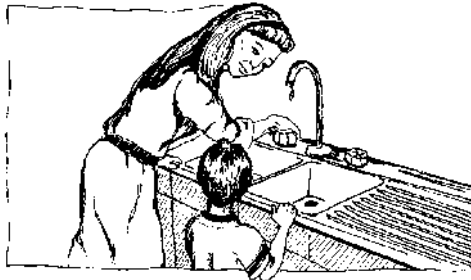
For You To Do

- 1 Memorize Acts 2:17.

MAKE THE HOLY SPIRIT WELCOME

Objective 2. *Take steps to prepare yourself to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.*

What do you do when you learn that a dear friend is coming to visit you? You clean the house and get ready to welcome him or her. Your Friend the Holy Spirit wants to come in and fill you.



General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, wrote this:

Before we go to our knees to receive the Baptism of Fire . . . see to it that your souls are in harmony with the will and purpose of the Holy Spirit whom you seek. See to it that the channel of communication, by which the Baptism of the Holy Spirit must be received, be kept open. I heard of some people . . . who could not get any water. They turned the tap repeatedly, but no water came... Plenty of water was in the reservoir, pipes, tap, and connections all right, but no water came. At last they pulled up the pipe and found a mouse in it. It is no use turning the tap, praying, singing, or even believing, if you are holding something back or refusing to do something—something about which you feel condemned, but which you refuse to give up, something in the pipe . . . Out with it; give it no rest; give it up. Destroy your idols and hindrances and stoppages, with an everlasting destruction. Let there be free communication between you and God. Let all go, and you shall be flooded before you rise from your knees; the world shall feel the power of it, and God shall have all the glory.



For You To Do

2 Has God shown you any hindrance to being filled with the Holy Spirit? If so, confess it now. Take steps to welcome Him.

BELIEVE AND RECEIVE

Objective 3. *Claim and receive by faith the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

You receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit like you received salvation: by faith. That is, you just believe God's promise and accept the gift that He offers you. Here are some of the promises that will help you believe and receive. They are for you. Memorize them and say them over and over to yourself. As you realize the truth of them it will be easy for you to accept God's gift for you.

Luke 11:9, 11-13. "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you . . . Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Believe God. Don't be afraid to ask. And don't be afraid when the power of the Holy Spirit comes on you. God loves you. You are His child. He won't give you something harmful when you ask for the Holy Spirit!

Acts 2:38,39. Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away—all whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

Acts 5:32. "The Holy Spirit . . . is God's gift to those who obey him."

To receive a gift you just believe that it is for you, thank the giver, and put out your hand to receive it. You take hold of it and make it yours. In the same way, you believe God's promise. You go to Him and ask Him for the gift He has offered. You thank God for it and accept it for your own. You believe that the Holy Spirit comes in to fill you. You surrender to Him your will, your desires, and ambitions, and let Him take first place in your life. As you do, He will fill you. And you will know it.

Galatians 3:2,14. Did you receive God’s Spirit by doing what the Law requires or by hearing the gospel and believing it? . . . through faith we . . . receive the Spirit promised by God.



For You To Do

- 3 Memorize Acts 2:38,39; Acts 5:32; Luke 11:9, 11-13. Claim them for yourself.

SURRENDER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Objective 4. Give examples of four ways the Holy Spirit works in those who surrender to Him.

You want the Holy Spirit to fill you so that He can lead you, pray through you, give you the words to say when you witness, give you faith to believe for His miracle-working power. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is your initiation into this kind of life. You experience some of all this work in the Baptism. It is like a door through which you enter into the Spirit-filled, Spirit-directed life. As you enter, you surrender completely your mind, emotions, will, and body to the Holy Spirit.

Often those praying to be filled raise their hands in a sign of surrender and invitation to the Holy Spirit to take control. Some receive while singing songs of surrender.



For You To Do

- 4 Name four things that you must surrender to the Holy Spirit in order to let Him have His way in your life.

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Surrender Your Mind

The Holy Spirit comes in so that He can help you pray and witness. So you can expect Him to impress on your mind certain things to pray for or to thank God for. Obey the Holy Spirit. As you do, He will pray through you in your own language or in the one that He chooses.

Surrender Your Emotions

Your emotional nature is part of you; surrender it to the Holy Spirit. If you feel like crying when you are praying, don’t hold back the tears. Let the Holy Spirit break up all the hardness, self-will, pride, doubt, and resistance to God that He may have found in you. Let Him convict you, cleanse you, and make you what He wants you to be. Weep for your friends and loved ones lost in sin, or for the millions who have never heard the gospel. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in you for the salvation of souls.

When the Holy Spirit fills you, He may give you such love that you will just worship God and praise Him with your whole soul. Or you may be so happy that you feel like laughing for joy. Go ahead and express this love and joy from the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:8. You rejoice with a great and glorious joy which words cannot express.

Romans 14:17. God’s kingdom . . . righteousness, peace, and joy which the Holy Spirit gives.

Remember, however, that God's blessings come to different persons in different ways. Some people just don't feel any great emotion when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. So don't worry about it or try to work yourself up into an emotional state. Benjamin A. Bauer says this:

The power of the Holy Spirit upon you cannot be accurately measured by the amount of *feeling* you possess, but rather by the *faith* that abides within. The power of the Holy Ghost may be working through you mightily *without producing a particle of emotion in your physical man*. But a man or woman filled with the Spirit will always be full of *faith* and *love*.

Surrender Your Will

You have invited the Holy Spirit in to take full control of your life. Don't start arguing with Him over how He is to do it. Don't insist on an experience just like someone else had. Accept what He has for you. Some people resist the power of God because they are afraid it will make them look foolish. What if people do criticize you? They called Jesus and Paul crazy and said the Spirit-filled believers at Pentecost were drunk. Let go of self-will and let God have His way.

Surrender Your Body

The Holy Spirit will fill your body as well as your mind and emotional nature. You have prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit; He may let you feel that power so that you will know that it is real.



People respond physically to the power of the Holy Spirit in different ways, much as they did in Bible times. Moses trembled greatly. Daniel fell down as if he were dead. David danced for joy before the ark. The lame man jumped for joy after he was healed. On the Day of Pentecost, the group that had gathered spoke in languages as the Holy Spirit took control of their tongues and gave them the words to speak.

The Bible says that the tongue is the hardest to control of all our members. We are quick to say things we shouldn't and slow to say what we should. So we surrender our tongues to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help us use them for the Glory of God. He lets us know that He has accepted them by taking control and giving us a new language with which to pray and praise God.

People receive this work of the Holy Spirit in several ways. Some suddenly begin to speak fluently in another language without problems, struggles, or doubts. They just yield their voices to the Holy Spirit.

Others yield little by little to the power of the Spirit. Some stammer and struggle to keep speaking clearly in their own language. Some are like children learning to talk as they repeat over and over one or two syllables or words that the Holy Spirit gives them. But as they learn to yield to the Spirit each time they pray, He takes control of their tongues and speaks fluently through them.

Still others feel a strong impression from the Holy Spirit to speak a certain word or words that they do not understand. In faith they accept this leading of the Spirit and speak the words. As they do, the Holy Spirit enables the person to speak in another language—no longer in words that pass through their mind but in direct, supernatural power.

Here is a condensation of Robert W. Cunninghams' experience when he was a Presbyterian missionary in India:

I was praising God and saying, "Glory be to Thee, O God." Suddenly . . . He seemed to say, "You really are not praising me and praying for My glory, because you are anxious for My glory, but because you want your Baptism." . . . I returned to the meeting . . . and began at once to pray as He had taught me . . . "O God! be *Thou* exalted and glorified here, in this meeting, in each of Thy children, in me."

As I prayed thus with all sincerity, a very powerful spirit of sorrow laid hold of me.... In a spirit that I recognized as not my own I wept my heart out because God was not loved and glorified when He was worthy.

After the spirit of jealous, burning desire for God's glory, came a sense of wonderful and supreme joy and freedom. I felt as if I were in the heart of God's love and freed from all that bound me. I laughed with the joy of it—laughed at my doubts and fears, laughed at the enemies of my soul, and laughed with the joy of triumph over every worry that had attacked me.

For a long time the Spirit taught me to praise Him for His holiness, for His justice, for His righteousness, and for His goodness. Next He taught me the passion of the desire of His heart that His kingdom come. Oh! if we only knew how the Spirit yearns that Christ be crowned King.

The next lesson He taught me was God's jealous desire that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. He began to deal with me personally. He showed me that all members, my whole body, had been made for His glory.

All this while tremendous Power had been upon my body, . . . Power that was intelligent . . . Power that was infinite, yet stopping before my will and refusing to accomplish its desires except as my will would cooperate.

Then He made it very plain to me that He expected me to use my speech to glorify Christ. He wanted me to give my life to glorify Christ as the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world . . . the Healer . . . the One who baptizes in Spirit and in fire . . . the coming King.

Then He let me know that He wanted my tongue, to speak through it as He gave utterance. As I yielded it to Him He spoke through me in a language which I did not know or understand. Why? I cannot say. I only know that He made me feel that He the Holy Spirit had used my tongue to speak mysteries to God, and that it was eminently fitting that He should seal the flooding and filling of His temple by taking the tongue and worshipping God as He gave utterance, in a language I by my own prayer could not speak.

God, who makes no two leaves exactly alike, will fill you with the Holy Spirit in the way He chooses. Some are filled with the Holy Spirit right away after their conversion. Others pray a long time before receiving. Some are kneeling at an altar when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others are sitting or standing. Some are in a prayer group or in a home. Others are singing, reading the Bible, or going about their work when suddenly a great love for God wells up in them and they burst out praising Him and are filled with the Holy Spirit.



For You To Do

5 You have studied some examples and Bible verses about being filled with the Holy Spirit. Based on these, what could be said about the manner or way God fills people with the Spirit?

- a) Everyone is filled in the same way.
- b) God fills each person as He chooses.
- c) A certain ritual or method must be followed.

6 Have you seen or experienced the work of the Holy Spirit in the four ways you have studied? If so, write a short description in the spaces following.

- a Mind
- b Emotions
- c Will
- d Body

Maybe you have been filled but are not as full of the Spirit now as you would like to be. Do what the early Christians did: let Him fill you again to overflowing. “Keep being filled with the Spirit.”

As you see how others are being filled with the Holy Spirit, you realize that God has no favorites. What He is doing for others, He will do for you too. How long you have been converted, where you are, and what you are doing are not important. What is important is your attitude, your hunger and thirst for God, your willingness to obey Him, and your faith that He will keep His promise. Surrender to Him and let Him fill you right where you are.



God bless you as you put into practice what you have learned. We pray this for you:

Colossians 1:9-11. We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will, with all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives. Then you will be able to live as the Lord wants and always do what pleases him. Your lives will produce all kinds of good deeds, and you will grow in your knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power.



For You To Do

7 Begin to pray now. Quote the promises that you memorized. Thank God for them. Thank Him for sending His Spirit. Invite the Spirit in and surrender to Him.

Now you are ready to answer the questions in your student report for *UNIT TWO*. Review the lessons in unit two, and then follow the instructions in your student report. When you send your answer sheet to your instructor, ask about another course of study.



Check Your Answers

6 Your descriptions. If you haven't surrendered to the Holy Spirit in any of these areas, take that step now!

4 mind, emotions, will, and body.

5 b) God fills each person as He chooses.

Congratulations! You have finished studying this course, *Your Helpful Friend*. I hope these lessons have helped you understand who the Holy Spirit is and how He can work in your life. May God bless you as you choose each day to let the Holy Spirit fill you and lead you.

Sources and Books for Further Reading

The following list includes the books referred to in this course as well as several studies of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. Also listed are books that give more information on what God is doing in different churches around the world. We do not agree with all their points of doctrine, but we can praise God for the spiritual awakening they describe.

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One Final Word

This is a special kind of book because people who care about you wrote it. These are happy people who have found good answers to many of the questions and problems which trouble almost everyone in the world. These happy people believe that God wants them to share with others the answers they have found. They believe that you need some important information in order to answer your own questions and problems and find the way of life that is best for you.

They have prepared this book in order to give you this information. You will find this book based on these fundamental truths:

1. You need a Savior. Read Romans 3:23, Ezekiel 18:20.
2. You cannot save yourself. Read 1 Timothy 2:5, John 14:6.
3. God desires that the world should be saved. Read John 3:16,17.
4. God sent Jesus who gave His life to save all those who believe in Him. Read Galatians 4:4,5, 1 Peter 3:18.
5. The Bible shows us the way of salvation and teaches how to grow in the Christian life. Read John 15:5, John 10:10; 2 Peter 3:18.
6. You decide your eternal destiny. Read Luke 13:1-5, Matthew 10:32,33, John 3:35,36.

This book tells you how to decide your destiny, and it gives you opportunities to express your decision. Also, the book is different from others because it gives you a chance to contact people who prepared it. If you want to ask questions, or explain your needs and feelings, you may write to them.

In the back of the book you should find a card called *Decision Report and Request Card*. When you have made a decision, fill out the card and mail it as indicated. Then you will receive more help. You may use the card to ask questions, or make requests for prayer or information.

If there is no card in this copy of the book, write to your ICI instructor and you will receive a personal answer.

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UNIT STUDENT REPORTS AND ANSWER SHEETS

STUDENT REPORT DIRECTIONS

When you have completed your study of each unit, fill out the answer sheet for that unit. Do only one unit at a time. Return each answer sheet to your ICI instructor or office in your area as soon as you have completed it.

The following are directions on how to indicate your answer to each question.

EXAMPLE

There is one best answer. Blacken the space for the answer you have chosen.

- 1** To be born again means to
- a) be young in age.
 - b) accept Jesus as Savior.
 - c) start a new year.

The correct answer is b) *accept Jesus as Savior*, so you would blacken space **b** like this:

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Now read the questions in your Student Report and mark your answers in the answer section as we have shown in our example. Choose your answer and blacken the space **a**, **b**, or **c** according to your choice.

STUDENT REPORT FOR UNIT ONE

For all questions, be sure the number beside the spaces on the answer sheet is the same as the number of the question.

- 1** Jesus told His followers that He would go back to heaven and send them another Friend and Helper who could
 - a) be with them all at the same time, wherever they were.
 - b) do even greater works than Jesus did.
 - c) be wiser, stronger, and better.
- 2** The Greek word *paraclete* means someone
 - a) called alongside to help.
 - b) who gives life.
 - c) who gives wisdom.
- 3** According to Romans 8:5,6, a Spirit-controlled mind brings
 - a) faith.
 - b) life and peace.
 - c) spiritual gifts.
- 4** Holy means separated from
 - a) normal activities of life.
 - b) other people.
 - c) sin and given to God.
- 5** As the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit will
 - a) make you successful in business.
 - b) remove all problems from your life.
 - c) help you understand the Bible.
- 6** When the Holy Spirit leads you and shows you what is best for you, He is acting as
 - a) the Spirit of truth.
 - b) the Spirit of wisdom.
 - c) the Spirit of promise.
- 7** The Holy Spirit comes to glorify
 - a) Himself.
 - b) Jesus.
 - c) the church.
- 8** Charisma means
 - a) being converted.
 - b) human abilities.
 - c) supernatural gifts.
- 9** The Holy Spirit helps us to love
 - a) family, friends, other Christians, and even our enemies.
 - b) only those who attend our church.
 - c) our old way of living.
- 10** The purpose of the Holy Spirit as *the Spirit of Life*
 - a) is to give you a new reason for living.
 - b) has no effect on your motivations.
 - c) makes you want to die and go to heaven.

- 11** When the Spirit of life raises us from the dead, we will have
- a) no body at all.
 - b) a changed body free from weakness.
 - c) the same body with the same limitations.
- 12** No one can be God's child or go to heaven without experiencing
- a) determination.
 - b) conversion.
 - c) resurrection.
- 13** In, the Holy Spirit leads you to Christ, breaks the power that sin has over you, and comes to live in you.
- a) resurrection
 - b) conversion
 - c) communion
- 14** You can have purpose in life by
- a) letting the Holy Spirit lead you.
 - b) establishing goals.
 - c) focusing on getting your needs met.
- 15** We can enhance our worship by spending much time
- a) asking for things.
 - b) saying the same prayers each day.
 - c) singing and praising the Lord.
- 16** Psalm 145 tells about the
- a) greatness of God.
 - b) importance of prayer.
 - c) purposes of the Holy Spirit.
- 17** Reading a Psalm every day will help you
- a) think about helping others.
 - b) appreciate God more.
 - c) trust in external ceremonies.
- 18** The Holy Spirit helps you remove hindrances to your prayers by helping you to
- a) forget your sins.
 - b) discuss your sins with others.
 - c) confess your sins to God.
- 19** Glossolalia means
- a) praying or speaking in tongues.
 - b) the gift of salvation.
 - c) baptism in water.
- 20** Philippians 4:6 tells us to
- a) worry about our sins.
 - b) always pray in tongues.
 - c) ask God for what we need.

End of requirements for Unit One. Please stop here and return your student report Answer Sheet for Unit One to your instructor. Continue your study in Unit Two.

STUDENT REPORT FOR UNIT TWO

For all questions, be sure the number beside the spaces on the answer sheet is the same as the number of the question.

- 1** The Holy Spirit is qualified to lead you because He knows
 - a) the future.
 - b) the present.
 - c) the past.
- 2** Memorizing Scripture makes it possible
 - a) to skip reading the Bible some days.
 - b) to impress people with our knowledge.
 - c) for the Holy Spirit to bring it to mind when needed.
- 3** The Holy Spirit uses the Bible to lead us by
 - a) helping us understand difficult passages.
 - b) focusing our attention on heaven.
 - c) speaking to us through certain verses.
- 4** The Holy Spirit may give you guidance through
 - a) members of your church.
 - b) spirit mediums.
 - c) your horoscope.
- 5** The Holy Spirit uses the church to lead us by
 - a) preparing everyone for Christian service.
 - b) providing teaching and guidance.
 - c) emphasizing harmony in the family of God.
- 6** The gifts of tongues and interpretation are
 - a) equal to the gift of prophecy.
 - b) equal to wisdom or knowledge.
 - c) the most important gifts.
- 7** The discerning of spirits is given to
 - a) judge actions of others.
 - b) point out wrong attitudes.
 - c) protect the church from false messages.
- 8** A message from God will always
 - a) be given by a pastor.
 - b) agree completely with God's Word.
 - c) come through tongues and interpretation.
- 9** Though most dreams are not revelations from God, you can make even these dreams work for you by
 - a) praying for everyone that you see in your dreams.
 - b) assuming that these have a spiritual meaning.
 - c) ignoring them completely.
- 10** The early church did great exploits because they
 - a) had great wisdom.
 - b) had seen Jesus' work on earth.
 - c) were filled with the power of the Spirit.

- 11** The Baptism of the Holy Spirit gives us
- satisfaction.
 - power.
 - knowledge.
- 12** Acts 2:1-13 gives us
- instructions in the use of gifts.
 - a record of the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
 - the purpose of the gifts of the Spirit.
- 13** In Acts 1:4-8 Jesus promised the disciples
- boldness to preach.
 - power to witness.
 - wisdom and understanding.
- 14** The normal pattern the Bible gives for receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is that
- all new believers received it.
 - only the Apostles received it.
 - some received but others refused it.
- 15** The supernatural sign that God has chosen to show that the Holy Spirit has filled a person is
- fire.
 - the sound of a rushing wind.
 - speaking in other languages.
- 16** Who is being filled with the Spirit today?
- those who have been saved a long time
 - those who hunger and thirst after God
 - those who live perfect, upright lives
- 17** To prepare yourself to receive the Holy Spirit, you need to
- memorize all Scriptures relating to the Holy Spirit.
 - do works of service.
 - confess any sin in your life.
- 18** We receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit like we received salvation: by
- faith.
 - works.
 - study.
- 19** In order to be filled with the Spirit, one must
- live according to a strict standard.
 - pray for a very long time.
 - surrender his or her will, mind, emotions, and body to God.
- 20** The four things that we must surrender to the Holy Spirit in order to let Him have His way in our life is our mind, emotion, will and
- friends.
 - family.
 - body.

End of requirements for Unit Two. Please return your student report Answer Sheet for Unit Two to your ICI instructor. Now that you have completed your study of this course, ask your instructor to recommend another course of study.

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