

B. The Names of the Holy Spirit

- **Note:** The Holy Spirit's personality is described through His Names and Titles.
 - His names are self-descriptive.

1) The Holy Spirit/Ghost = Separate from all others.

***Luke 11:13** "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"*

***Romans 1:3-4** "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (4) And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"*

Note: It is absolutely important that we know the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in a detailed way so that we are able to distinguish between the Holy Spirit and the subtle, counterfeit, seducing spirit of the age.

a. Other spirits are associated with false teachers

- The Apostle Paul's heart broke when he heard that the church at Corinth were receiving, inviting, and putting up with false teachers who had another spirit.

***2 Corinthians 11:2-4** "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (4) For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."*

- **Questions:** Do you ever wonder what motivates the Mormons, and the JW's to do what they do? It is an evil spirit that energizes them to do what seems to be spiritual, what seems to be godly, and what seems to be biblically right in the eyes of men.
- **Note:** The word "transformed" is used three times in this chapter.

***2 Corinthians 11:13-15** "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. (14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."*

- This Greek word "Transformed" simply means "to disguise, to masquerade."

- The issue wasn't so much that these false teachers had come among the Christians; the main problem was that the Corinthians were putting up with them. False teachers will come, and they will come with a different spirit. We must be able to distinguish between holy men of God filled with the Holy Spirit of God, and evil men that are not sent of God.

b. Other spirits are associated with false teachings

1 Timothy 4:1 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

- **Note:** The Holy Spirit speaks against the seducing spirits of the devil – the spirit of the antichrist that opposes the work of God through false teachings.

Depart from the faith = to desert, to remove or withdraw from.

Seducing spirits = impostor or misleader. Deceiving spirits.

Doctrine of devils = "Doctrines of devils" speaks of doctrines motivated by demons, not doctrines that teach about demons. False doctrines that greatly corrupt the Christian faith.

- **Note:** It is one thing to reject and resist the Holy Spirit, but it is certainly another thing to submit to unclean spirits.

c. Consider some of these teachings:

1 Timothy 4:2-3 "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (3) Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats..."

➤ *1 Timothy 4:2 "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"*

- **The Charismatic Movement:** This movement uses Christian connotations, but their life-style is far from one that is holy. They are soft on sin.

William McDonald "The word hypocrisy suggests "wearing a mask." How typical this is of the false cultists! They try to hide their true identity. They do not want people to know the system with which they are identified. They masquerade by using Bible terms and singing Christian hymns. Not only are they hypocrites, but they are liars as well. Their teaching is not according to the truth of God's word; they know this, and purposely deceive the people."

➤ *1 Timothy 4:3 "Forbidding to marry..."*

- **The Catholic Church:** They did not permit their priests to get married, thus suggesting that to be unmarried is the greatest form of spirituality.

➤ *1 Timothy 4:3 "...and commanding to abstain from meats."*

- **The Seventh-Day Adventist:** This teaching places one under the law.

1 Timothy 4:3-5 "...which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. (4) For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: (5) For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

2) Quickening Spirit = to make alive.

- a. The Greek word "pneuma", which is translated "Spirit" in the old English Bible, literally means "**breath.**"
- The association has to do with that of "Life" – in both the physical sense (Life itself) and in the Spiritual sense (Eternal Life).

Genesis 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

- b. The word for "breath" in Hebrew is the same word for Spirit....God created man by putting His breath – His Spirit, within him.

Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."

- God made man an eternal being; making man in the image of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- In some passages the terms soul and spirit can be synonymous, other times they seem to be distinct, and can only be defined within the context.

spirit = eternal being of a person.

living soul = the life a creature (*Passions, desires and affections*)

body = physical being (*Created from the dust of the earth*)

Note: The great Greek scholar Dean Alford described the spirit and the soul as thus:

- “The SPIRIT (*pneuma*) is the highest and distinctive part of man, the immortal.”
- “The SOUL is the lower or animal soul, containing the passions and desires which we have in common with the brutes...”

1 Thessalonians 5:23 “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly;

Wholly = In every part and in every area is to be completely holy.

John 3:5-6 “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

- c. Because of the fall of Adam the spirit of man has been corrupted. So therefore, man’s spirit must be revived by the Holy Spirit of God.

Note: A spiritual birth must take place to receive a new and holy nature to be made fit for the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15:45 “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickenning spirit.”

- Adam = living soul – alive on earth, but dead in sin.
- Jesus = quickening spirit – to make alive, victory over death.

1 Corinthians 15:46 “Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.”

- Adam = Natural man – Dead
- Jesus = Spiritual man – Alive

1 Corinthians 15:47 “The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.”

- Adam = Earthy – Dust
- Jesus = Heavenly – Divine

❖ **Alexander Cruden:** “The Holy Ghost is called Spirit, being, as it were, breathed, and proceeding from the Father and Son, who inspires and moves our hearts by him....stirring up spiritual motions in the hearts of believers purifying and quickening them.”

3) **Spirit of Life** = Frees us from death.

- a. The Spirit that brings life to a believer frees them from the condemnation of sin.

Romans 8:1-2 *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”*

- When a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ they receive the Spirit of Life, which frees them from sin and death.
- **“The law of the Spirit”** means the authority which is exercised by the Spirit to give Life. The Spirit of Life freed us from **“the Law of sin and death”** which has the authority to condemn us.

❖ **John Phillips** *“Picture a coin falling toward the ground under the influence of the law of gravity. In itself, that coin is powerless to overcome the downward pull of this earth. It is in its very nature to fall. But before it has gone far, someone reaches out an arm, holds the coin firmly in his hand, and then lifts it higher and higher in defiance of the law of gravity. The law of the spirit of life in that person’s arm overcomes the law of gravity. This does not mean that the original law has ceased to operate, but it does mean that a higher law has come into force. We sin by nature because we are victims of the fall and because it is the nature of fallen man to sin. But “in Christ Jesus” a higher law operates, “the law of the Spirit of life;” and this law sets us free from the lesser law of sin and death. The limitation of the coin illustration, of course, lies in the fact that the coin has no will of its own, whereas we do. It is possible for us to fail to enjoy release from the control of sin by disbelief or disobedience.”*

4) Spirit of Adoption – Placed as a son into God family.

Romans 8:15 *“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”*

- From Bondage = Fear
- To Blessing = Father

5) Spirit of Promise = God’s Gift

Ephesians 1:13 *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,”*

- The Holy Spirit is given with promise.
 - a. **Promised** – by the Father

Luke 24:49 “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”

Acts 1:4 “And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.”

b. Prophesied by Joel

- The Holy Spirit was prophesied by Joel

Joel 2:28 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:”

Acts 2:14-17 “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: (15) For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. (16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; (17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams”

c. Preached by Peter

- The Holy Spirit of promise is preached.

Acts 2:38-39 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

d. Purchased by faith

- The Holy Spirit of promise is received by believers.

Acts 19:1-6 “And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, (2) He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (3) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. (4) Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. (5) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

Galatians 3:13-14 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: vs 14 “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

6) Spirit of Truth = The Source of truth

- a. Apart from the Holy Spirit, people cannot know the truth of God.

John 14:17 “Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

- b. The Holy Spirit of Truth is sent from the Father and has a specific teaching ministry that points to the Son – who is Truth.

John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.”

- **Note:** The Holy Spirit NEVER contradicts the Scriptures. The Spirit confirms the Scriptures to be true.
- **The Saviour testifies of the truth** – *John 14:6* “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
- **The Scriptures testifies of the truth** – *John 5:39* “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”
- **The Spirit testifies of the truth** – *1 John 5:6* “This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.”

Note: The Holy Spirit points to the divine revelation of all truth by which God has made Himself known in Christ Jesus.

- c. The Holy Spirit is the one that guides us in all truth and can keep us from error.

John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

- “**He will guide you**” – He is a teacher of truth
- “**For he shall not speak of himself**” – Unified with the Father
- “**but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak**” – In full submission to the will of God.
- “**he will shew you things to come**” – In full submission to the Word of God.

Vernon McGee: “Without the Holy Spirit, the Bible becomes a book of history, a book of facts. The Holy Spirit teaches the truths of the Bible.”

7) Spirit of Grace = Freely and graciously given.

- **Note:** God’s Gift of the Holy Spirit is undeserved. God didn’t have to send the Holy Spirit. It is an absolute disgrace to those that reject an undeserved gift governed by God’s Love as He gave His only begotten Son.

Hebrews 10:29 “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”

- ❖ **Albert Barnes:** “The Holy Spirit, called “the Spirit of grace,” because he confers favor (grace) upon people. The meaning of the phrase “done despite unto” is, “having reproached, or treated with contempt.” The idea is, that if they were thus to apostatize, they would by such an act treat the Spirit of God with disdain and contempt. It was by him that they had been renewed; by him that they had been brought to embrace the Saviour and to love God; by him that they had any holy feelings or pure desires; and if they now apostatized from religion, such an act would be in fact treating the Holy Spirit with the highest indignity. It would be saying that all his influences were valueless, and that they needed no help from him.”
- The Holy Spirit of God didn’t have to be promised to us. The Holy Spirit didn’t have to be given to us. The Holy Spirit didn’t have to work in the midst of sinful people. The Holy Spirit didn’t have to show us our need for the Saviour. The Holy Spirit didn’t have to convict us of sin.
- Without the Spirit of God we would not be able to see the God of all Grace who offered up His Son as the ultimate sacrifice.

8) Spirit of Glory = The very presence of God (That's Glorious)

- The Spirit of glory refers to the glorious divine nature of God.
- The Christian that suffers for the cause of Christ would be given the peace and presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 4:13-14 “But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (14) If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.”

- ❖ It is the Holy Spirit that overshadowed Stephen as he was being stoned for the cause of Christ.

Acts 7:51-60 “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. (52) Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: (53) Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. (54) When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. (55) But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, (56) And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. (57) Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, (58) And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. (59) And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. (60) And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

9) The Comforter – He is a Divine Helper

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

- **Comforter** = “Comes along side of”. He is our advocate. He supports us in every sense of the word.

Memory Verse: John 14:16-17