The Person of the Holy Spirit

These are the lesson notes for the following YouTube video(s):

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Let's be really practical, who is the Holy Spirit? This is important. We really need to understand who the Holy Spirit is and who He wants to be in our lives.

Many people have an image of God the Father, and Jesus the Son, but who is the Holy Spirit in your life?
How do you work together with Him? How does He lead you, change you, help you, comfort you?

> **John 3:8**
> *The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it's going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

Everyone who is born of the Spirit, born again by the Holy Spirit, should be Spirit-filled, Spirit-led. The Spirit of God… we don't know what we are doing next year, 3 years. If the spirit speaks – we follow. Those Frontrunners… you never know what they are going to do! That's right! We are born of the Spirit!!

The Holy Spirit = God

The Holy Spirit is God Himself. He is the Holy Spirit *of God*. He is God, the Holy Spirit and every bit as important as God the Father and God the Son.

GOD THE FATHER	GOD THE SON	GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT
Is on His throne in heaven.	Is at the right hand of God the Father, is the mediator between God and Man, came to the earth as a man.	Is here on the earth. He is God on the earth
They all work together. They all have different forms and roles, but they are all the same God.		

The Holy Spirit is a Person

He is God on the earth and He wants to be really close to us.

> **Acts 13:1-2**
> *Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. [2] While*

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they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God has:

- **A will** (Acts 13:2 - *Set apart for me*).
- **A voice** (Acts 13:2 - *the Holy Spirit said*)
- **Thoughts** (Acts 15:28, Romans 8:6)
- **Emotions** (Ephesians 4:30 – *grieve*).
- **Commands/a plan for us** (Acts 16:6 - *the Spirit prevented us*).

Acts 15:28
For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

and you can quench the Spirit, just like you can quench a relationship (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

He isn't some vague power and He's not goosebumps, although He might give you goosebumps.

He is *compared* with other things.

Romans 1:9
God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you

Galatians 6:18
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Philippians 4:23
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The source word in Genesis 1:1 that we translate as "Spirit" here is ***Ruach*****,** which means: **energy, breath, wind.**

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 being.

God gave man His breath, the Holy Spirit, and He came alive. He is life-creating energy and power.

The Bible uses a number of different images to describe the Holy Spirit. He isn't the thing in the image; the image *describes* something about Him. e.g. Wind. The Holy Spirit isn't a wind, but He's definitely *like* a wind.

IMAGE	REFERENCE	ACTION
A dove	Luke 3:22	Looking for a resting place – Noah He rested on Jesus.
Wind	Song of Songs 4:16, Acts 2	Renews, gives direction.
Oil	Isaiah 61, Hebrews 1	Breaks yokes. Heals.
Fire	Acts 2, Jeremiah 20, Luke 3:16, Acts 2	He fires us up, He purifies and cleans us with His fire.
Water/Living Water	John 4, John 7	Refreshes, nourishes, and cleans us.

Rain	Zachariah 10	Causes fruit to grow.
New Wine	Ephesians 5	Gives joy in the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5, Romans 14).
Stamp/Deposit/Seal	Ephesians 1	Testifies that we are God's (Galatians 4:6, Romans 8)
Light	Revelation 4:5	(enlightenment) revelation.

He's the one who renews, heals, breaks the yoke, spurs us on, purifies us, refreshes us, causes us to bear fruit, gives joy, gives revelation, and confirms that we are God's. It's amazing.

The Spirit of God Works With Us And Helps Us

Here are some more of His characteristics:

Isaiah 11:2
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

- **Wisdom** – example 'Touching Jesus'.
- **Spirit of Counsel** – helping us, counseling us. Also others through us. Conversation (2 things…) Difficult conversation, how am I going to do this… I have no idea. But then I sense the spirit: say this, ask this. He suddenly gives you wisdom.
- **Fear of the LORD** – HOLY spirit. If its not leading to the FEAR of the Lord, if it is not holy (set apart) it's not the holy spirit.

The Holy Spirit in the Bible

Who He Is And What He Does

What did the Spirit of God in the Old Testament? He empowered (anointed) people to do a task.

Exodus 35: 30-32
Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the Lord has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, [31] and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— [32] to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze,

The Spirit was on Moses.

God gave his spirit to certain people to help them accomplish a specific task.

- King/ Judges
- Priests
- Prophets

Joel 2:28-29
"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. [29] And also on My menservants and on My

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Jesus was 30 when he started performing miracles.

Luke 3:21-23

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. [22] And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." [23] Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age...

This is where the Holy Spirit started working in Jesus' life, leading Him, and working signs and wonders through Him.

Spiritual discernment is something outside of what you feel and think. It requires humility, not knowledge.

The scholars didn't acknowledge Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It was the prostitutes, sinners and tax collectors that came to Him without prejudice and received. If knowledge brought the power of God, the pharisees would have been the most anointed people in the world.

Be excessively cautious about saying that something is from the devil.

Matthew 12:24

Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

The Holy Spirit IN You *vs* the Holy Spirit ON You

It's impossible to live as a Christian without the power of the Holy Spirit Christian means anointed with the Holy Spirit. Just like Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is both **in** you and **on** you.

The Holy Spirit IN you	The Holy Spirit ON you
Romans 8:1 *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit **who dwells in you**.*	**Luke 4:18-19 (ESV)** *"The Spirit of the Lord is **upon me**, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* **Luke 24:49 (GNT)** *"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."*

So the Holy Spirit is both in us and on us. What's the difference?

The Holy Spirit is IN you	The Holy Spirit is ON you
To help **you**.	To help **others**.
For **your** character and direction.	For power and to give **others** direction (prophecy).

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The Holy Spirit helps us become more and more like Jesus in both POWER and CHARACTER

2 Timothy 1:7
For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- He's a God of power.
- He's a Holy God.
- He's the Spirit of Sanctification
- He's the Spirit of Power.

- **The Fruit of the Spirit: Character. The Spirit IN us (9)**
- **The Gifts of the Spirit: Power. The Spirit ON us (9)**

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22
Do not quench the Spirit. [20] Do not despise prophecies. [21] Test all things; hold fast what is good. [22] Abstain from every form of evil.

Ephesians 4:30-31
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

1 Corinthians 14:1
Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts...

WE NEED BOTH POWER AND CHARACTER, IT'S NOT EITHER/OR

The disciples' had power (Mark 16 and Matthew 10), but weren't particularly mature. Which shows us we can see tremendous amounts of God's power on our lives when we are still immature in character.

Luke 9: all power and might.

But actually:

1. They didn't manage to heal someone (you're always growing/not completely perfect)	Luke 9:37
2. Discussion over who was the most important (pride)	Luke 9:46
3. exclude others – thinking you are the only one.	Luke 9:49
4. Fire from heaven (wrong attitude regarding power).	Luke 9:54

And yet Jesus didn't stop them (Luke 10). You can correct people when they are moving, not when they are standing still.

A power-filled life without character is dangerous.
A character-filled life without power is pointless.

The power on your life can get you to a certain point,
but it's character that will keep you there.

Galatians 5:22
But the fruit of the Spirit is But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

If we walk in these things, we reflect the character of Christ, and this helps us overcome sin. The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1. Love 4. Joy 5. Peace 6. Patience 7. Kindness 8. Goodness 9. Faith 10. Gentleness 11. Self-control	**4 Keys for Getting More of the Spirit:** 1. Hunger and thirst (Isaiah 44:3, John 7). 2. Spending time in the presence of God. 3. Praying in tongues (1 Corinthians 14). **Just start living with the Spirit – start to do it.**

Baptism in the Holy Spirit & Speaking in Tongues

Really quickly I want to talk about the baptism of the Holy Spirit – being filled with the Holy Spirit and then we are going to minister to people who haven't been baptized in the Holy Spirit and who don't speak in tongues yet.

The most important thing to know is this:

A healthy and complete experience of BEING BORN AGAIN has 3 parts:

- Faith in Jesus & repentance of sin
- Water baptism
- Filling with the Spirit and baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38
Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When you believe in Jesus, when you repent of sins and even when you are baptized in water you did not AUTOMATICALLY receive the BAPTISM of the holy spirit. The fact that you got born again is a work of the Holy Spirit in your heart – you are sealed with the spirit for your salvation, but you have not been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

The same day: believed and repented, baptized in water and hands were layed on them for the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit – and they spoke in tongues.

We can see this the clearest in Acts 8 and Acts 19.

If you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, you can speak in tongues. That doesn't mean that you're going to hell if you've not been baptized.

Some examples:

The disciples believed in Jesus – receive the Holy Spirit but they were not baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4

they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues.

Acts 8:12-17

But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. [13] Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. [14] When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. [15] When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, [16] because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [17] Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

We see this with Philip in Acts 8. Here we 3 distinct events:

- They believed the Gospel
- They were baptized
- But they had not been filled with the Holy Spirit.

It's possible to believe in Jesus, accept the Gospel and the Word of God and be baptized but not be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:1-6

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples. [2] he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." [3] And He said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." [4] Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." [5] When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6] And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

To fill someone with the Holy Spirit, you lay your hands on them, pray for them, and help them to speak in tongues.

Acts 9: 17-19

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." [18] Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, [19] and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

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Speaking in Tongues

Every Spirit-Filled Believer Can Speak in Tongues

I want to start off by clearing up a big misunderstanding that is mainly based on the following passage:

1 Corinthians 12:28-30
And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? [30] Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Paul wasn't talking about tongues, the believer's personal prayer language, he was talking about the gift of tongues which is to be used **in the church** and serve as prophecy. Not everyone has the gift to operate in that.

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The Kinds of Tongues

1. Tongues that people understand directly in their own language. This is mainly used as a resource for evangelism, but can also occur in the church.
2. The gift of speaking in tongues in front of the church. This is interpreted and then treated in the same way as prophecy.
3. Tongues as a personal prayer language

1 Corinthians 14:27-28
If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be *two or at the most three,* each *in turn, and let one interpret. [28] But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and **let him speak to himself and to God.***

Jesus said that speaking in tongues is for every believer:

Mark 16:17
And these signs will follow those who believe… they will speak with new tongues;

1. Speaking in Tongues is the Biblical Evidence of Baptism in the Holy Spirit

2. The Believers All Spoke in Tongues on the Day of Pentecost

3. Paul

Paul also told us that he spoke in tongues after the was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:18
I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

Everybody in the new-testament church had the ability to speak in tongues.

Various passages from the book of Acts and Paul's letters show us that everyone in the church either spoke in tongues or had the ability to speak in tongues. We'll look at what Paul said first.

1 Corinthians 14:18
*I thank my God I speak with tongues more **than you all**;*

1 Corinthians 14:23
*Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and **all speak with tongues**, and there come in* those who are *uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?*

4. *Praying* in the Spirit is for Everyone

Here's a step-by-step plan for how to do that:

1. **Lay hands on them**

   Laying hands on them is a good way to start. We see people laying hands on other people throughout the Bible. The Old Testament shows us that it was already a way of blessing people (Genesis 48:18) and empower people (Deuteronomy 34:9) and appoint people (Numbers 27:18). The New Testament shows us it being used to impart the blessing (Mark 10:16), heal the sick (Mark 16:18), appoint elders and other people to minister in the church (Acts 6:6, 13:3) or stir up spiritual gifts (1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6). It's also used to fill people with the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17; 19:6).

   Acts 8:17-18
   Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. [18] And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

   Act 19:6
   And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

2. **Pray that the person will be filled with the Holy Spirit and have them repeat after you**

   It's good to pray after you've laid hands on someone. This can be a simple prayer (I give an example of such a prayer below). You have them ask to receive the Holy Spirit for themselves. Most of the time I have people repeat after me, so that they consciously ask God to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Get people to also ask to speak in tongues when they pray this prayer.

3. **Pray for them**

   After that I pray for the person. I do it to give them the time to really receive. Some people feel something, others don't. People often feel great warmth, peace, joy, etc. I then pray for them and invite the Holy Spirit and ask Him to fill the person top to toe with His presence.

4. **Pray in tongues together**

   If we follow the above steps, we can be certain that the person has then been filled with the Holy Spirit. If we ask God for the Holy Spirit, He gives us the Spirit, not a stone (Luke 11:13) Then I tell

them that we're going to speak in tongues together. I explain that it doesn't come from their mind, but their spirit. It's a language that comes from within them. I also explain that God isn't going to move their mouths for them, they have to start speaking and God gives them the words. Then I start to speak in tongues and ask them to do it too. Most people can speak in tongues straight away but are often very cautious and only whisper. I challenge them to break through their shame and speak louder.

Sometimes people still can't do it immediately, so I then ask them to repeat after me as I speak in tongues. I do this to get them just to make noises with their mouths and kick-start them. If people are very cautious and take a long time to repeat after you, this indicates that they are still stuck in their minds. I help them through this by explaining it a little more. Then I have them repeat after me as quickly and spontaneously as they can and then challenge them to continue speaking in tongues. This works nine out of ten times. I then always take a moment to pray in tongues with them, so that they can get used to it and get into the flow. After that, I recommend that they do it a lot in the beginning - in the car, at home and so on so that it becomes normal to them. If they still don't manage to speak in tongues straight away, I start by telling them that it's not a big problem. I challenge them to just start at home, in their personal prayer time, to practice, start speaking or put on worship music on and sing along in tongues. When I talk to them again I find out that this actually always works.

It is really extremely important to explain it to people and get them to do spend a great deal of time doing it in the beginning. You really have to break through. Some people have problems with speaking in tongues for a long period of time because they only say a word or two from time to time in a meeting and don't keep it up when at home.

Praying for the Filling/Refreshing of the Holy Spirit & Ministering the Power of the Holy Spirit to Others

The Bible talks about one filling, but many refills. The disciples were filled in Acts 2 and refilled in Acts 4. This command is meant to teach us to operate together with the Holy Spirit.

1. Pray for people / lay hands on people and pray for a new touch of the Holy Spirit.
2. Listen to what the Holy Spirit puts in your thoughts so that you pray it for them. Ask Him for an image/idea to pray out over them.