



CELL GUIDE

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In John 14:26, Jesus shared with his disciples, *“But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.”* To learn all things from God, we need the Holy Spirit to guide us and reveal all truth, glorifying God (John 16:13-15). Dependence on the Holy Spirit is essential to truly know Jesus.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

1) The Holy Spirit is a Person

The Holy Spirit has a soul, as demonstrated through:

a) His Characteristics

- i) The Holy Spirit has a mind that understands the mind of God (1 Cor 2:10-11).
- ii) He has a will with the power to decide (1 Cor 12:11).
- iii) He has feelings, grieving over the sins of man (Ephesians 4:30).

b) His Works

- i) He causes us to be born again (John 3:5-6).
- ii) He counsels and teaches (John 14:16, 17, 26).
- iii) He convicts and judges the world of sins and righteousness (John 16:7-11).
- iv) He leads us into all truths (John 16:13).
- v) He empowers us for ministry (Acts 1:8).
- vi) He anoints (Acts 10:38).
- vii) He reveals divine secrets (Acts 11:28; 1 Cor 14:24-25).
- viii) He releases God's love (Rom 5:5).

c) His Masculine Pronouns - John referred to the Holy Spirit as “He” (John 15:26; 16:13).

The Holy Spirit guides, speaks, and discloses what is to come (John 16:13). We are called to hear what the Spirit says (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22) and to grow in praying in tongues, which is directed towards God (1 Cor 14:2, 4, 14-17, 28; Act 2:4-6). The Holy Spirit is a person, we need to learn to relate to Him.

2) The Holy Spirit is God

The Holy Spirit has the attributes of God:

- a) Omnipresent: He is everywhere (Psalm 139:7-10).
- b) Omniscient: He is all knowing (1 Cor 2:10-11).
- c) Omnipotent: He is all powerful (Gen 1:1-2; Rom 8:11).

The Holy Spirit is recognised in baptism (Matt 29:19) and benediction (2 Cor 13:14). Lying to the Holy Spirit is equated with lying to God (Acts 5:3-4) and speaking against the Holy Spirit is an unpardonable sin (Matt 12:31-32). The Holy Spirit is recognised as God, we must revere Him.

3) The Holy Spirit is God in the now

The Holy Spirit is actively present in our lives today. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth, speak to us and glorify God (John 16:13-15). Paul emphasises our dependence on the Holy Spirit in Galatians - to receive the Spirit (Gal 3:2), begin and be in the Spirit (Gal 3:3; 4:6), walk by the spirit (Gal 5:16), be led by the Spirit (Gal 5:18) and to live by the Spirit (Gal 5:25). The Holy Spirit provides wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and the fear of the Lord (Isa 11:1-2). He teaches us how to pray (Rom 8:26-27) and allows us to experience His presence through various emotions and responses, such as:

- a) Passive feelings: peace, calm, love and assurance.
- b) Positive emotions: awe, awareness of His presence, receiving a vision, word or prompting.
- c) Active response: trembling, repentance and falling under His power.

CONCLUSION

The Holy Spirit is in the now, we must rely on Him. We are encouraged to rely on the Holy Spirit by receiving Jesus (Acts 2:17-18, 38-39), cultivating hunger and thirst for Him (John 7:37-39), surrendering fully to God (James 1:6-8; 11:9-13; 1 John 5:14-15), and welcoming the Holy Spirit to fill us again (Eph 5:18). Let us pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit, that we may experience His power, guidance and presence in our lives.

QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on the past weeks. How has the Holy Spirit been at work in your life?

2. The Holy Spirit is God. Which of the attributes of God in the Holy Spirit do you find most significant, and why? How does it influence your faith and actions?

3. Share an area of your life where you need the Holy Spirit's guidance or power. How can the group pray for you in this area? Commit one practical action this week that cultivates a deeper reliance on the Holy Spirit.