

**UNIT 3:** Getting to Know God the Holy Spirit  
**LESSON 10:** "The Person of the Holy Spirit"  
**DATE:** November 22, 2015  
**NEXT WEEK:** "The Work of the Holy Spirit"  
 (John 16:8-11)

**INTRODUCTION**

The best interpreter of any book is the author. The Scriptures not only shine light on who the Holy Spirit is, the Holy Spirit Himself shines light on what God's Word says about Himself.

"The Holy Spirit illuminates the minds of people, makes us yearn for God, and takes spiritual truth and makes it understandable to us." –Billy Graham

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ WHOSE PRESENCE WAS PROMISED BY JESUS (JOHN 14:16-17).**

The Bible reveals the Holy Spirit to be an equal, essential, and personal member of the Trinity.

1. *His personhood is seen in His \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *His personhood is seen in His \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - a. *He can be \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:30).*
  - b. *He can be \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:19).*
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"It is [the Spirit] that sheds the love of God abroad in their hearts, and the love of all mankind; thereby purifying their hearts from the love of the world, from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. It is by him they are delivered from anger and pride, from all vile and inordinate affections."  
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**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS \_\_\_\_\_ (2 CORINTHIANS 13:13).**

The New Testament not only teaches that the Spirit is a Person, it also teaches that the Spirit is God. If we focus only on God the Father and God the Son while minimizing God the Spirit, we are failing to be thoroughly Trinitarian.

1. *He is the third person of the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:7).*  
 "Though the Holy Spirit is God, equal in essence to the Father and the Son, yet his role is consistently to defer honor, to seek to bring about the glory of another." –Bruce A. Ware
2. *The \_\_\_\_\_ of God are ascribed to Him (Hebrews 9:14).*
3. *God \_\_\_\_\_ in us by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20).*  
 "The Spirit is the first power we practically experience but the last power we come to understand." –Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT \_\_\_\_\_.**

Why is it important that we understand the Holy Spirit is a Person and that He is equal with God?

1. *The Holy Spirit makes possible our \_\_\_\_\_ with God (Romans 8:9-10).*
2. *The Holy Spirit assures us of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (John 14:16-17).*
3. *The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us as fulfill God's mission (Acts 1:8).*  
 "The church becomes irrelevant when it becomes purely a human creation. We are not all we were made to be when everything in our lives and churches can be explained apart from the work and presence of the Spirit of God." –Francis Chan

**CONCLUSION**

Jesus didn't send us an impersonal presence but a Person when He sent the Holy Spirit. Even more, the Spirit He sent is equal to God Himself, which means that the truth of the Spirit dwelling within us means God Himself dwells within us. The Spirit matters because He makes possible our relationship with God, He reminds us that God is close and not distant, and He empowers us as we take the gospel to the nations.

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