

## The Holy Spirit 1 Peter 1:22-25

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

Some call Him the Holy \_\_\_\_\_, others the Holy \_\_\_\_\_. Who is He? Today we're exploring what the \_\_\_\_\_ says about the Holy Spirit. I'm so thankful God gave us the \_\_\_\_\_ through the Holy Spirit. Whatever was \_\_\_\_\_ there could easily be called God's Word and could just as easily be called the Words of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 3:7-11 introduce a quotation from Psalm 95:7-11, "just as the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_." The Spirit gave us this tremendous \_\_\_\_\_.

From the earliest days of the church, people have had \_\_\_\_\_ ideas about the Holy Spirit. In the third century, a heretic named Sabellius taught that the Holy Spirit was just one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, but was not a separate person from God the Father or Jesus His Son. In the fourth century, a heretic named Arius taught that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit were not \_\_\_\_\_, but had a beginning. Others taught that the Holy Spirit was just a \_\_\_\_\_ or a presence and not a \_\_\_\_\_ person. It's easy to see that there's a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ about the Holy Spirit.

Some older versions used the word "\_\_\_\_\_" to refer to the Holy Spirit. To be \_\_\_\_\_, the word "Spirit" in the original Greek language is a neuter word *pneuma*. But the Holy Spirit is not a \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord Jesus said, "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come" (John 16:13). The word for "He" in this verse is not neuter but masculine. Yes, the Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_!

### **Our reading today comes from 1 Peter 1:22-25.**

The Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit as a person. The Holy Spirit has a \_\_\_\_\_. **Read Romans 8:26-27.** Only a person can have a mind, can \_\_\_\_\_, or speak, or intercede. The Holy Spirit searches our \_\_\_\_\_ so that He may communicate to the Father what we are \_\_\_\_\_. Only a person could do this.

**Read what Jesus promised the apostles in John 14:16-17.** Jesus here calls the Spirit "another \_\_\_\_\_" like Himself. The Spirit is described here as "another of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_" as Jesus. Just as Jesus was a helper or one called to the side of the apostles, so the Spirit will be a helper to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them. Only a person could do this.

The Holy Spirit, as a person, has emotions and \_\_\_\_\_. Paul spoke of the “\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit” in Romans 15:30, and the “\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit” in Philippians 2:1. He warned the Ephesians in Ephesians 4:30, “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Indeed, when we \_\_\_\_\_, we grieve the Holy Spirit of God. A person grieves, but not some force or influence. The Holy Spirit is a person!

The scriptures not only describe the Holy Spirit but attribute to Him a \_\_\_\_\_ personality. More than one hundred times, He is called the “Holy Spirit,” which is a clear reference to His \_\_\_\_\_. In Hebrews 9:14 He is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. The apostle Paul taught that the Holy Spirit is omniscient; that is, He \_\_\_\_\_ all things. **Read what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 2:10-11.**

Since the Spirit is Divine, he is omnipotent or able to do \_\_\_\_\_ things. **Read Genesis 1:1-2.** The word “hovering” in Hebrew is used of an \_\_\_\_\_ hovering in the sky, poised, alert, and watchful, ready for instant action to catch its fledglings. In Deuteronomy 32:11, it’s a metaphor for \_\_\_\_\_ watching over His people.

David said that the Spirit was \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere; this is another sign of being Divine. **Read Psalm 139:7-10.**

When the Lord Jesus was conceived, the Holy Spirit was involved. The angel told Mary, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that \_\_\_\_\_ the holy Child shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). Later an angel of the Lord told Joseph, “Joseph, son of David, do not \_\_\_\_\_ to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 1:20).

When Jesus and the apostles began working miracles, they acted in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. Peter recalled, “how God \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. And He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was \_\_\_\_\_ him” (Acts 10:38). In every miracle of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit were very much \_\_\_\_\_. Likewise, God was confirming His \_\_\_\_\_ through the miracles that the apostles and others performed by the Holy Spirit. **Read Hebrews 2:3-4.** The Holy Spirit was behind and involved in every single \_\_\_\_\_.

When God \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus from the dead, the Holy Spirit was very much involved (Romans 8:11). When Jesus comes again, the Holy Spirit will raise \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead. Only a \_\_\_\_\_ being can do this. Likewise, a prophet named Agabus made a prediction, “And one of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius” (Acts 11:28). Only God can know the \_\_\_\_\_. The Holy Spirit is divine!

The Holy Spirit is indeed involved in inspiring those who \_\_\_\_\_ the words of the Bible as we've mentioned. Jesus promised the apostles that the Spirit would guide them into all the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:26). **Read the promise Jesus made to the apostles in John 16:12-13. For this reason the apostle Paul could say what we can read in 1 Corinthians 2:12-13.** Every word written in Scripture is there by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. **Read 2 Peter 1:20-21.** The human authors did not write whatever they \_\_\_\_\_ to write in Scripture; the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ them to write the things that they did.

In Acts chapter five, the Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ lying to the Spirit with lying to God. When Ananias and Sapphira agreed to give the purchase price of a piece of land, but secretly held back some of that price, Peter \_\_\_\_\_ them. **Read the story in Acts 5:3-4.** To lie to the Holy Spirit is to lie to \_\_\_\_\_. The Spirit is divine!

The Scriptures also \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit as authoritative and sovereign. For instance, the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ who would receive the various miraculous gifts; people couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ which gifts they wanted for themselves (1 Corinthians 12:11). The Holy Spirit determined who received what \_\_\_\_\_. The Holy Spirit is divine!

When the Lord Jesus spoke to the seven churches of Asia in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, He ended each segment with the warning, "He who has an \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ what the Spirit says to the churches." The Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_ with authority in Scripture today, and the Lord Jesus plainly commands us to hear what the Spirit is saying.

When we are born again as Christians, the Holy Spirit plays a \_\_\_\_\_ in our regeneration. The Lord Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is \_\_\_\_\_ of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). This new birth is a reference to \_\_\_\_\_; it's a birth of both water and the Spirit. Titus 3:5 explains that God "saved us, not because of \_\_\_\_\_ done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." You and I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation, but God saves us through the washing that regenerates (that's baptism) and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that causes us to have this \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of baptism. Romans 6:4 says, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." God raises us up in baptism to walk in newness of life. You might ask, "How is the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ in our new birth?"

**Read the explanation in 1 Peter 1:22-23.** The Spirit of God inspired the Word of God and gave us that \_\_\_\_\_ which is in the Word of God, that word that He guided the apostles and prophets to write, and that's the truth. We can know the truth \_\_\_\_\_ because the Spirit

led these men to write down God's Word. When people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ this inspired truth from the Holy Spirit, this imperishable seed that comes from the Holy Spirit, it causes them to be born again; we're born of an imperishable seed, that's the Word of God. The Holy Spirit works through the \_\_\_\_\_ planted in our hearts to cause our new birth. The seed is not some miraculous, direct operation of the Holy Spirit. No! But it's the inspired word that was \_\_\_\_\_ by the apostles and is found today in Scripture.

Some folks think we're saved when the Holy Spirit directly and miraculously \_\_\_\_\_ us from a totally depraved sinner into a saint. They believe the Spirit does this irresistibly and that we have no \_\_\_\_\_. But the Scriptures teach that we have \_\_\_\_\_ and choose whether or not to serve God. **Read Romans 6:17-18.** Here were slaves of sin who \_\_\_\_\_ the truth and then they became slaves of righteousness. That's how they were born again, when they obeyed it from their \_\_\_\_\_. You can do the same thing! Won't you \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord from your heart, and be born again? Does your life \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit? Do the \_\_\_\_\_ you speak and how you speak them honor or grieve God? Does the way you \_\_\_\_\_ other people cause the Holy Spirit to grieve over your soul? God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ you; the Lord Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for you; and the Holy Spirit inspired the Scriptures which \_\_\_\_\_ the truth and have that message of eternal life. When you listen carefully and obey, you \_\_\_\_\_ God. But when you \_\_\_\_\_ God by failing to hear and obey what He says, you will surely cause Him grief. You will also cause \_\_\_\_\_ grief.

When people fail to love and serve God, but live with selfish ambition for their own \_\_\_\_\_, surely they can't imagine that God is pleased. Many live as if there were \_\_\_\_\_ God, never giving Him a second thought. They don't realize how God \_\_\_\_\_ for a relationship with them. Do you have a close, loving, peaceful relationship with \_\_\_\_\_? If you do, God is smiling; but if you don't have one, why not come to the Lord today?

You can be right with God and live with Him eternally by \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel, by \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ, by \_\_\_\_\_ of your sins, and by \_\_\_\_\_ aloud Jesus as the Son of God, and by being \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ. It's when you are baptized that God \_\_\_\_\_ away your sin and gives you newness of life. That's when you are born again and when the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you to His church. God also wants your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_. He wants you to love Him with all your \_\_\_\_\_, all your \_\_\_\_\_, all your \_\_\_\_\_, and all your \_\_\_\_\_. That means \_\_\_\_\_ Him fully every single day. That means getting involved with His family, the \_\_\_\_\_. It means avoiding anything sinful and realizing that you were saved to love and to serve others and help spread the gospel. My friend, will you honor the Lord by giving yourself to Him?