



Survey of Christian Theology.3

The Holy Spirit / Pneumatology





Logistics & Learning Objectives:

1. Learning Objectives. Participants will gain an understanding of:
 - a. Who is the Holy Spirit
 - b. The functions/ministries of the Holy Spirit
 - c. The divinity of the Holy Spirit
 - d. Certain historical aspects to the study of Pneumatology.
2. For more information please visit studioscriptura.com
3. Polling Questions are an important part of this class



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The Holy Spirit

"And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the *Holy Spirit* not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:4-8

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty *wind*, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all *filled with the Holy Spirit* and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4

Believers throughout the centuries have had a difficult time grasping the truth and presence of the Holy Spirit. Some have erred to one side (ignoring) or to the other (giving preeminence).

The Holy Spirit, as the Third Person of the Trinity, is clearly revealed in the Scripture. The following slides will therefore utilize the Scripture to guide our understanding of the Holy Spirit.

We do well to remember that the Holy Spirit holds all the Attributes of God.

The Holy Spirit *(continued)*

The Third Person of the Trinity is called the Holy Spirit to reveal and emphasize the breadth and power of God.

The Holy Spirit is a Person, not a force:

"However, when **He**, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He** will guide you into all truth; for **He** will not speak on **His** own authority, but whatever **He** hears He will speak; and **He** will tell you things to come. **He** will glorify Me, for **He** will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." John 16:13-14

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the **Holy Spirit** said, 'Now separate to **Me** Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" Acts 13:2

"Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit Himself** makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now **He** who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because **He** makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit *(continued)*

Divinity:

"But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the **Holy Spirit** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to **God!**" Acts 5:1-4

"But **God** has revealed them to us through **His Spirit**. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the **Spirit of God**. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Amen. Matthew 28:18-20

The Holy Spirit *(continued)*

The Old Testament uses the term *ruach* to designate the Spirit of God, i.e., the Holy Spirit. This is a rich term that is difficult to translate into English. Alister McGrath provides a definition with the following:

Wind

The power of the wind influences everything. The influence of the wind is often used as an example of God's influence and impact on one's life.

Breath

Breath is indicative of life as God breathes life into His creation of man and He breathes new life into those who place their faith and trust in Him.

Charism

The charism is the filling of individuals of faith to enable them to accomplish tasks that they wouldn't otherwise be able to accomplish.

The Role of the Holy Spirit

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 2:7a

Active Presence in the Life of Christ

Informs Mary of conception. Matthew 1:20

Came upon Him at His baptism. Matthew 3:16

Sends/drives Him out to the wilderness to be tempted/tested. Mark 1:12

Empowers Him for ministry. Luke 4:14

By the Spirit of God, drives out demons. Matthew 12:28

Regeneration

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone **who is born of the Spirit**.'" John 3:3-8

Fills

"Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, **full** of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;" Acts 6:3

"But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God **dwells in you**. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His." Romans 8:9

"Or do you not know that **your body is the temple** of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" 1 Corinthians 6:19

The Role of the Holy Spirit *(continued)*

Active Presence in the Believer's Life

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Corinthians 3:17

"Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice," Hebrews 3:7

"To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into." 1 Peter 1:12

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:22-25

Illuminates

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and **He will tell you things to come.**" John 16:13

"But God has **revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." 1 Corinthians 2:10

"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned.**" 1 Corinthians 2:14

Seals

"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise." Ephesians 1:13

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30

The Role of the Holy Spirit *(continued)*

Comforts

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper/**Comforter**, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:15-17

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the **comfort** of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied." Acts 9:31

"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and **joy in the Holy Spirit**." Romans 14:17

Baptizes & Gifts

"Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit**.'" Acts 11:16

"Even so you, since you are **zealous for spiritual gifts**, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel." 1 Corinthians 14:12

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple [dwelling-place] of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19

Empowers for Evangelism

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2

"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

"When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ." Acts 18:5

"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power," 1 Corinthians 2:4

The Role of the Holy Spirit *(continued)*

Guides

"That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not **walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**" Romans 8:4

"For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God." Romans 8:14

"Now the **Spirit expressly says** that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons," 1 Timothy 4:1

Assists in prayer

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit Himself** makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:26

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication **in the Spirit**, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit,**" Jude 1:20

Sanctifies

"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit** and belief in the truth." 2 Thessalonians 2:13

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Corinthians 3:18

"But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:22-25

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law." Galatians 5:16-18

The Role of the Holy Spirit *(continued)*

Convicts of Sin

"And when He has come, He will **convict** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged." John 16:8-11

Testifies of Jesus

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.** And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. John 15:26-27

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that **confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,**" 1 John 4:1-2

Inspires the Scripture

"for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were **moved by the Holy Spirit.**" 2 Peter 1:21

"All Scripture is given by inspiration **θεόπνευστος - God-breathed, relates directly to God's Spirit which can also be translated "breath of God** and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [c]instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Gifts of the Spirit

Romans 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	1 Corinthians 12:28	Ephesians 4:11	1 Peter 4:11
prophecy	word of wisdom	apostles	apostles	speaking as the oracles of God / prophecy
ministry	knowledge	prophets	prophets	ministry
teaching	faith	teachers	evangelists	
exhortation	healing	miracles	pastors	
giving	miracles	healings	teachers	
leadership	prophecy	helps		
mercy	discerning of spirits	administration		
	tongues	tongues		
	interpretation of tongues			

The Gifts (χαρισμάτων) of the Spirit / Brief Definitions

Prophecy / προφητείαν / Declares the mind of God which sometimes predicts the future (foretelling) – and more commonly, speaks forth His message for a particular situation (forthtelling). Someone inspired by God to foretell or tell-forth the Word of God. Make clear, assert as a priority. Speaking as the oracles of God - λόγια / a divine declaration, a statement originating from God. E.g., the prophets of the Old Testament

Ministry / διακονίαν / Active service, done with a willing attitude*. Actively serving, to kick up dust because one is constantly on the move.

Teaching / διδάσκων / Cause to learn, instruct, impart knowledge. A teacher, an instructor acknowledged for their mastery in their field of learning, a Bible teacher competent in theology.*

Exhortation / παρακαλῶν / Call to encourage, close-up and personal, coach, mentor.

Word of wisdom / σοφίας / The art of applying biblical knowledge and life experience to life - The art of communicating the same to others.

Knowledge / γνώσεως / Knowledge gleaned from first-hand experience, connecting theory to application.

Faith / πίστις / Never something that can be produced by people, God's divine gift above believing faith.

Healing / ἰαμάτων / Healing, cure, remedy.

Apostles / ἀποστόλους / A messenger, envoy, delegate, one commissioned by another to represent him in some way.

Miracles / δυνάμεις / Ability to perform, to achieve by applying the Lord's inherent abilities/power needed in every scene of life to glorify God and grow in sanctification.

The Gifts (χαρισμάτων) of the Spirit / Brief Definitions *(continued)*

Evangelists / εὐαγγελιστάς / Someone with a calling from God to announce, herald, the good news of the Gospel. Chief officer of a tournament, who introduced, sounded the praises of; "In this corner!"

Pastors / ποιμένας / A shepherd, protector of a flock, to care for the total well-being of the people of the Lord. To feed.

Helps / ἀντιλήμψεις / Refers to God bringing His helps of grace and power to meet someone's need.

Administration / κυβερνήσεις / Someone who steers a ship, a helmsman, a pilot. One who guides the affairs in the Church.

Giving / μεταδίδους / Change of owner is produced.

Leadership / προϊστάμενος / Well-established character which provides the needed model to direct and lead others by example.

Mercy / ἐλεῶν / To show mercy.

Discerning of spirits / διακρίσεις / A thorough judgment, a discernment and/or conclusion which distinguishes between look-alikes.

Tongues / γλωσσῶν / Flowing speech, speaking inspired by God, the evidence of tongues-speaking supplied by the Lord in the book of Acts to demonstrate the arrival of the New Covenant.

Interpretation of tongues / ἑρμηνεία / An interpretation, giving the gist of a message.

The Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Longsuffering
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control



Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit

*"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; but he who **blasphemes against the Holy Spirit** never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation' because they said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'" Mark 3:28-30*

Blasphemy: "Blasphemy is the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence to a deity, or sacred objects, or toward something considered sacred or inviolable." (*Wikipedia*)

Blasphemy is the rejection of all a person stands for and desires to do. It denotes someone who is beneath consideration and ascribes the works of the Holy Spirit to uncleanness.

"Although Jesus does not specifically define this sin, the context reveals this transgression as the persistent, knowing, verbal attribution of the work of God to Satan." ("Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit", Ligonier Ministries)

The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is a continuous *and* ongoing sin.



Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit *(continued)*

The passage from Mark is "particularly noteworthy because it came from the resident biblical experts. So, we cannot understand what Jesus means by the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit unless we recognize the scriptural knowledge of our Lord's opponents. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus held the religious leaders to a high standard. Christ expected them to know the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), so well that they could rightly identify God's work (Matthew 23, John 3:1-15). So, the blasphemy of the Spirit does not arise from mere ignorance. When people know the Scriptures well and yet not only fail to recognize Jesus as Messiah but also openly reject Him, they are standing on perilous ground." ("Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit", Ligonier Ministries)



Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit *(continued)*

"Blasphemy of the Spirit, then, is not the occasional bad thought or episode of anger against God. Such things are sins, to be sure, but they are not the persistent, deliberate rejection of the Lord's work that shows itself in a willful attribution of God's actions to Satan himself. Such blasphemy is unforgivable not because the Lord is unwilling to forgive but because a person guilty of such sin has fully [continually] and finally hardened his heart against the grace of God."

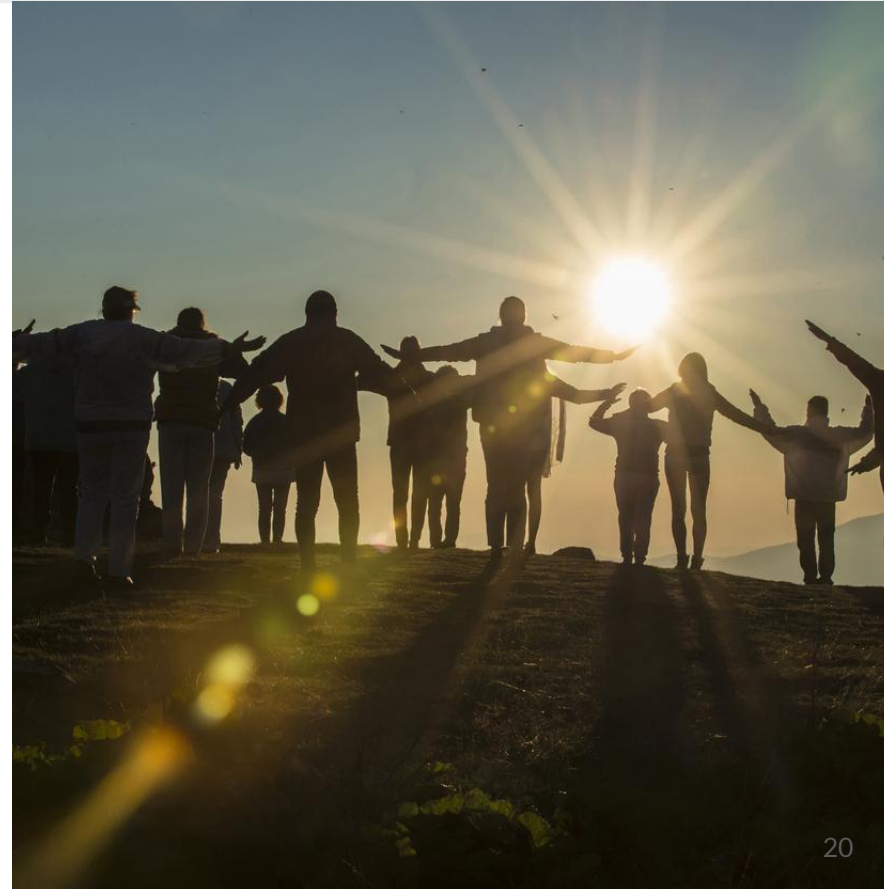
Dr. R.C. Sproul writes in his commentary Mark, "Worrying about whether one has committed the unforgivable sin is one of the clearest evidences that the troubled person has not committed this sin, for those who commit it are so hardened in their hearts that they do not care that they commit it." ("Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit", Ligonier Ministries)

Picture is of the
façade of the
Orvieto Cathedral in
Italy



The Life & Times of the Holy Spirit in Church History

- Early church theologians posited that the baptismal formula ("Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the **Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20) was foundational to understanding that the person of the Holy Spirit was of equal importance to the Father and the Son.
- The Council of Constantinople was instrumental in establishing the Christian orthodoxy of the Holy Spirit as God, and the giver of life.
- The Filioque Controversy - a Latin term **and from the Son**:
 - A significant event in church history that leads to the East-West Schism of the 11th century.
 - **East** - Father begets the Son and the Father breathes the Spirit. **West** - Father begets the Son and together they breathe the Spirit.
 - The real issue was probably a power struggle between the Roman pope and the Eastern church leaders. This theological difference is the cause used for the Great Schism.



The Life & Times of the Holy Spirit in Church History *(continued)*



- **Cessationism & Continuationism:** The discussion about whether the spiritual gifts promised in the New Testament have *ceased* their operation post the apostolic period - or if they have *continued*. Cessationism is generally from the Reformed theological tradition and Continuation is generally from the Pentecostal theological position.
- **John Calvin's** contribution to the discussion of the Holy Spirit was on the inspiration and authority of Scripture.
 - "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 14:26
- **John Wesley** emphasis was on the Holy Spirit's work as it relates to sanctification.
- "**Friedrich Schleiermacher**, insisted that religion is not a matter either of beliefs (doctrines) or of behavior (ethics). It is not a matter of receiving and examining doctrines delivered by an external authority. Rather, **feeling constitutes the essence of religion**, and, especially, the feeling of absolute dependence." Erickson, Millard. "Christian Theology," Baker Publishing Group, 2013-07-05. Apple Books.

The Life & Times of the Holy Spirit in Church History *(continued)*

- **Jonathan Edwards & the Great Awakening** in New England during the 1740s: Edwards, one of America's greatest theologians, saw the work of transition from a sinful life at conversion to a holy life as the work of the Holy Spirit.
- The Apostolic Faith Mission church on **Azusa Street L.A.** Pastor William Seymour - 1906. This revival was characterized by converts speaking in tongues. This phenomenon was referred to as pentecostalism and quickly took root in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- 1950s the **Charismatic movement** begins to have influence within the Catholic church.
- "In the 1980s another movement began, referring to itself as the **"third wave"** and placing more emphasis on the gifts of healing and spiritual discernment. It also insists on the evidential value of the miracles. This is referred to as *power evangelism*. The movement began with a class on "Signs and Wonders" taught at Fuller Seminary's School of World Mission by John Wimber. It took institutional form in a network of churches referred to as "the Vineyard." Erickson, Millard. "Christian Theology." Baker Publishing Group, 2013-07-05. Apple Books.



Christians throughout the centuries have either overemphasized the third person of the Trinity or almost ignored Him.

As we seek to have a biblically balanced view of the Holy Spirit, it is important for us to have a perspective on who the Holy Spirit is and how He ministers in - and through - our lives.

Christians might have an anemic prayer life because they do not pray in concert with and the help of the Holy Spirit.

It is important for Christians to see the presence of the Holy Spirit in their life by exhibiting the *Fruit of the Spirit*.

A close-up photograph of a hand raised in prayer, with fingers spread. A large blue rectangular box is overlaid on the hand, containing the text 'So What' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

So What

The Holy Spirit, together with the Father and the Son, is to be worshipped and glorified. Begin to do so in your worship.

As you pray, ask God the Holy Spirit to help you in your prayer life.

Stop trying to serve God with your own energy, and begin to allow the Holy Spirit, by faith, to empower you to serve and witness for the glory of the Triune God.

Talk about this lesson with two or three of your family members.

Memorize the 15 roles of the Holy Spirit.

Copy out by long-hand three passages of scripture from today's lesson.



Now What

