

**The Holy Spirit in the Life of a Kingdom Citizen
(Holy Spirit Series No. 1)**

*(A message to help clarify who the Holy Spirit is and what His purpose is
in the life of a Kingdom citizen).*

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Main Scripture:

Act 1:5

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Introduction:

Well good morning to you all and to all those viewers on YouTube and those that are listening on iTunes or podcast. It is such an honour and privilege to have you connecting and sharing this time with us.

We had a look at the last six weeks what we should be committed to in life. We all came to a conclusion that the first thing in life that we should be committed to is God, and then to our selves and then to our spouses and then to our children and then to our church and then our work.

I would encourage all of you that were not here, to go and listen to the last six sermons, which was a series on our priorities. The reason that I say this is that it was an incredibly important series and we all got some great life changing equipping from those that listened and applied what they learned.

This morning we are starting a new series. So are you ready to get better equipped so that we can better serve this community and the world.

Who would you say is the most important person on earth today?

Answer: _____

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the person Jesus sent to complete the job of God on earth through you and I as His church.

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He is more important than any organization in the world. He is wiser than every person on the planet and in fact wiser than every person put together, yet He is sadly seldom consulted even by Christians.

Joel 2:28–29

²⁸ “And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

In those days or the last days began when Jesus ascended to heaven. This means that we all need the Holy Spirit to be poured out on us so that we can overflow with His love, compassion, kindness, wisdom etc.

We need to hear more prophecies,
more dreams,
more vision and the like.

Did you note that this out pouring and the blessings that comes with the out pouring is for all mankind that want God in their life? It is no respecter of persons. God does not care if you are high up or low down in society. If you want God He will pour Himself out on you.

We are in the last days and now like never before people are now needing to be touched by God and have their lives turned around by His love and presence.

Many of you might have questions, doubts, confusion or maybe just a desire for more of Him in your life and so I am starting this series on the Holy Spirit because I want all of us to be crazy about His presence in our lives and be filled to overflowing.

My plan is to ensure that I help lesson any doubts you may have and overcome any confusion you may have about the Holy Spirit.

This series is going to be making sure that all of us desire more of the presence, guidance counseling, direction and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in our lives on a daily basis.

Some of the old English translations use the phrase Holy Ghost, which I do not like because nowadays this word conjures up images of a ghost or a spook or even maybe Casper. Another word that could be used is guest or unseen guest.

So tell me is He a guest in your life or should I say a welcome unseen guest in your life every day.

I believe it is time for a fresh touch from the Holy Spirit in all of our lives because we certainly cannot live an effective Christian life without Him being part of every aspect and situation of our lives.

We will obviously have to make sure that we let go of all sin in our lives and then hold it may have over us because God the Holy Spirit cannot and does not live with any form of sin.

Do we want the Holy Spirit to be the dominant presence in your life? Then we have to make sure that we let go of the sin that so easily entangles us so that He can be the dominating presence in our life.

We must not settle for mediocrity in our walk with the Lord, but seek to go deeper, and become more intimate in our relationship with God.

1. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead.

Just to clear something up at the outset is that the Holy Spirit is not an “it” or an “impersonal being” or a “divine force” but the third person of the Godhead. He is just as much God as God the Father and God the Son.

John 16:13–15

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

He will speak on behalf of Jesus.

The deity of the Holy Spirit cannot be mistaken when one has a closer look at the Scriptures.

Have a look at these facts:

- **Christ is born; the Spirit is His forerunner.**
- **Christ is baptized; the Spirit bears witness.**
- **Christ is tempted; the Spirit leads Him.**
- **Christ ascends; the Spirit takes His place.**

John 16:7

⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

What are some of the titles that belong to God, but also belonged to the Holy Spirit? There are many and this goes to show us clearly that He is God. I am not going to go through them because that can be your homework.

2. The Holy Spirit is given as a gift at salvation.

Acts 2:37-38

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

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.”

The minute that you give your life to the Lord you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This means that at salvation you are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. We need to realise that this is not something that you work for, but are freely given because you cannot live the Christian life without the impartation of the Holy Spirit.

This means that if you are born again then you have the Holy Spirit within you, however you can easily quench Him if you sin and grieve Him.

3. The Holy Spirit baptism is the second baptism.

Act 1:1-6

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: **“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

Baptism comes from the Greek word - "Baptismo" which means to immerse or dunk.

Baptismo is a word which was used to describe:

- a) A sinking ship as it sank the water would fill the whole inside of the ship.
- b) Another meaning is where a garment is being immersed into dye and the dye penetrates every fiber of the fabric.

When Jesus and John the Baptist said, "You will be baptized with the H.S." they meant: You will be filled completely every part of you, and every fiber of your being will be affected.

**When you give your life to the Lord then the Holy Spirit becomes Resident,
But when you ask Him to empower you He become President.**

It is like when you give you life to the Lord your are born again, but when you get baptized in water it is a sign to the world that you no longer live to yourself but for God. That you die to your old self and are raised up in newness of life.

Likewise the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you, but when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit you become on fire with Him because you have now completely surrendered your spirit to His leadership, council, guidance and direction in your life.

Acts 8:13-17

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 them. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized

into^a the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

I want and need the Holy Spirit to come upon me with fire everyday because I know that I cannot live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit in my life.

4. The Holy Spirit comes upon us to empower us.

Act 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The Christian life is supposed to be a supernatural life where we live out our lives by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit who we should allow to guide us in everything we say and do.

I believe that many believers are not enjoying the supernatural life because they continue living in the flesh and not in the Spirit. We cannot expect to live in sin and expect the Holy Spirit to be a part of our lives. You see a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, keeps the Word of Christ, and this is surely the most supreme test of a Christian’s love for God – obedience (if you love me you will obey me).

Re-Cap:

- 1. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead.**
- 2. The Holy Spirit is given as a gift at salvation.**
- 3. The Holy Spirit baptism is the second baptism.**
- 4. The Holy Spirit comes upon us to empower us.**

Conclusion:

- We all need more of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- We cannot live the supernatural life that God is wanting without the Holy Spirit.
- Let’s cry out every day for Him to come upon us more and more and fill us more and more so that we can be so much more effective for Him and help change this world.
- Let’s never stop wanting more of Him in our lives.

Amen.

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