

KINGDOM THINKING

(A Home Study Guide associated with Impact School of Mission)

Study Guide Six // Topic: The Holy Spirit

When ministering in the spirit (unseen) world it is very important to know the spirits we are dealing with. There are many spirits but only one Holy Spirit.

“How can we know it is the Holy Spirit, what is the evidence of the Holy Spirit, and what is He doing in our lives and in the World?” These are essential questions for every Christian and we must have clear answers.

Read and consider: 1 John 4:1 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God....”

We will examine four elements to discover “the Holy Spirit”.

1. **Who is God ? and therefore who is the Holy Spirit ?**
2. **What is the evidence of the Holy Spirit ?**
3. **What is He doing in our lives ?**
4. **What is He doing in the world ?**

1. **WHO IS GOD?** we often talk about God the Father, God the Word (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit and sometimes this brings confusion. But who actually is God ? Do we have three God’s or one ? Who do we follow, who do we listen to etc ? What does it mean to be “led by the Spirit”?

Read and discuss the following scriptures:

1 John 5:7

“ for there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Spirit and these three are one.”

Deut 6:4-5

“hear oh Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,.....”

Eph 4:5-6

“one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.....”

Questions:

According to 1 John 5 the Father, Word and Spirit are one. If they are one they must be the s _ _ _ .

Deut.6 and Eph.5 tell us there are how many Gods ? _____

If this is true, what is wrong with the thought of God being co-equal, or in unity with others ? _____

What is the difference between “3 in 1” and “1 in 3” ?

Statement: The fact that God is One God, and the Word and the Holy Spirit are One with God, is an essential revelation in understanding the way God ministers. **There is one God not three, Amen!!** So then how is one God - Father, Word, and Spirit. We must understand this if we are to understand God. So let us read and discuss the following scriptures to consider **Father, Word and Spirit.**

A) FATHER: Read and consider the following scriptures.

Psalm 89:26

“He shall cry to me, you are my Father, My God and the rock of my Salvation”

Isaiah 64:8

“But now O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay and you our potter.....”

Matth 6:9

“ Our Father in heaven, Hallowed by Your name.....”

2 Cor 6:18

“.....I will be a Father to you and you shall be my sons and daughters.....”

John 14:6

“I am the way, the truth and the life, no-one comes to the Father but by me”

Questions:

Who is God to us ? _____

Who are we to God ? _____

What was Jesus mission ? _____

Statement: So the scripture is clear, God is “God the Father”. He is our Heavenly Father and we are His children. Hallelujah. It is also clear that Jesus came to reconcile us back to the Father.

So then who is the Word ?

B) THE WORD: Read and consider the following scriptures.

Gen 1:3

“ then God said, “let there be light””

Ps 107:20

“ He sent His Word and healed them.....”

Ps 119:105

“Your word is a lamp to feet and a light to my path.”

John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,.....the only begotten of the Father.....”

John 1: 18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Questions:

Do words appear on their own ? _____

Where do words come from ? _____

What is the purpose of words ? _____

What is the purpose of God's Word ? _____

Statement : Now we are understanding that words do not appear on their own. They must be spoken, they must have an author.

Words come out of the heart of the speaker and declare the heart of the speaker. We are also known by our words!!

God, the Father, is known by His Word, He and His Word are One, just as we and our word are one. **One God and one Word from God , they are the same.**

So God the Father and His Word, but what about the Spirit? How is the Spirit One with God?

C) THE HOLY SPIRIT : read and consider the following scriptures.

Gen 2:7

“and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.....”

Ezek 37: 5, 9-10.

“.....Prophecy to the breath.....breath on these slain.....”

Ps 33:6

“.....by the Word of the Lord.....by the breath of His mouth.”

Question: Could we consider the Holy Spirit is like the _____ of God ?

Ps 51:10-11

“....Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me”

Question: according to this passage the Holy Spirit is the _____

Acts 10:38

“.....how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with Power.....”

Question: What does it mean to be anointed by God _____

Acts 1:8

“but you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you”

Acts 2: 4

“.....and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.....”

Question: How is God with us today ? _____

Statement: It is clear that the Holy Spirit is the Presence of God, He is God in the earth today. “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.....”

God the Father is with us by His Spirit and we know Him by His Word.

God is Father and the Spirit and Word come out of the Father’s heart. They are ONE, they are the SAME. We could say the Holy Spirit reveals the Word, and the Word reveals the Father.

Therefore WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT ? The Holy Spirit is the Presence of God in the world today. Hallelujah.

2. WHAY IS THE EVEIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ?

1 John 4:1

“ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God or not.....”

But how can we know ? Remember there are many spirits and many voices.

How can we discern the Holy Spirit? This is essential for us.

I give you **four simple evidences** of the Holy Spirit.

A) ALWAYS THE WORD OF GOD

1 Cor 14:3

“But he who prophesies (note prophesy is a function of the Holy Spirit) speaks to Edification, Exhortation and Comfort.....”

God always speaks His Word for the good of the hearer. In this context He never judges or condemns.

Question: Explain Edification _____

Exhortation _____

Comfort _____

B) ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Math 11:28

“Come unto me all you who labour.....I will give rest for your soul.....”

Math 28:20

“...and I am with you always even to the end of the age.”

John 3:16

“.....whoever believes in me will not perish.....”

God is always available , He never sleeps, He is ready to support and help.

Question: He is the God of the What _____

When _____

Who _____

Any contradiction to this is NOT GOD

C) ALWAYS EXALTING JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Math 4: 17

“ began to preach ‘Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand’.”

Math 6:33

“.....but seek first the Kingdom of God”

Acts 4:12

“ ...nor is there salvation in any other name.....”

Phil 2:9-11

“...Name above all names...that at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow....”

Question: What is God’s priority? _____

Why is this important to understand ? _____

God (the Holy Spirit) has one mission. That is to save His children and restore them to His Kingdom. Any spirit that exalts man or the work of man is ungodly.

D) ALWAYS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Gal 5 :22-23

“ But the fruit of the Spirit is : L_____ J_____ P_____

P_____ K_____ G_____

G_____ F_____ S_____

God cannot deny Himself “I am who I am,” “I am the Lord, I change not.”

The Holy Spirit is God and has made Himself evident by the way He presents Himself into the earth. We can absolutely know Him.

He is the Word, He is available, He declares Jesus and the Kingdom of God, and the Fruit of the Spirit are always evident when God is present.

Any action or communication that does reflect the Fruit of the Spirit is NOT GOD

3. WHAT IS HE DOING IN OUR LIVES ?

It is very important for us to have a **real and personal** relationship with God, our Heavenly Father.

Read and discuss the following scriptures as relates to our daily life.

John 14:26

“But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name.....”

John 16:13

“ however when He, the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth...”

1 John 2:20

“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and know all things”.

Acts 1:8

“ but you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you.”

Eph 1:13-14

“.....you were sealed with the Holy Spirit if Promise.....”

Col 3:15

“ and let the peace of God referee in your heart.....”

Answer the following : The Holy Spirit is my C_____

G_____

T_____

P_____

S_____

P_____

Can you think of other scriptures that describe the Holy Spirit in your life ?

Statement: The Holy Spirit in our heart is the evidence of God in our life. His Peace reveals His presence. His presence is our Comfort, Guide, Teacher, Power, and the Seal that assures us every day that He is with us and will return for us.

4. WHAT IS HE DOING IN THE WORLD ?

We understand God is with us, to secure us as children of God, but what is He doing in the World? What is His mission in the world

John 16:8

“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgement.....”

But how is he going to do that ?

I give you **three works** of the Holy Spirit as He ministers into the World to bring salvation to all who will believe.

A) **Prayer** : read and discuss the following scriptures

Rev 1:6

“ and he has made us Kings and Priests to His God and Father.....”

2 Chr 7:14

“...if my people , who are called by My name, will humble themselves and prayer, and seek my face.....”

1 Tim2:1-2

“ Therefore, I exhort first of all that all supplication, prayers, intercessions and the giving of thanks be made for all men.....”

Eph6:12

“ for we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers.....”

2Cor 10:4-5

“ the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.....”

Question: Name the two types of prayer we should be engaging in as we work with the Holy Spirit in the earth.

1. the Priest to I _____

2. the King to go to W _____

B) Good Works Read and discuss the following scriptures:

Math 5:16

“ Let your light so shine before men.....see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

1Pet 2:12

“.....that they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

James 1:27

“Pure religion and undefiled before God is to visit orphans and widows in their trouble.....”

Consider: **Math 25: 31-46, Luke 10: 30-37, Luke 4:18**

Statement: It is clear that God wants to show His love for all people through “*simple acts of kindness*” by His people toward their communities.

Question: Write down the ways you could minister this love in your field of influence/neighbourhood/friends/family._____

C) Preach the gospel

Having prepared the hearts of the people through Prayer and Good Works, we must now preach the gospel of salvation, sow the seed of God's Word.

Read and discuss:

Mark 16:15

“.....go therefore into all the world and preach the gospel.....”

Rom10:14

“.....and how can they hear without a preacher....”

Rom 1:16

“...I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ”

Statement: it is obvious that the gospel must be reached to all that they may believe on Jesus and be saved. We must therefore work with the Holy Spirit to be effective ministers of the Gospel.

Question: How effective are you at sharing the gospel ?

Learn this effective presentation from these scriptures in the book of Romans.

Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8 and 10:9

Memorise these scriptures and create a gospel message from them.

Final Statement: We are studying the Holy Spirit . Who is He, What is He doing, how can we know Him? This study clearly identifies that the Holy Spirit is God. He is with us all and ministering in the world to Save the lost children. He is clearly defined by His actions and we must not be confused.

“The Children of God are led by the Spirit of God” PERFECT

Please Note:

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