

School of Theology



The Holy Spirit

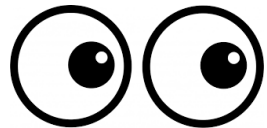
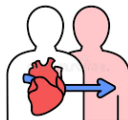
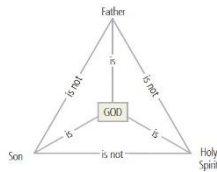
Part 3 - The Holy Spirit in Sanctification

Sunday 3 May 2026

Introduction

Questions

From the last two weeks, can you connect the pictures with words and remember their connection to understanding the Holy Spirit? (If you weren't here last week, do take a guess or find someone who was!)



Behind, New Sight, Everything, Key, New Life, Revelation,
Person

What do you make of some of the phrases below, what do you think they mean?

‘Being Spirit-led.’

‘Being filled with the Spirit’.

‘I feel really close to God here’.

What difference do you think having the Holy Spirit living in us make?

Overview

Week 1: Foundations and the Bible (19 April)

Week 2 – The Holy Spirit in Salvation (26 April)

Week 3 – The Holy Spirit in Sanctification (3 May)

Where are we going? He’s moved in, he’s changing things, we cooperate and get our expectations straight.

Definition of Salvation (rebirth):

God’s work of bringing dead rebellious sinners back to life through Christ and his redeeming work on the cross. This work is applied by the Spirit to believers. (The start of the Christian Life)

Definition of Sanctification (renewal):

As God has declared believers as holy through Christ’s work (Sanctus= holy) sanctification is seen as the progressive resulting moral and spiritual change in their lives. (The Continuation of the Christian Life)

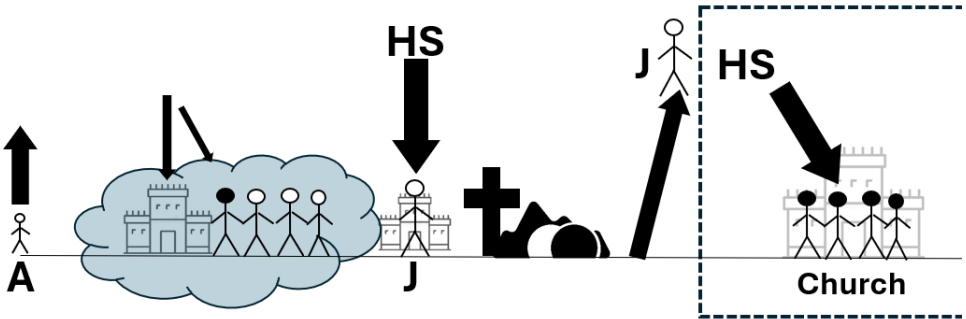
The Holy Spirit lives in those who trust Jesus

*We know God is with us – he is right here, right now
 He’s here to help us and to show us the way
 We have the Spirit, he’s a gift from Jesus
 Leading us in all we do and say¹*

Definition of Indwelling:

The Holy Spirit living within a believer, bringing them into a personal relationship with the Father and the Son and working God’s life and holiness in their heart.

The Storyline of God Living With His People



A	Sin banishes us from God's presence so we can't live with him (Gen 3:23)
B	In the OT God lives <u>with</u> his people (in their midst). Seen in prominent individuals, the nation as a whole and realised in the tabernacle/temple (Exodus 25:8)
C	Jesus comes as the true temple, God living with us (John 1:14), filled with the Spirit (John 1:32). And his sacrificial work of death and resurrection deals with sin so God can live with his people again. (John 2:19)

¹ 'Keep in Step', *Awesome Cutlery*

D	Jesus ascends to his Father's side to pour out the promised Holy Spirit to be with his people before his return. (John 14:17)
E	People who trust Jesus have God come to live <u>in</u> them by his Spirit. Meaning they are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

*...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **John 14:17***

*Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? **1 Corinthians 3:16***²

Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

*In each reference, the baptism of the Spirit, like being born of the Spirit, speaks of the initial experience of all Christians entering the kingdom of God by acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord.*³

Implications: *If you are a Christian, God lives with you by his Spirit. There is no physical place on earth closer to God, nor personal experience required to get to God, nothing extra needed to walk with God.*

Summary: So the Holy Spirit lives in us. But what does that actually look like?

² See also 1 Cor. 6:16,19; Eph. 2:21-22; Romans 8:9-11

³ 'The coming of the Holy Spirit', *Phillip Jenson*

The Holy Spirit living in us makes all the difference

Much of the teaching of the New Testament's missionary letters is given over to this new, different form of living – to living the spiritual life. ⁴

Passage	What change is the Spirit described as making by living in us?	What is the context of this change being made?
John 4:21-23, Philippians 3:3		
Ephesians 2:18 Galatians 4:6		
Romans 5:3-5		
1 Corinthians 12:12-13		

⁴ 'The coming of the Holy Spirit', *Phillip Jenson*

Ephesians 5:18-21		
Galatians 5:22-23		
Acts 4:31		
Ephesians 4:11-12 1 Corinthians 12:7-11		
2 Corinthians 3:17-18		

If you want to see someone truly filled with the Spirit, then watch how they speak. Listen to whether their words are full of Scripture. Listen to whether they give thanks for everything in

their life - the good and the bad. And listen to how they react to situations in which they are called to submit.⁵

Implications: *Be thankful that God is living with us by his Spirit. And he makes all the difference. A new worship, a new way of living, new gifts to serve, new community we are united to. Let him in every room.*

Summary: So the Holy Spirit lives in us and changes us. But what do we do?

What if you want more of the Spirit's Work?

What's our role in the Spirit's work?

Passage	What is the attitude or command relating to the Spirit's work?	If it's a command, what do you think it means?
Ephesians 4:30		
1 Thessalonians 5:16-22		
Psalms 106:32-33		
Acts 7:51		
Galatians 5:16, 5:25		

⁵ 'The coming of the Holy Spirit', *Phillip Jenson*

Galatians 6:8		
Ephesians 5:18		

God doesn't lead us by taking over. That view also doesn't understand the way the Spirit works: he doesn't override our will, or negate our will; he renews our will so that we desire to live as he wants. He doesn't grab the steering wheel of our life and say, 'Get in the back, I'm driving.' Rather, he sits next to us and says, 'Go this way. In fact, better: he gives us the desire to go the right way.'⁶



Implication: Be soft, not stone



⁶ 'Experiencing the Spirit', *Graham Beynon*

Setting expectations



And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 1:13-14**

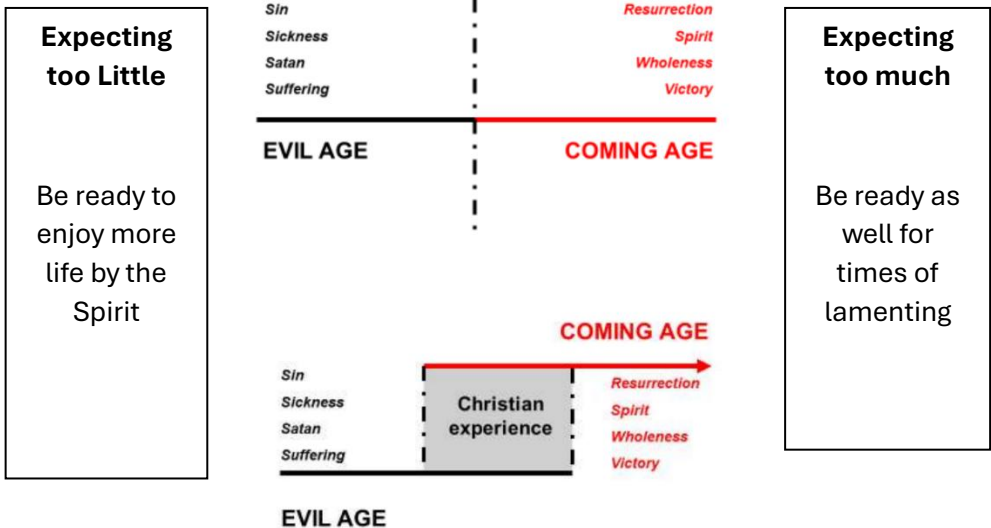


Figure 1: We live in the overlap of the ages. Let it shape our expectations (From Marcus Nodder, Holy Spirit Series)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ **Revelation 21:3-4**

O Holy Spirit,
As the sun is full of light, the ocean full of water,
heaven full of glory, so may my heart be full of you.
Useless are all divine purposes of love
and the redemption accomplished by Jesus
without your work within,
regenerating by your power,
giving me eyes to see Jesus,
showing me the realities of the unseen world.

Give me yourself without measure,
as an unfailing fountain,
as inexhaustible riches.
I mourn my coldness, poverty, emptiness,
imperfect vision, sluggish service,
prayerless prayers, praiseless praises.

Do not let me grieve or resist you.

Come as power,
to expel every rebellious desire, to reign supreme and keep me yours;
Come as teacher,
leading me into all truth, filling me with understanding;
Come as love,
that I may adore the Father and love him as my all;
Come as joy,
to dwell in me, move in me, animate me;
Come as light,
illuminating Scripture, shaping me by its truth;
Come as sanctifier,
making body, soul, and spirit wholly yours;
Come as helper,
with strength to bless and keep, directing my every step;
Come as beautifier,
bringing order out of confusion, loveliness out of chaos.
Magnify your glory to me by being magnified in me,
and make me fragrant with your presence.⁷

⁷ Edited from the The Valley of Vision – Come Holy Spirit

Questions

Explain the difference between the Holy Spirit resting upon people, and indwelling people please

How is the Holy Spirit linked to revival and the Great Awakenings?

What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

Is there a difference between goodness and holiness? Good deeds without holiness are like filthy rags, and no matter how good we are, it isn't sufficient.

Was the Spirit present on Earth before Jesus was born?

Are certain people equipped to fill other people with the holy spirit, so unless you fall down or show physical signs you are not filled

What's happening if someone says they can speak in tongues and talks in language that sounds Arabic

What will happen to the holy spirit at the coming of the lord?

does the holy spirit feel different to different people or is it always the same

Is the Spirit meant to replace Jesus now that He has ascended? Was there no spirit when Jesus was on earth?

Are there different degrees of being filled with the Holy Spirit?

frequently before a sermon a preacher will ask for God's, the Spirits help in discerning a particular passage but during the talk will often say 'I think' or refer to someone's commentary how can we correlate the two thought processes?

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⁸ Check it out for a great song on the Holy Spirit

Conclusions

How would you summarise what you've learned or been reminded on of the Spirit's Work?

Are there any specific areas that you know you might be resisting the Spirit's work, or not following his leading by his word? What change might need to happen this week?

What opportunities do you have this week to serve the world and the church by the Spirit's gifts he's given you?

