

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Living in relationship with God- session 2

Acts 2:1-41 (p. 1093)

Introduction: What does this mean?!

1. The Holy Spirit is Personal (v17)

a. A Person of the Trinity... (Genesis 1:2)

b. ...who comes to be with God's people

- Moses as he led God's people (Numbers 11:17)
- Joshua, as he brought the Israelites into the promised land (Numbers 27:18)
- The judges, as they govern God's people (Judges 3:10)
- King David (1 Samuel 16:13)
- The Christ who was to come (Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18-19)

"Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power"

1 Samuel 16:13

2. The Holy Spirit is promised

a. The Spirit was not fully available in the Old Testament (v17-18)

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws"

Ezekiel 36:25-27

b. Jesus had to die and rise before the Spirit could come (v22-33)

The Holy Spirit is poured out (v17-18, 33)

a. He is given to all who trust in Jesus (v38-39)

b. He is given abundantly to all who trust in Jesus (v41)

Small Groups – John 14:15–21, 16:5–15

Taking it further

Memory Verse

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth” **John 14:16**

Further Bible-study: The Spirit and the Word

In the book of Acts, the Spirit and God’s Word are usually tightly bound together. That’s because God’s Word is the ‘Sword of the Spirit’ (Eph. 6:17). Have a look at some of these references to see how the Spirit works through the Word of God being declared.

- **Acts 1:8**
- **Acts 1:16**
- **Peter’s Sermon in Acts 2**
- **Acts 4:8-12**
- **Acts 4:25-31**
- **Acts 6:8-10**
- **Acts 10:44**

If we want the Spirit to be working in our lives, we need to be people of the Word! If we want the Spirit to be working in the lives of our friends, then we need to be bringing them to hear the Word!

For the book-worms

<i>Who on earth is the Holy Spirit?</i>	Tim Chester and Chris de la Hoyde	A short introduction to the person and work of the Holy Spirit
‘The ministry of the Holy Spirit’ in <i>Evangelical Truth</i>	John Stott	This chapter is about 30 pages long, and is a great introduction to the work of the Holy Spirit.
<i>Keep in step with the Spirit</i>	Jim Packer	A much fuller, and denser book about the work of the Holy Spirit. Gold for those who can make time for it!