

The Holy Spirit

Seven Rivers Church, Fall 2021

CLASS SCHEDULE

September 1	Unit 1	The Identity of the Spirit?
September 8	Unit 2	The Activity of the Spirit (Part 1)
September 15	Unit 3	The Activity of the Spirit? (Part 2)
September 22	Unit 4	Keeping in Step with the Spirit?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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UNIT 1

THE IDENTITY OF THE SPIRIT

I/ Introduction

“Supposing we had awakened today to find everything concerning the Holy Spirit and prayer removed from the Bible...What difference would it make practically between the way we worked yesterday and the way we would work today, and tomorrow? What difference would it make in the majority of Christians’ practical work and plans?...Isn’t much work done by human talent, energy, and clever ideas? Where does the supernatural power of God have a real place?” –Francis Schaeffer

“The French refugees have these five words continually on their lips: Gospel, Word of God, Faith, Christ, Holy Spirit.” –Erasmus

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

II/ The Trinity

What makes Christianity absolutely distinct is the identity of our God. *Which* God we worship: *that* is the article of faith that stands before all others. The bedrock of our faith is nothing less than God himself, and every aspect of the gospel – creation, revelation, salvation – is only Christian insofar as it is the creation, revelation, and salvation of *this* God, the triune God. I could believe in the death of a man called Jesus, I could believe in his bodily resurrection, I could even believe in a salvation by grace alone; but if I do not believe in this God, then, quite simply, I am not a Christian. And so, because the Christian God is triune, the Trinity is the governing center of all Christian belief, the truth that shapes and beautifies all others. The Trinity is the cockpit of all Christian thinking.

–Michael Reeves

III/ A Divine Person or an Impersonal Force?

A. The Holy Spirit is a person

➤ Isaiah 11:1-2

➤ John 16:7-15

➤ Ephesians 4:29-30

➤ Romans 8:26-27

➤ Acts 13:1-3

B. The Holy Spirit is divine

➤ Psalm 139:7-10

➤ Job 33:4

➤ Acts 5:1-4

➤ 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

➤ Matthew 28:18-19

➤ 2 Corinthians 13:14

IV/ The Spirit of Christ

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (Romans 8:9–10)

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you . . . I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” (John 14:18; 16:12-14)

“It is ever the Holy Spirit’s work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan’s work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ . . . We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what *Jesus* is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by “looking unto Jesus.” –Charles Spurgeon

APPENDIX: REFERENCES TO THE SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE

<i>Passage</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Passage</i>	<i>Term</i>
Gen 1:2	the Spirit of God	Job 32:8	the breath from the Almighty
Gen 6:3	my Spirit	Job 33:4	the Spirit of God
Gen 41:38	God's Spirit	Ps 33:6	the breath of his mouth
Exod 31:3	God's Spirit	Ps 51:11	Holy Spirit/desire for holiness
Exod 35:31	God's Spirit	Ps 104:30	your breath
Num 11:17	the Spirit	Ps 139:7	your Spirit
Num 11:25	the Spirit (2x)	Ps 143:10	your gracious Spirit
Num 11:26	the Spirit	Prov 20:27	the LORD's lamp
Num 11:29	his Spirit	Isa 11:2	the Spirit of the LORD
Num 24:2	the Spirit of God	Isa 30:1	my Spirit (ESV)
Num 27:18	the Spirit	Isa 32:15	the Spirit
Deut 34:9	the spirit of wisdom	Isa 34:16	his Spirit
Judg 3:10	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 40:7	the breath of the LORD
Judg 6:34	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 40:13	the Spirit of the LORD
Judg 11:29	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 42:1	my Spirit
Judg 13:25	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 44:3	my Spirit
Judg 14:6	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 48:16	his Spirit
Judg 14:19	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 59:19	the wind/breath (NIV) of the LORD
Judg 15:14	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 59:21	my Spirit
1 Sam 10:6	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 61:1	the Spirit of the Lord God
1 Sam 10:10	the Spirit of God	Isa 63:10	his Holy Spirit
1 Sam 11:6	the Spirit of God	Isa 63:11	his Holy Spirit
1 Sam 16:13	the Spirit of the LORD	Isa 63:14	the Spirit of the LORD
1 Sam 16:14	the Spirit of the LORD	Ezek 11:5	the spirit of the LORD
1 Sam 19:20	the Spirit of God	Ezek 11:24	the Spirit; the Spirit of God
1 Sam 19:23	the Spirit of God	Ezek 36:27	my Spirit
2 Sam 23:2	the Spirit of the LORD	Ezek 37:1	his Spirit
1 Kgs 18:12	the Spirit of the LORD	Ezek 37:14	my Spirit
2 Kgs 2:16	the Spirit of the LORD	Ezek 39:29	my Spirit
1 Chr 12:18	the Spirit	Dan 4:8, 9, 18	spirit of the holy gods (3x)
2 Chr 15:1	the Spirit of God	Dan 5:11	a spirit of the holy gods
2 Chr 20:14	the Spirit of the LORD	Dan 5:14	a spirit of the gods
2 Chr 24:20	the Spirit of God	Joel 2:28-29	my Spirit (2x)
Neh 9:20	your good Spirit	Mic 2:7	the Spirit of the LORD
Neh 9:30	your Spirit	Mic 3:8	the Spirit of the LORD
Job 4:9	the breath of God (ESV)		
Job 15:30	the breath of God's mouth		
Job 27:3	the breath from God		

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Hag 2:5	my Spirit	John 3:5-8	the Spirit (3x)
Zech 4:6	my Spirit	John 3:34	the Spirit
Zech 6:8	my Spirit	John 6:63	the Spirit
Zech 7:12	his Spirit	John 7:39	the Spirit (2x)
Zech 12:10	a spirit of grace	John 14:16	another Counselor
Matt 1:18	the Holy Spirit	John 14:17	the Spirit of truth
Matt 1:20	the Holy Spirit	John 14:26	the Counselor, the Holy Spirit
Matt 3:11	the Holy Spirit	John 15:26	the Counselor, the Spirit of truth
Matt 3:16	the Spirit of God	John 16:7	the Counselor
Matt 4:1	the Spirit	John 16:13	the Spirit of truth
Matt 10:20	the Spirit of your Father	John 20:22	the Holy Spirit
Matt 12:18	my Spirit	Acts 1:2	the Holy Spirit
Matt 12:28	the Spirit of God	Acts 1:4	the Father's promise
Matt 12:31	the Spirit	Acts 1:5	the Holy Spirit
Matt 12:32	the Holy Spirit	Acts 1:8	the Holy Spirit
Matt 22:43	the Spirit	Acts 1:16	the Holy Spirit
Matt 28:19	the Holy Spirit	Acts 2:4	the Holy Spirit; the Spirit
Mark 1:8	the Holy Spirit	Acts 2:17-18	my Spirit (2x)
Mark 1:10	the Spirit	Acts 2:33	the promised Holy Spirit
Mark 1:12	the Spirit	Acts 2:38	the Holy Spirit
Mark 3:29	the Holy Spirit	Acts 4:8	the Holy Spirit
Mark 12:36	the Holy Spirit	Acts 4:25	the Holy Spirit
Mark 13:11	the Holy Spirit	Acts 4:31	the Holy Spirit
Luke 1:15	the Holy Spirit	Acts 5:3	the Holy Spirit
Luke 1:35	the Holy Spirit	Acts 5:9	the Spirit of the Lord
Luke 1:41	the Holy Spirit	Acts 5:32	the Holy Spirit
Luke 1:67	the Holy Spirit	Acts 6:3	the Spirit
Luke 2:25	the Holy Spirit	Acts 6:5	the Holy Spirit
Luke 2:26	the Holy Spirit	Acts 6:10	the Spirit
Luke 2:27	the Spirit	Acts 6:10	the Spirit
Luke 3:16	the Holy Spirit	Acts 7:51	the Holy Spirit
Luke 3:22	the Holy Spirit	Acts 7:55	the Holy Spirit
Luke 4:1	the Holy Spirit	Acts 8:15	the Holy Spirit
Luke 4:14	the Spirit	Acts 8:17	the Holy Spirit
Luke 4:18	the Spirit of the Lord	Acts 8:18	the Spirit
Luke 10:21	the Holy Spirit	Acts 8:19	the Holy Spirit
Luke 11:13	the Holy Spirit	Acts 8:20	the gift of God
Luke 12:10	the Holy Spirit	Acts 8:29	the Spirit
Luke 12:12	the Holy Spirit	Acts 8:39	the Spirit of the Lord
Luke 24:49	power from on high (ESV)	Acts 9:17	the Holy Spirit
John 1:32	the Spirit	Acts 9:31	the Holy Spirit
John 1:33	the Spirit, the Holy Spirit		

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Acts 10:19	the Spirit	1 Thess 1:6	the Holy Spirit
Acts 10:38	the Holy Spirit	1 Thess 4:8	his Holy Spirit
Acts 10:44	the Holy Spirit	1 Thess 5:19	the Spirit
Acts 10:45	the gift of the Holy Spirit	2 Thess 2:13	the Spirit
Acts 10:47	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 2:4	the Spirit
Acts 11:12	the Spirit	1 Cor 2:10	the Spirit (2x)
Acts 11:15	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 2:11	the Spirit
Acts 11:16	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 2:12	the Spirit who comes from God
Acts 11:17	the same gift		
Acts 11:24	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 2:13	the Spirit
Acts 11:28	the Spirit	1 Cor 2:14	the Spirit; God's Spirit
Acts 13:2	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 3:16	the Spirit of God
Acts 13:4	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 6:11	the Spirit of our God
Acts 13:9	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 6:19	the Holy Spirit
Acts 13:52	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 7:40	the Spirit of God
Acts 15:8	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 12:3	the Holy Spirit
Acts 15:28	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 12:4	the same Spirit
Acts 16:6	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 12:7	the Spirit
Acts 16:7	the Spirit of Jesus	1 Cor 12:8	the Spirit, the same Spirit
Acts 19:2	the (or, a) Holy Spirit (2x)	1 Cor 12:9	the same Spirit, the one Spirit
Acts 19:6	the Holy Spirit		
Acts 19:21	the Spirit	1 Cor 12:11	the same Spirit
Acts 20:22	the Spirit	1 Cor 12:13	one Spirit (2x)
Acts 20:23	the Holy Spirit	1 Cor 14:2	the Spirit
Acts 20:28	the Holy Spirit	2 Cor 1:22	his Spirit
Acts 21:4	the Spirit	2 Cor 3:3	the Spirit of the living God
Acts 21:11	the Holy Spirit	2 Cor 3:6	the Spirit (2x)
Acts 28:25	the Holy Spirit	2 Cor 3:8	the Spirit
Gal 3:2	the Spirit	2 Cor 3:17	the Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord
Gal 3:3	the Spirit		
Gal 3:5	the Spirit	2 Cor 3:18	the Spirit
Gal 3:14	the promised Spirit	2 Cor 5:5	the Spirit
Gal 4:6	the Spirit of his Son	2 Cor 6:6	the Holy Spirit
Gal 4:29	the Spirit	2 Cor 13:14	the Holy Spirit (ESV)
Gal 5:5	the Spirit	Rom 1:4	the Spirit of holiness
Gal 5:16	the Spirit	Rom 2:29	the Spirit
Gal 5:17	the Spirit (2x)	Rom 5:5	the Holy Spirit
Gal 5:18	the Spirit	Rom 7:6	the Spirit
Gal 5:22	the Spirit	Rom 8:2	the Spirit of life
Gal 5:25	the Spirit (2x)	Rom 8:4	the Spirit
Gal 6:8	the Spirit (2x)	Rom 8:5	the Spirit (2x)
1 Thess 1:5	the Holy Spirit	Rom 8:6	the Spirit

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Rom 8:9	the Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ	Heb 3:7	the Holy Spirit
		Heb 6:4	the Holy Spirit
Rom 8:10	the Spirit	Heb 9:8	the Holy Spirit
Rom 8:11	the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead, his Spirit	Heb 9:14	the eternal Spirit
		Heb 10:15	the Holy Spirit
Rom 8:13	the Spirit	Heb 10:29	the Spirit of grace
Rom 8:14	God's Spirit	1 Pet 1:2	the Spirit
Rom 8:15	the Spirit of adoption	1 Pet 1:11	the Spirit of Christ
Rom 8:16	the Spirit	1 Pet 1:12	the Holy Spirit sent from heaven
Rom 8:23	the Spirit	1 Pet 3:18	the Spirit
Rom 8:26	the Spirit (2x)	1 Pet 4:14	the Spirit of glory and of God
Rom 8:27	the Spirit		
Rom 9:1	the Holy Spirit	2 Pet 1:21	the Holy Spirit
Rom 14:17	the Holy Spirit	1 John 2:20	anointing from the Holy One
Rom 15:13	the Holy Spirit		
Rom 15:16	the Holy Spirit	1 John 3:24	the Spirit
Rom 15:19	God's Spirit	1 John 4:2	the Spirit of God
Rom 15:30	the Spirit	1 John 4:13	his Spirit
Eph 1:13	the promised Holy Spirit	1 John 5:6	the Spirit (2x)
Eph 1:17	the Spirit of wisdom and revelation	1 John 5:8	the Spirit
		Jude v. 19	the Spirit
Eph 2:18	one Spirit	Jude v. 20	the Holy Spirit
Eph 2:22	the Spirit	Rev 1:4	the seven spirits
Eph 3:5	the Spirit	Rev 1:10	the Spirit
Eph 3:16	his Spirit	Rev 2:7	the Spirit
Eph 4:3	the Spirit	Rev 2:11	the Spirit
Eph 4:4	one Spirit	Rev 2:17	the Spirit
Eph 4:30	God's Holy Spirit	Rev 2:29	the Spirit
Eph 5:18	the Spirit	Rev 3:1	the seven spirits of God
Eph 6:17	the Spirit	Rev 3:6	the Spirit
Eph 6:18	the Spirit	Rev 3:13	the Spirit
Phil 1:19	the Spirit of Jesus Christ	Rev 3:22	the Spirit
Phil 2:1	the Spirit	Rev 4:2	the Spirit
Phil 3:3	the Spirit of God	Rev 4:5	the seven spirits of God
Col 1:8	the Spirit	Rev 5:6	the seven spirits of God
1 Tim 3:16	the Spirit	Rev 11:11	the breath of life from God
1 Tim 4:1	the Spirit	Rev 14:13	the Spirit
2 Tim 1:14	the Holy Spirit	Rev 17:3	the Spirit
Titus 3:5	the Holy Spirit	Rev 21:10	the Spirit
Heb 2:4	the Holy Spirit	Rev 22:17	the Spirit

**Note that references to the Spirit in Paul's writings are given in likely chronological order of writing.*