

Overview of the Bible Inspiration of Holy Spirit

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Lesson 4

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Inspiration of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit inspires prophecy and gives knowledge of God, insight and wisdom.

2 Peter 1: 20-21

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

1. How did the Holy Spirit assist the apostles in Jn. 14: 26?

1. The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of Scripture

Psalms 143: 10

10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let **Your good Spirit lead me** on level ground.

John 14: 26

26 “But the **Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and **bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.**

2. What did the Holy Spirit foretell by the mouth of David concerning Judas? Acts 1: 16

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Acts 1: 16

16 “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.”

3. What does Paul tell the saints at Rome concerning the Holy Spirit in Rom. 8: 12-14?

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Romans 8: 12-14

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

4. How does the Holy Spirit inspire believers to Honor Jesus? 1 Cor 12: 3; 1 Jn. 4: 2

2. The Holy Spirit inspires believers to honor Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 12:3

3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

1 John 4:2

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

5. What does God give us in Eph. 1: 17?

3. Purpose of the Holy Spirit's Inspiration

Ephesians 1: 17

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

6. What was revealed to the apostles and the prophets? Eph. 5: 1-5

3. Purpose of the Holy Spirit's Inspiration

Ephesians 3: 1-5

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the **mystery of Christ**,

5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as **it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit**;

7. Through whom does God inspire Isaiah and the apostles? Is. 59: 21; Jn. 3: 34

4. The Holy Spirit inspired Prophecy

Isaiah 59: 21

21 “As for Me, this is My covenant with them,” says the Lord: **“My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,”** says the Lord, **“from now and forever.”**

John 3: 34

34 “For **He whom** God has sent speaks the words of God; for **He gives the Spirit** without measure.

8. How does the Holy Spirit guide men? 2 Sam. 23: 2; Is. 48: 16

5. People are aware of the Holy Spirit's Inspiration

2 Samuel 23: 2

2 “The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue.”

Isaiah 48: 16

16 “Come near to Me, listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, From the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord God has sent Me, and His Spirit.”

9. Who knows the thoughts of God? 1 Cor 2: 10-13

6. The Holy Spirit gives Revelation

1 Corinthians 2: 10–13

10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

6. The Holy Spirit gives Revelation

6a. Wisdom and Knowledge are given through the Spirit

Isaiah 11: 2

2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

The Holy Spirit reveals the will of God. His revelations always apply to eternal life, never to earthly matters.

7. The Holy Spirit reveals God's Fatherhood to believers

Romans 8: 15–16

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

Galatians 4: 6

6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

8. Speech is inspired by the Holy Spirit

Matthew 10: 20

20 “For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”

Luke 12: 12

12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

Acts 4: 8

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people,

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Nehemiah 9: 20

20 “You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, Your manna You did not withhold from their mouth, And You gave them water for their thirst.

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Micah 3: 8

8 On the other hand **I am filled with power—**

With the Spirit of the Lord—

And with justice and courage

To make known to Jacob his rebellious act,

Even to Israel his sin.

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Acts 1: 2

2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.

1 Timothy 4: 1

1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

10. What were some of gifts of the Holy Spirit that some Christians in the 1st Century received? 1 Cor 12: 8-10

10. Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor. 12: 8-10

8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

10a. Gifts of Tongues

Acts 2: 4

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, **as the Spirit was giving them utterance.**

Acts 19: 6

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and **they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.**

11. How does the Holy Spirit help us with our prayers? Rom 8: 26-27; Eph. 6: 18

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Romans 8: 26–27

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Ephesians 6:18

18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

The Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words that our prayers can be heard and granted

12. What does the Holy Spirit give Christians? Jn. 6: 23; 2 Cor. 3: 5-6

John 6: 63

63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

2 Cor. 3: 5-6

5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

6 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

13. What else does the Holy Spirit provide to Christians? Eph. 4: 1-7

Eph. 4: 1-7

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The Holy Spirit provides unity and peace to the church.

14. What did Jesus tell the apostles about the Holy Spirit in Jn. 16: 7-14?

John 16: 7-14

7 “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper will not come to you**; but if I go, **I will send Him to you.**

8 “And He, **when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;**

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

13 “But when He, **the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.**

14 “**He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.**

14. What did Jesus tell the apostles about the Holy Spirit in Jn. 16: 7-14?

1. The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.
2. The Holy Spirit will guide the apostles into all truth.
3. The Holy Spirit will bring to the apostles' remembrance all that Jesus taught them.
4. The Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus Christ.