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# AN INTRODUCTION

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

What was “common” among the early church,  
seems to be more “uncommon” with us today.

WE NEED TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIM  
AS A \_\_\_\_\_

I want more of the Holy Spirit

vs.

I want give myself more to Him.

**Romans 8:27** 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. (NASB)

**1 Corinthians 12:11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. (NASB)

**Matthew 3:16** After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, “**This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.**” (NLT)

**2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (NKJV)

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Communion: (Greek) κοινωνία (koy-nohn-ee'-ah)

- 1) Fellowship
- 2) Partnership
- 3) Intimate

**2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (NASB)

**1)** \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship: Companionship; sharing together.

**Acts 20:22** And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, **23** except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. (NKV)

**Acts 8:26** But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Get ready and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) (NASB)

**Acts 8:29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” (NASB)

## 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 15:28** For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: *(NASB)*

Abraham

Moses

Us

**John 16:7** But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. *(NLT)*

**2 Peter 3:15** And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him— *(NLT)*

**Because of the Holy Spirit:  
It is actually possible to know Jesus better, than if He was here physically.**

## 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Must have fellowship to gain intimacy.

- Thoughts, secrets, desires of our hearts.
- The avenue to a deep friendship.

**2 Corinthians 13:14** The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. *(MSG)*

**The Holy Spirit (God) wants to be an intimate friend with you!**

**James 4:5** Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? *(NKV)*

Yearn: To long for intensely and consistently.

Jealously: intolerant of unfaithfulness or rivalry

**James 4:1** What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? **2** You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. **3** And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. **4** You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. **5** Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him. *(NLT)*

**1 John 2:15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. **17** The world is passing away and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God continues to live forever. *(NLT)*

**It is not about how much \_\_\_\_\_ you put in,  
It's about how much you \_\_\_\_\_.**

You cannot base forgiveness off of your behavior:

- 1) He's the most forgiving Being in the entire universe.
- 2) If you desire Him - He will desire you.

**Acts 15:28** For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: *(NLT)*

How well do you know Him?

**1 Corinthians 7:40** But in my opinion it would be better for her to stay single, and I think I am giving you counsel from God's Spirit when I say this. *(NLT)*

**In order to be \_\_\_\_\_ with somebody,  
we must seek to understand their \_\_\_\_\_**

### **John 14, 15, 16**

He, Him, Himself (Greek pronoun - gender neutral)

- Greeks wrote according to form
- Hebrews wrote according to function

**Genesis 1:27** So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. *(NLT)*

There has to be attributes that we ascribe as feminine and were in God before we existed.

**Ephesians 4:30** Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. *(NASB)*

Grieve: (Greek) λυπεῖτε (loo-peh'-ti)

- To pain, grieve, vex, deep sorrow, deep distress.
- From lupe; a pain that can only be experienced from two people who deeply love each other.

**Ephesians 4:29** Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. **30** And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. **32** Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. *(NLT)*

The Holy Spirit is deeply grieved when we talk to one another harshly.

**Matthew 12:32** And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come. *(NASB)*

**Proverbs 1:20** Wisdom shouts in the street, She raises her voice in the public square; *(NASB)*

**Proverbs 4:6** Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. **7** Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. **8** If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. *(NLT)*

**Isaiah 11:2** And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. *(NLT)*

David

**2 Samuel 1:26** I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been a close friend to me. Your love for me was more wonderful Than the love of women. *(NLT)*

**Mighty on the battlefield (Man of Steel, Mama Bear),  
Tender in relationships (Man of Tenderness, Mama Bear).**

**Acts 2:2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. *(NLT)*

Holy Spirit: Mighty and Powerful / Tender and Kind

**For additional reading - check out these books:**

John Bevere

- "The Holy Spirit: An Introduction"

Robert Morris

- "The God I Never Knew: How Real Friendship with the Holy Spirit Can Change Your Life"

**When you are ready...  
Go All In and Sign the poster.**  
Statement and Reminder of faith, of commitment.

**2021 Devotions:  
1 Chapter for 1 Week**

**This week: John 14**  
Read, Dwell, Read, Think, Read, Live