

1 Who Is the Holy Spirit

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 14:16-17

NAME: _____

You have accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord. You are now following Him. As a part of your spiritual life, you probably have been studying the Bible. You may have used a study guide. Now you are desiring further growth and to be all God wants you to be.

You long to know more about the Holy Spirit. Is He such a mystery? This lesson you to know who He is and how He will work in your life.

In your Bible look for the answers to the following questions. When it says John 14:16, it means the Book of John, chapter 14, verse 16. (The index in the front of your Bible will list the page number.) Read the answer from the Bible, then write it in your own words.

1. Ezekiel predicted a day when God's Spirit would do a special work in people.

What will the Spirit do for you? (Ezekiel 36:26-27) _____

2. Jesus faced crucifixion. That meant He would leave His disciples physically (John 14:1-4). Who would come to take Christ's place? (John 14:16-17) _____

3. What is the significance of each of the following words or phrases in John 14:16? (Depending on the translation you use, there will be some variety in the use of a word at a certain place. For example, the word "Counselor" in the NIV is "Advocate" in the NEB and "Paraclete" in the NAB.)

a. "Another" _____

b. "Counselor," "Comfortor" (KJV), or "Helper" (NASB) _____

c. "With you forever" _____

d. "Spirit of truth" _____

4. What limitation does Jesus place on receiving the Holy Spirit? (John 14:17) _____

5. How does the issue raised by Jesus in John 14:17 speak to your life? _____

6. What does the Holy Spirit do in John 15:26? _____

What were Christ`s disciples, in turn, expected to do? (John 15:27) _____

7. What special work will the Holy Spirit do in the world? (John 16:8-11) _____

Tell of a time when the Spirit convicted you. _____

8. What special work will the Spirit do among disciples? (John 16:13-14) _____

Tell of a time when the Spirit guided you. _____

9. James Moffat translates John 14:16, "to give you another Helper." How does the Holy Spirit *help us* as indicated in

a. Romans 8:26 _____

b. Acts 1:8 _____

c. Acts 4:31 _____

d. 2 Peter 1:21 _____

e. Romans 8:16 _____

Tell of a time when the Holy Spirit helped you. _____

9. What is every Christian`s relationship with the Holy Spirit? (Romans 8:9b) _____

11. What further need is revealed in Paul`s prayer for the Ephesian Christians?
(Ephesians 3:16-19) _____

12. Who was involved in pouring out or giving the Holy Spirit to the early disciples?
(Acts 2:32-33) _____

13. How is God described? (1Peter 1:15-16) _____

What does God expected us to be? (1Peter 1:15-16) _____

14. What working of the Holy Spirit could make us holy (sanctified, cleansed, or consecrated ? (1Peter 1:2)

15. Tell of a time when you longed to be more holy. _____

16. In Romans 8:9 the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of God. What other name is the Holy Spirit given here? _____

Why do you think He is called that? _____

How did the Holy Spirit help Stephen to be Christlike in Acts 7:54-60? Especially compare Acts 7:55 and 60 with Luke 23:34. _____

Tell of a time when you have seen the Holy Spirit make someone Christlike. _____

17. Based on what you`ve studied in this lesson, who would you say the Holy Spirit is?

18. Where does God` s Spirit wish to live today? (1 Corinthians 3:16) _____

19. Rees Howells was a Welsh layman (1879-1950) who was founder of the Bible College of Wales and a man of much prayer and intercession. Though he had accepted Christ and been born of the Spirit, he testifies about an in-depth meeting with the Holy Spirit that significantly strengthened his relationship with God.

I saw Him as a Person apart from flesh and blood, and He said to me, "As the Saviour had a body, so I dwell in the cleansed temple of the believer. I am a Person. I am God, and I am come to ask you to give your body to Me that I may work through it. I need a body for My temple (1 Cor. 6:19), but it must belong to Me without reserve, for two persons with different wills can never live in the same body. Will you give Me yours? (Rom. 12:1) But if I come in, I come as God, and you must go out (Col. 3:2,3). I shall not mix Myself with yourself."He made it very plain that he would never share my life. I saw the honor He gave me in offering to indwell me, but there were many things very dear to me, and I knew He wouldn't keep one of them. The change He would make was very clear. It meant every bit of my fallen nature was to go to the Cross, and He would bring in His own life and His own nature.

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20. What is the main message in this testimony for you? _____

You have been drawing some conclusions about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a Helper. He wants to help you. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. He wants to make you like Jesus. The Holy Spirit is God. He is able.
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Memory Verse

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- 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 14:16-17, NIV)

The Bible will tell you more about the Holy Spirit and what He does for people. The Book of Acts especially tells about the Spirit's work. Why not read at least a chapter a day in Acts along with these studies. Each of these bible studies will contain some questions on Acts as well as other books of the Bible. Cut the memory verse for each lesson, carry it in your pocket, and learn it by heart. The Bible has been translated into several versions. The memory verse is provided for you in the King James Version (KJV) and the *New International Version* (NIV). Choose the one that appeals to you most.

Now you have a better understanding of who the Holy Spirit is. And yet there is so much to discover about what He will do in your life. Are you ready to learn more?

Memory Verse

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you (John 14:16-17, KJV).