

# 2 The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Christian

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 3:24

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The Christian life is only possible if a person has been "born of the Spirit" (John 3:5,8 ). Every Christian has the Holy Spirit. Let`s investigate our spiritual privileges.

1. Though a Christian may not yet be full of the Spirit, what is the Christian`s minimum relationship with the Holy Spirit?

(Romans 8:9b) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Read John 3:1-15.

a. What was Nicodemus` religious status? (John 3:1-2 ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. What does Jesus say is the minimum requirement for being in the kingdom of God? (the reign of God? (John 3:3 )  
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c. What part does the Holy Spirit play in the new birth? (John 3:5-6 ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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d. What is being "born of the Spirit" compared to and why? (John 3:8 ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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e. What does one do to experience this spiritual birth? (John 3:15 and 1:12 ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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f. New birth means newness in life. What new things has God brought into your life as a result of the birth of the Spirit?

(1) In your love \_\_\_\_\_  
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(2) In your obedience \_\_\_\_\_  
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(3) In your victory \_\_\_\_\_  
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(4) In your relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. John's Gospel tells us of a birth of the Spirit or new birth. You have indicated ways God has made you new. Later in the New Testament, John writes again in 1 John and tells of new ways in the new life. What are they?

a. 1 John 4:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. 1 John 2:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. 1 John 5:4-5 and 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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d. 1 John 4:13 \_\_\_\_\_  
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e. 1 John 5:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Which of these new ways do you most need help in? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Which of these new ways do you feel best about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. If a Christian, with promise of victory over sin, should sin, what should he do? (1John 2:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How can you are a child of God? (Romans 8:16) \_\_\_\_\_  
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How have you experienced that in your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is another privilege the Holy Spirit gives the child of God? (Romans 8:14 ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tell of an experience from your life that illustrates this. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What warning are we given about the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 4:29-30? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does this truth help you to better understand about the person of the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What is Paul's way of expressing the birth of the Spirit in Ephesians 2:5,8-10? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Where does the Holy Spirit live? (Ephesians 2:22 ) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What prayer does Paul pray for these Ephesian Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

a. In Ephesians 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

b. In Ephesians 3:19 \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What encourages you to believe this prayer could be answered in your life? (Ephesians 3:20-21 )

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12. Peter had denied Christ at the Crucifixion. In a post-Resurrection appearance by Jesus, He reinstates Peter (John 21:15-22).  
What later happened to Peter that empowered him to become a leader of the Early Church? (Acts 1:8;2:2-4;4:8 )

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What evidence of power was in his preaching? (Acts 2:41 ) \_\_\_\_\_

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What longings for spiritual power have you had? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. What promise of the Holy Spirit did Peter make to his hearers? (Acts 2:38-39 )

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To us? \_\_\_\_\_

What has to happen first? (Acts 2:38 ) \_\_\_\_\_

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15. What we might call the first "local church board" was selected in Acts 6:3. Among all the Christian brothers, only certain ones were to be selected. What characteristics did they need to possess? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell of a Christian you know who possesses these characteristics. \_\_\_\_\_

16. So how do we know Christ lives in us? (1John 3:24 ) \_\_\_\_\_

17. Charles Colson, assistant to the president of the United States, Richard Nixon, pleaded guilty to crimes relating to the Watergate scandal and was sentenced to prison. But more importantly he accepted Christ and was born again. He became a leader in prison reform and Christian causes.

"Chuck" Colson was led to Christ by Tom Phillips, president of Raytheon Corporation. Phillips testified to Colson:  
.....I didn't seem to have anything that mattered. It was all on the surface. All the material things in life are meaningless if a man hasn't discovered what's underneath them.

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### Memory Verse

*Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us (1John 3:24, NIV )*

..... One night I was in New York on business and noticed that Billy Graham was having a Crusade in Madison Square Garden ..... I went - curious , I guess - hoping maybe I'd find some answers. What Graham said that night put it all into place for me.

I saw what was missing , the personal relationship with Jesus Christ , the fact that I hadn't ever asked Him into my life, hadn't turned my life over to Him. So I did it - that very night at the Crusade.

..... I asked Christ to come into my life and I could feel His presence with me. His peace within me. I could sense His Spirit there with me. Then I went out for a walk alone on the streets of New York. I never liked New York before, but this night it was beautiful. I walked for blocks and blocks, I guess. Everything seemed different to me.

It was raining softly and the city lights created a golden glow. Something had happened to me and I knew it.

*Charles Colson, Born Again (Old Tappan, N.J.:Fleming H Revell, 1976 ), 110*

18. What does this testimony say to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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The Holy Spirit of God does a work in you, causing you to come to know Christ. The Spirit's new life, presence, assurance, and leadership are yours. But sometimes spiritual problems arise, despite what the Spirit has begun. You'll better understand what is happening if you study the next lesson.

### Memory Verse

*And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us (1John 3:24, KJV ).*