

Our Triune God.

God the Spirit **The Comforter**



Key verse: 2 Corinthians 3:17.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.



Big Idea: We need the work of the Spirit to give us life and to enable us to believe the work of Jesus on our behalf.

Kick Off

What do people mean when they talk about having a 'gut feeling' a 'sixth sense' a 'premonition' a 'bad feeling'?

How do you think of the Holy Spirit? Wind, force, power, ghost, person, God?

STUDY

The Holy Spirit is God.

Of the three persons in the Trinity the Holy Spirit is the most obscure. Some Christians make an enormous fuss of the Spirit and Spiritual things, gifts and powers, others hardly mention him at all and several major cults actually deny the Deity and personhood of the Spirit outright. So let's see what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit.

1. Look up these verses and fill in the blanks to see what they teach us about the Holy Spirit as God and as a person.

- Matt 28:19. The Holy Spirit is _____.
- Acts 5:3. The Holy Spirit is someone you can _____ to.
- 2 Corinthians 3:17. The Lord is the _____.
- Ephesians 4:20. The Holy Spirit is someone who can be _____.

The Spirit's role

Read John 14:15-26.

When it comes to defining the role of the Holy Spirit we see on the main his role is to promote Jesus Christ. Like a spotlight on an actor the Holy Spirit doesn't draw attention to himself but rather directs our attention to Jesus.

2. How is God going to look after his people after Jesus had returned to the Father v16,18?

3. What role will the Holy Spirit specifically play in relation to those first Apostles who were listening to Jesus saying these things in v26?
4. Can you think of what evidence we have with us today proving the Spirit did his work? cf. Acts 2:42a.

The Spirit within us.

Read Ephesians 2: 14-22.

5. What role is given to each person of the trinity in bringing us to God vv14-18?
6. God by his Spirit lives within us v22. How does this knowledge make you feel as you go about your day?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

5. The Spirit provides unique gifts to different people within the church but what is the main aim of these gifts?

THINK AND APPLY

Appreciating God the Spirit

It is the Spirit who connects us to the Father by applying the perfect work of Christ to us as individuals. The Spirit enables us to believe, enables us to mature. The Spirit is the author of our Scriptures 1Pet 1:10ff and the one who give us understanding of them, 1 Cor 2: 14.

What does it mean to live by the Spirit Gal 5:16, 25?

What does it mean to put out the Spirit's fire 1 Thess 5:19?

PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



**For next week
Read
Matt 9:9-13**