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# “33 THINGS THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES”

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## LESSON 1 ■ For week ending April 6, 2024

The Prophet Zechariah sets forth a divine mandate in Zechariah 4:6, “... *This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts.*” This series of lessons will investigate 33 of the benefits we receive through the Holy Spirit of God (Ruach HaKodesh).

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### #1 – THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US

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- » To say that God *knows us* is an understatement! Of course we understand that God knows everything about everything.
- » The point is that God knows our frailties (Psalm 103:13,14). He knows our weaknesses and the sinful nature that you and I inherited (Romans 5:12; 3:23).
- » To that end, God also knew that we would need a helper. He sent the Holy Spirit to help you and I make it through every single day.
- » Read Romans 8:26.

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### #2 – THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US

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- » One of the ways that the Holy Spirit helps us is by *guiding us*.
- » The Greek word translated as *guide* means *to show [teach] the way, lead*.
- » Read the words of Jesus found in John 16:13.
- » What was Jesus saying? Read John 16:12 to understand the context preceding verse 13.
- » Have you ever wished you had a *tutor* when you were in school? Maybe you were struggling with a particular class or subject.
- » What is a *tutor*? A private teacher, typically one who teaches a single student or a very small group.
- » The Holy Spirit is our private tutor. Jesus said that He had many things to tell us—but He also said, “...*but you cannot bear them now.*”
- » The Holy Spirit is our guide. He is the One who knows the way. He is the One who knows the future (John 14:16,17).

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### #3 – THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES US

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- » How many of you can remember the names and faces of teachers that you have had in the past?
- » Can you also remember the authority that those teachers had? They were the ones—especially in our early education—who knew the answers to all the questions. They were the ones who really knew what they were talking about.
- » Read John 14:26. Again, this is Jesus talking about the function/role that the Holy Spirit would play in our individual lives.
- » We live in a society today that tends to question everything. It seems that there are no *absolutes* anymore. Even things as simple as gender are now open to interpretation.
- » In God’s foreknowledge, He knew that we would need a private tutor to help us make every decision (Isaiah 11:2).
- » Jesus said that the Holy Spirit—our private tutor—would “*teach you all things.*” Mankind needs to know the *absolute truth* today (which is Jesus Christ—John 14:6)!
- » Who needs GOOGLE when we have the Holy Spirit?

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## LESSON 2 ■ For week ending April 13, 2024

Last week we learned that the Holy Spirit is our Helper, our Guide, and our Teacher. This week we will investigate some of the ways He accomplishes this ongoing work in our lives. You and I have it made! We have the Holy Spirit of God living inside of us.

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**KEY TEXT:** “*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*” (Romans 15:13).

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### #4 – THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS

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- » The Holy Spirit is just that—a Spirit. He is not an “*it*.” He is the third part of the Godhead which includes the Father (Yahweh), the Son (Yahshua), and the Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh).
- » The Holy Spirit is able to speak. Read Revelation 2:7.
- » What is He speaking? According to John 16:13, the Holy Spirit is speaking not on His own authority, but *whatever He hears (from God)*—that He will speak.
- » This falls into the same pattern that Jesus expressed in the Garden of Gethsemane before His crucifixion. Read Luke 22:42. God the Father is the Authority.
- » How does the Holy Spirit speak to us? The best way to describe it is the *still, small voice* that we hear in our mind (I Kings 19:11,12).
- » While some may attribute that voice to our “conscience,” that is not accurate. Our conscience can be swayed by our sinful nature, outside influences, and even our “mood.”
- » The still, small voice of the Holy Spirit is different. It will always tell you to do good. It will always remind you of Scriptures that apply to your current situation (John 14:26). It will always instruct you to love—even when you don’t feel like it (Matthew 5:43-48).

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### #5 – THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS

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- » Read I Corinthians 2:10. This scripture tells us that God reveals things to us by using His Holy Spirit.
- » What does the word *reveal* mean? The Greek word interpreted as *reveal* means *to take off the cover, that is, disclose*.
- » The definition of *reveal* implies that the thing we are trying to understand is *hidden* to some degree. Or, perhaps, we are trying to understand something that is *deep* (complicated, not easily revealed or understood).
- » Verse 10 says, “*For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*”
- » There are “elementary” things about God and there are “deep” things about God as well (Hebrews 6:1).
- » The Holy Spirit helps us understand the deep mysteries and revelations of God (Colossians 1:26,27; Ephesians 3:1-7).

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### #6 – THE HOLY SPIRIT INSTRUCTS

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- » Can we just admit that sometimes we need the Holy Spirit to give us specific instructions: a play-by-play narrative of what we should do next? Read Psalm 143:10.
- » Such was the case when Phillip approached the Ethiopian Eunuch on the road to Gaza.
- » Read the account in Acts 8:26-29.
- » What happened because of Phillip’s obedience? Read verses 34-40.
- » When we listen to the instructions of the Holy Spirit—people’s lives are changed!
- » Are you willing to obey the Holy Spirit to help change someone else’s life (Romans 8:14)?

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## LESSON 3 ■ For week ending April 20, 2024

For two weeks we have been studying the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We have learned that He is our Helper, Guide, Teacher, and that He speaks, reveals, and instructs us. Today we will continue our quest to learn more about the Holy Spirit—our Promise of the Father!

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**KEY TEXT:** “*And being assembled together with them, He [Jesus] commanded them to not depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me” (Acts 1:8).*”

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### #7 – THE HOLY SPIRIT TESTIFIES OF JESUS

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- » Last week we learned that the Holy Spirit is able to speak. Today we will learn what He speaks about.
- » Read John 15:26. The Greek word translated as *testify* literally means *to be a witness, give evidence, or bear record*.
- » In The Church of God, we understand an important Biblical principle which originated in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 19:15).
- » Read II Corinthians 13:1. Jesus also identified this principle in Matthew 18:15,16.
- » Notice the use of the word “witness” in this last scripture. What does a witness do? A witness testifies.
- » The Holy Spirit testifies to the truth, power, and majesty of Yahweh God the Father. He also testifies—gives evidence of—the authority and power of the Son, Jesus Christ (Yahshua).

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### #8 – THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS US

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- » Can we admit that life is hard and full of trouble? Adam and Eve sold all of us into a difficult life full of challenges (Genesis 3:17-19).
- » The fact of the matter is this: We need comforted!
- » Read Acts 9:31. The Greek word translated as *comfort* means *solace (comfort or consolation in a time of distress or sadness)*.
- » The Early Church needed comfort because they were afraid of Saul and his persecution of the saints (Acts 9:1,2).
- » The Holy Spirit, who promises to lead and guide us, revealed to them that the conversion of Saul to Paul was trustworthy and genuine (Acts 9:26).

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### #9 – THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US

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- » How many have been called by God to works of service? The truth is that we have all have access to salvation (John 3:16). However, some are called to greater works of service.
- » Read Acts 13:2. What call has God placed on your life? What ministry has the Holy Spirit called you to?
- » Jesus makes it clear that we can only come to the Father if we are drawn (John 6:44).
- » The Holy Spirit is the motive force of God. In Genesis 1:1,2, we see the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) in action.
- » God is the One who *willed* the reformation of the Earth. Jesus is the One who *spoke* it (Jesus is the Word—John 1:1-5). Finally, the Holy Spirit—who was hovering over the Earth—is the One who *performed* the work.
- » It is God’s will that everyone be saved (I Timothy 2:4). He uses the Holy Spirit to call us (or draw us) to Himself for works of service.

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## LESSON 4 ■ For week ending April 27, 2024

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Congratulations! You’ve made it to week 4 of our study of God’s Holy Spirit (Ruach Hakodesh). We are still learning about the many ways that the Holy Spirit helps us in our daily walk with God. Today we will discuss some important truths about God’s Spirit. Did you know that He prays for you?

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**KEY TEXT:** “*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in your hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us*” (Romans 5:5).

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### #10 – THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS US

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- » In Acts 2:1-4, we read about the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- » We have already discussed how it is the Holy Spirit that draws or calls us to God for salvation and works of service.
- » So, we must establish up front that when we are first saved, we receive a portion of the Holy Spirit (John 20:21,22); however, the baptism (or indwelling) of the Holy Spirit is on a different level.
- » Read Acts 4:31. It takes the Holy Spirit to get saved, but the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” is when the recipient is “filled” or “baptized” with the Holy Spirit.
- » To be baptized in the Holy Spirit means that you have agreed to submit yourself to the power of the Holy Spirit—including your tongue. What does the Bible says about our tongues? Read James 3:6-8.
- » Allowing the Holy Spirit to take possession of our tongues—through speaking in tongues—is an outward sign of our total submission to God and are willingness to be used of God (I Corinthians 14:1-3,22).

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### #11 – THE HOLY SPIRIT STRENGTHENS US

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- » Our flesh gets tired! While we may have unlimited strength and zeal when we are younger, eventually age can slow us down and sap our strength (Romans 8:26).
- » In either situation, one job of the Holy Spirit is to strengthen us! Read Zechariah 4:6.
- » Listen to what the Apostle Paul says about the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 3:14-21.
- » God has placed a great calling in The Church of God. He has chosen to reveal Himself to us (Isaiah 43:10). It can sometimes be overwhelming when we think about the enormous task that we have been asked to do.
- » However, along with the calling comes God’s Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). He promises to strengthen us.
- » The word *strengthen* means *to empower, increase in vigor and might*.

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### #12 – THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYS FOR US

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- » How many can testify that prayer changes things? The power of prayer is well-documented in God’s Word (James 5:16).
- » Did you know that the Holy Spirit prays for you and I?
- » Read Romans 8:26.
- » Have you ever been to the place where you didn’t have the strength, ability, or even desire to pray for yourself? Maybe you were sick, dismayed, depressed or even suicidal.
- » God knows all about our weaknesses. He loves us so much that His Holy Spirit prays for us—even when we can’t pray for ourselves (Luke 4:18).
- » Verse 26 says that “...*the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...*”
- » The word *intercede* means *in behalf of*. The Holy Spirit goes to battle for us. Even when we feel like we can’t fight for ourselves—the Holy Spirit is on the job (Mark 13:11). Thank you Holy Spirit!

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## LESSON 5 ■ For week ending May 4, 2024

Last week we talked about how the Holy Spirit fills us, strengthens us, and even prays for us. Talk about benefits! Serving God and being filled with the Holy Spirit enables us to have an abundant life here on earth and the promise of eternal life spent in the presence of God, Himself. Tell your neighbor: We've got it made!

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**KEY TEXT:** “*The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted...*” (Luke 4:18a).

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### #13 – THE HOLY SPIRIT PROPHECIES THROUGH US

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- » While the enemy would have you believe that you are unworthy and not eligible to be used by God, the truth of the matter is quite the opposite: God uses His Holy Spirit to speak through you and I.
- » Throughout the Bible we find that God used ordinary men and women to speak His Word and accomplish His will.
- » Read II Peter 1:20,21.
- » Our righteousness before God is not established by works of our flesh. We stand in the righteousness of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- » When we have the Holy Spirit within us, we do not speak of our own will and ability, instead we become imitators of God (I Thessalonians 1:5,6; Mark 13:11).
- » Our job is to be conduits of God's Holy Spirit so that He can speak through us as He sees fit (Acts 2:17; Luke 12:8-12).

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### #14 – THE HOLY SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

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- » Can we agree that the word *truth* has come under complete assault in our secular society?
- » The definition of *truth* is *the quality or state of being true*. The word *true* is defined as *in accordance with fact or reality*.
- » Jesus warned of this very real assault in Matthew 24:4 when He said, “*Take heed that no one deceives you.*”
- » As believers, we need the Holy Spirit to help us determine what truth is (regarding any situation both religious and secular) and when we are being deceived (I Timothy 4:1).
- » Read Romans 9:1.
- » What was Paul saying? He was affirming that he was speaking the truth. He tells us that he had the “witness” of the Holy Spirit. Remember, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.
- » Jesus is truth. The Holy Spirit can help you DISCERN what is truth and what is fiction.
- » The word *discern* means *perceive or recognize (something)*. Read I Corinthians 2:14.
- » Paul talks about the spiritual gift of “*discerning of spirits*” in I Corinthians 12:4-11).

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### #15 – THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS JOY

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- » One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is joy (Galatians 5:22,23). The Greek word that is translated as *joy* means *cheerfulness, calm delight, gladness*.
- » Read I Thessalonians 1:6. Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit brings joy.
- » When we stop for a moment in our busy lives and think about the incredible promises that we have—including being joint-heirs with Jesus, the promise of living in paradise, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, etc.—we can't help but being joyful or be filled with delight regardless of our temporary situation. The Holy Spirit reminds us of the hope of our inheritance in Christ Jesus!

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## LESSON 6 ■ For week ending May 11, 2024

Bishop Joseph Mizell used to say, “We’ve been saved too long! We’ve forgotten what it was like when we were sinners!” Today we are going to talk about the freedom that the Holy Spirit brings to our lives. Satan wants us to be victims of our sin for the rest of our lives. God, however, wants us to be set free!

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**KEY TEXT: “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” (John 8:36).**

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### #16 – THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS FREEDOM

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- » When God created mankind, He did so in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8). God placed us in paradise with one rule. We all know the story. We disobeyed and were kicked out of the garden (Genesis 3:24).
- » Something else was lost in that fateful story. When man chose to obey Satan rather than God, he sold himself and his descendants into a lifetime of slavery to sin (Romans 5:12-14).
- » The Bible tells us emphatically that we are slaves to whom we obey (Romans 6:16).
- » However, that’s not the end of the story! Read the Key Text.
- » Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price on the Cross of Calvary so that you and I can be set free of our death sentence (John 3:16).
- » He did something else as well. We find the account in Revelation 5:6-10. When Jesus resurrected, by triumphing over death and the grave, He appeared in Heaven and was found worthy to open the scroll.
- » When He opened that scroll, He ended Satan’s dominion over mankind and thus “*every tribe and tongue and people and nation*” had access to salvation and freedom from sin through His atoning sacrifice.
- » The Holy Spirit helps us maintain that freedom in our lives according to II Corinthians 3:17. When we listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we will find freedom and liberty!

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### #17 – THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US TO OBEY

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- » Even as mature Christians, can we readily admit that we still are fighting a daily battle with our flesh? Read Galatians 5:16,17. If the Apostle Paul can admit it—why can’t we? LOL! (I Corinthians 15:31).
- » One of the benefits of having the Holy Spirit in our lives is that He helps us to OBEY. Most of us don’t like that word; however, we have to admit that God’s Word tells us emphatically to obey.
- » Read I Peter 1:22. According to this passage, the Holy Spirit helps us to purify our souls by being obedient to the truth (Ezekiel 36:27).
- » We are so blessed to have the Holy Spirit living inside of us (I Corinthians 3:16) to remind us, to correct us, and to purify us by leading us into all truth (which is Jesus Christ Himself—John 14:6).

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### #18 – THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS FOR JESUS’ RETURN

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- » Read Revelation 22:17. God has a plan for mankind. God knows it all. God has already seen it all. We, however, have to walk by faith not knowing exactly how it will all work out (Hebrews 11:1-3).
- » While we may not know it all, God does. He uses His Holy Spirit to move on mankind to achieve His will on this earth (II Peter 1:21).
- » When we listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our church, we are working together in cooperation with God’s Holy Spirit and His prophetic plan for the church, mankind, and this world. The Holy Spirit is the motivation source of God (Zechariah 4:6; Acts 2:17,18).



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## LESSON 7 ■ For week ending May 18, 2024

Last week we talked about the fact that we have been set free by the blood of Jesus Christ and are maturing with the help of the Holy Spirit. The truth of the matter is this: When we accepted Jesus as our Savior, we embarked on a journey to meet our Savior. While we started out as a disgraced sinner, we are subsequently being transformed into what God has called us to be. The Holy Spirit helps us succeed in our journey.

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**KEY TEXT: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (II Corinthians 5:17).**

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### #19 – THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US

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- » Most of us are drawn to stories about how something that was bad or broken is transformed into something good and subsequently restored or reformed.
- » This is the process we undergo as believers. It is often referred to as “sanctification.”
- » Read II Corinthians 3:18. Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our personal transformation story.
- » How? By placing the laws of God in our hearts. This has always been the plan of God.
- » Read Jeremiah 31:31-34.
- » When we have the Holy Spirit of God living inside of us, we have God’s Laws written on our hearts.
- » What does that mean? It means that the Holy Spirit will *prompt* you when you are about to make decisions.
- » When you want to retaliate against someone that hurt you, the Holy Spirit will remind you to forgive those that trespass against you (Mark 11:25). When your flesh wants to hate someone, the Holy Spirit will remind you to love your enemies (Luke 6:28).

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### #20 – THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN US

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- » Have you ever heard the expression: You don’t really know someone until you live with them?
- » Well, guess what, the Holy Spirit lives with us! He knows us—because He lives with us!
- » The Apostle Paul confirms this truth in I Corinthians 3:16.
- » It goes without saying that God knows everything about you (Ephesians 3:16). God knows that we have trouble even directing our own path (Jeremiah 10:23).
- » God the Father, as the best Father ever, knew that we would need help every step of the way.
- » God showed His love for us by giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4; Ephesians 4:7,8).
- » Brothers and sisters: We are without excuse! God has given us everything we need to succeed (James 1:17,18).

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### #21 – THE HOLY SPIRIT FREES US

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- » Before we met Jesus Christ, we were sinners. We were slaves to sin and we were bound by the consequences (Romans 6:18,19).
- » However, once we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are no longer slaves to sin, we are now slaves of righteousness (Romans 6:18).
- » That means that we are compelled to do the right thing.
- » Read Romans 8:2. Paul emphasizes an incredible truth: Once we become believers, we do not have to sin. We have been set free. The Holy Spirit helps us maintain that freedom by convicting us when/if sin appears in our life (Romans 8:5,6).

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## LESSON 8 ■ For week ending May 25, 2024

The truth is this: You and I are aging by the minute! In today’s lesson we will discuss one of the benefits that we have as Spirit-filled believers. The Holy Spirit is the motive force of God. It can create something out of nothing. Let’s investigate the regenerative powers of the Holy Spirit that can revive and renew us—no matter how old we are!

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**KEY TEXT:** “*Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”* (Genesis 17:17).

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### #22 – THE HOLY SPIRIT RENEWS

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- » God made a lot of incredible promises to Abraham. He promised to make him the father of many nations—yet his wife, Sarah, was barren.
- » Then, God waited until they were really old—LOL—before His Word was accomplished in their lives.
- » The same can be true with us. We have promises of God that we are standing on. Yet, as time passes on, it may seem impossible for those promises to materialize.
- » The Bible says that Abraham “...*died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them...*” (Hebrews 11:13).
- » Part of the work that the Holy Spirit does in our lives is to RENEW us. Read Titus 3:5.
- » The Bible tells us that “*For now we see in a mirror, dimly...*” (I Corinthians 13:12). The KJV of this scripture used the word “*darkly.*” In other words, we can’t see everything with clarity.
- » That’s exactly what happened with Abraham (Hebrews 11:8). He didn’t have to know everything before he stepped out by faith to accomplish God’s will for his life.
- » We should take solace in the fact that God has given us the gift of His Holy Spirit to live within us.
- » Even when we don’t know exactly where we are going, the Holy Spirit will guide us and renew our strength. Sometimes, just like Abraham, we just have to wait! Read Isaiah 40:31.

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### #23 – THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES FRUIT IN US

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- » Have you ever been called a *dirtbag*? Well, I’m sorry to inform you that the scriptures confirm this truth—we are made of dirt (Genesis 3:19). Jesus often referred to people as fruit trees. He said you can tell what kind of person they are by the fruit they produce (Matthew 7:15-20).
- » Jesus tells us that there are *good* fruit trees and *bad* fruit trees. What kind of fruit tree are you?
- » Have you noticed how our present-day society is focusing on being *kind to* and *inclusive* of others? There’s been a real emphasis on “being nice.” However, have you also noticed how fast those same people become *very mean* if you don’t comply with their wishes? Why? Because their roots are not planted in good soil. You cannot violate God’s Word yet reap good fruit (Galatians 6:7).
- » When we have the Holy Spirit firmly planted in our hearts, we will produce good fruit.
- » You can read about that fruit in Galatians 5:22,23. What kind of fruit do you produce?

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### #24 – THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES GIFTS

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- » Read I Corinthians 12:1-11. The Holy Spirit is the Gift that keeps giving!
- » All of the gifts that the Holy Spirit produces inside each one of us is for the edification and maturity of God’s Church.
- » Paul goes on to say that “...*God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased*” (verse 18). Are you allowing God’s gifts to work through you?

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## LESSON 9 ■ For week ending June 1, 2024

We've spent eight weeks talking about all that the Holy Spirit does for each one of us. Today we will conclude this series with nine additional ways the Holy Spirit makes our lives better. Thank you Holy Spirit!

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**KEY TEXT:** *“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you...and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” (1 John 2:27, partial quote).*

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### #25 – THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US

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- » Read Romans 8:14. Are you being lead by the Holy Spirit?
- » The Holy Spirit will always lead us to Jesus Christ because He is truth (John 16:13).

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### #26 – THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS US

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- » Read John 16:8. Condemnation comes from Satan. Satan is always negative and degrading (Romans 8:1; John 3:16,17).
- » Conviction comes from the Holy Spirit because He wants you to be free from sin. Conviction is positive! We are children of God (Romans 8:15-17).

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### #27 – THE HOLY SPIRIT SANCTIFIES US

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- » Read II Thessalonians 2:13 and Hebrews 9:14.
- » The Holy Spirit lives within us; therefore He knows our weaknesses and our strengths.

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### #28 – THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US

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- » Read Acts 1:8. Remember the words of Jesus: Don't go anywhere without the Holy Spirit!

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### #29 – THE HOLY SPIRIT UNITES US

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- » Read Ephesians 4:3,4. We are being built into a spiritual house one stone at a time (1 Peter 2:5).

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### #30 – THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS US

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- » Read Ephesians 1:13,14. The Holy Spirit is our co-signer.
- » If we stick with Him, and obey Him, we will make it!

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### #31 – THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US ACCESS TO THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS

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- » Read Ephesians 2:18. Once we stood afar off, now we have access to Yahweh God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ, by one Spirit.

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### #32 – THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES US TO WAIT

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- » Read Galatians 5:5.
- » Most of us are not good at waiting. We become impatient and demanding very quickly!
- » The Holy Spirit, who knows all things, can help us to “*eagerly wait*” for all that God has promised us!

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### #33 – THE HOLY SPIRIT CASTS OUT DEMONS THROUGH CHRIST

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- » Read Matthew 12:28. Remember, the Holy Spirit is the motive source of God (the power).

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# “THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK – Part 1”

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## LESSON 10 ■ For week ending June 8, 2024

The Menorah is a seven-branched candlestick that is described in the Hebrew Bible and in later ancient sources as having been used in the Tabernacle and in the Temple in Jerusalem. Since ancient times, it has served as a symbol representing the Jewish people and Judaism in both the Land of Israel and the Diaspora. It eventually became the State of Israel's official emblem after its founding in 1948 (from Wikipedia).

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**KEY TEXT:** *“It shall be made of a talent of pure gold...and see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain” (Exodus 25:39,40, partial quote).*

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### **1. Let's see what God's Word says about the Menorah—the Golden Candlestick.**

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- » The writer of the book of Hebrews makes an important statement that applies to the Golden Candlestick that was first revealed to Moses in the Wilderness (in the Old Testament).
- » Read Hebrews 6:1-6.
- » Discuss the fact that the Golden Candlestick is a copy of the original found in God's Throne Room in Heaven.
- » Moses described this heavenly Golden Candlestick in Exodus 25:31-40.
- » The existence of the Golden Candlestick in Heaven is confirmed by the writings of John the Revelator found in Revelation 1:12-13. Who was in the midst of the Candlestick (Rev. 1:12-18)?

### **2. The Holy Spirit is the motive force of God.**

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- » The Holy Spirit is the power which acts on the Word of God to produce the results which God desires (Romans 8:11).
- » We can see an example of this in Genesis 1:1-4. God willed it, Jesus spoke it, and the Holy Spirit did the work (Hebrews 2:4).
- » This is confirmed in Zechariah 4:6.

### **3. The seven channels through which the Holy Spirit operates are called the Seven Spirits of God.**

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- » These seven manifestations of God's Spirit are revealed in the heavenly pattern by the seven-branch Golden Candlestick.
- » Read Revelation 4:5.
- » Since the Golden Candlestick is also a revelation of the Church as the *“light of the world,”* it follows that the Church is the instrument through which God has chosen to manifest the workings of His Spirit to the world.
- » Read Matthew 5:13-16.
- » By understanding these Seven Spirits, we can better realize the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives and we can be more effective in our service to Him.

### **4. It needs to be clearly understood that there is only one Holy Spirit.**

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- » Just as the Golden Candlestick is only one light which is manifested through seven different channels, there is only one Holy Spirit who is revealed in seven different manifestations called the Seven Spirits of God.
- » The Apostle Paul confirms this fact in Ephesians 4:4.
- » God's Holy Spirit is one and *“works all these things...as He wills”* (I Corinthians 12:11).

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# “THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK – Part 2”

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## LESSON 11 ■ For week ending June 15, 2024

The Golden Candlestick is a divine revelation of the work of the Holy Spirit of God which is manifest through seven distinct channels. Today’s lesson will define these seven channels and reveal how they work together to shine the light of God across our dark world.

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**KEY TEXT: “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you” (Isaiah 60:1).**

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### 1. The Seven Spirits of God.

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- » The work of the Seven Spirits of God should permeate through each and every person who is a part of the Church which Jesus proclaimed to be the light of the world (Romans 5:5).
- » A Church or even an individual that is full of the Holy Spirit will find themselves manifesting the work of the Spirit in many different ways.
- » Jesus confirmed this truth in Revelations 1:20.
- » The distinct qualities of each of these Seven Spirits are distinguished in the messages of Jesus as revealed to John in the letters which were written to the seven churches of Asia.
- » The Church of God identifies these Seven Spirits as: 1) Love, 2) Preservation, 3) Marking, 4) Teaching, 5) Perfection, 6) Publishing, and 7) Evangelism.

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### 2. The different ways we express ourselves.

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- » The Seven Spirits—which are represented in the 7 branches of the Golden Candlestick—are 7 ways/channels that the Holy Spirit uses to express Himself.
- » Think about yourself for a moment. Can we all admit that we have different ways of expressing ourselves—even though we are only one person?
- » Have you ever been accused of having *multiple personalities*? Don’t raise your hand if you have! Perhaps one persona at church, a different personality at a football game, and yet a third personality when someone makes you mad. Can we fool God? Read I Samuel 16:7.
- » The truth of the matter is that we are all trying to mold our sinful flesh into the character and likeness of Jesus Christ (Romans 7:18,19).
- » The scriptures tells us emphatically that we are to *put off* the old man and *put on* the Lord Jesus (Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 13:14).

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### 3. Let’s do a little exercise.

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- » List 7 different ways you express yourself. (EXAMPLE: Father, mother, hunter, artist, etc.)
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- » According to Genesis 1:26a, “Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...”
- » If we have the capacity to express ourselves in multiple ways, so does God. It should not confuse us that the Holy Spirit can express Himself through multiple channels or ways.
- » Can we see how all of the Seven Spirits of God are connected and work together? LOVE is what motivates us to share the Gospel with others (EVANGELISM) so that they can be PRESERVED. We PUBLISH the Gospel by using MARKING (advertising/social media) and TEACHING (sermons/lessons/witness) to that we can all come to PERFECTION (maturity) in Jesus.

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# “THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK – Part 3”

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## LESSON 12 ■ For week ending June 22, 2024

Last week we listed the Spirits of God as defined by The Church of God. In today's lesson we will begin to define each of these Spirits and show how they work together to help us share the good news that Jesus Saves!

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**KEY TEXT:** *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).*

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### 1. THE SPIRIT OF LOVE.

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- » More than just a God of love, I John 4:8 reveals to us that *“God is love.”*
- » It is for this reason that love is foundational to everything that God does for us. This is expressed in John 3:16.
- » Through His actions, Yahweh demonstrated that true love is manifest in the sacrificial giving of one's self for another.
- » This type of love is to be the identifying trademark of true followers of Jesus Christ. Read the words of John in I John 4:11-13.
- » A church full of the Spirit will be full of love *“because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us”* (Romans 5:5).
- » It is because of the work of the Holy Spirit that those who have put their faith in Christ can fulfill the great commandments as spoken by Jesus in Matthew 22:37-40.

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### 2. THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS.

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- » The Spirit of Love is revealed as one of the seven manifestations of the Spirit of God in the message of Jesus to the church in Ephesus.
- » It was to this church that Jesus said, *“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love”* (Revelation 2:4).
- » At the center of all that the church does must be a love for God and a love for our fellow man.
- » Without the love of God working in us, we become *“as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal”* (I Corinthians 13:1).
- » In other words, we become useless. However, by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we are given the capacity to love even as He loves.

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### 3. THE SPIRIT OF PRESERVATION.

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- » God has always been a protector of His people. He is known in the Scriptures as Yahweh-Jireh (the Eternal Provider). King David understood the preserving nature of God and said of Him, *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want”* (Psalms 23:1).
- » That same shepherd-like quality that is found in God will also be found at work in the Church when it is driven by the Spirit of God.
- » The Spirit of Preservation is revealed in REVELATION 2:10b when Jesus says to the church in Smyrna, *“...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”*
- » It is part of the work of the Holy Spirit to help us *“endure until the end.”* Read Philippians 1:5.
- » It is through the operation of the Spirit of Preservation that we find the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us to give strength and encouragement to one another (Hebrews 3:12-14).
- » The ability to be able to endure unto the end is a direct result of the work of God's Spirit in the Church (I Thessalonians 5:23,24).

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# “THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK – Part 4”

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## LESSON 13 ■ For week ending June 29, 2024

Last week we talked about the benefits of the Spirit of Love and Preservation as they operate in God’s Church. We will continue our lesson this week as we talk about the Spirit of Marking and Teaching.

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**KEY TEXT:** *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19,20).*

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### 1. THE SPIRIT OF MARKING.

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- » Another unique quality of the Spirit of God is the Spirit of Marking.
- » Jesus said to the church in Pergamos, *“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it” (Revelation 2:17).*
- » Through this work of the Holy Spirit, things that would otherwise go unnoticed or be quickly forgotten are clearly marked in such a way as to reveal the reality of God and His Word.
- » This is stated plainly by Paul in Romans 1:20.
- » It has always been God’s plan to make Himself known to mankind. Through the Spirit of Marking, the invisible God and His work among men is made known.
- » This principle is seen in everything that God has made (Psalm 19:1-3).

### 2. IDENTIFYING TIMES AND PLACES.

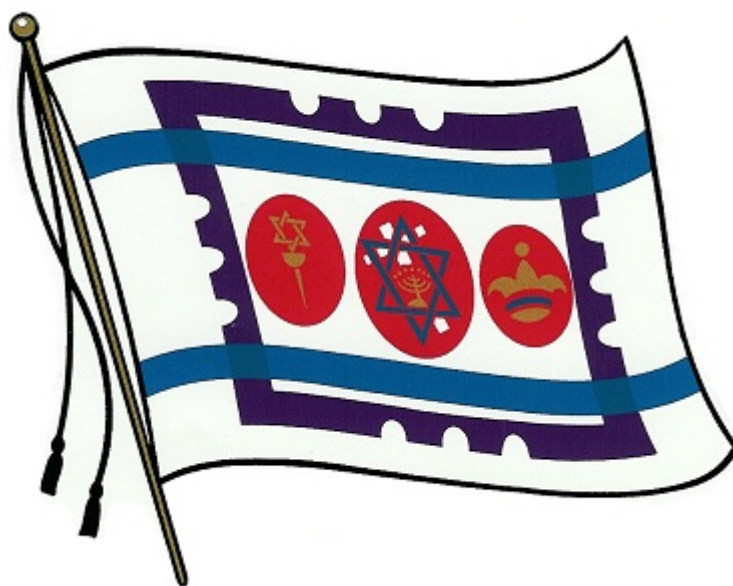
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- » It is through the Spirit of Marking that the Church is able to identify times and places that are significant in spiritual history and mark them much like the Lord had Joshua do when the Children of Israel crossed the Jordan River (Joshua 4:9).
- » It is also by this work of the Holy Spirit that the Church is able to identify and mark the fulfillment of prophecy.

### 3. THE SPIRIT OF TEACHING.

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- » It is the work of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide believers into all truth.
- » Consider the words of Jesus found in John 14:26.
- » In order to fulfill the Great Commission as given by Jesus to go into all the world and teach all nations, it is also imperative that the Church have the Spirit of Teaching at work as revealed in the message of Jesus to the church in Thyatira.
- » Jesus reveals the importance of teaching when He says, *“Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach” (Revelation 2:20).*
- » Proper teaching is essential in the work of establishing God’s people in the truth of God’s Word.
- » It is for this reason that among the five-fold gifted ministry is the gift of teacher. Without the Spirit of Teaching at work, the Church would be *“tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14).*
- » The FIVE-FOLD GIFTED MINISTRY is found in Ephesians 4:11-13, *“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”*



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