

University City Church of Christ

The Holy Spirit in Action

A Bible Study

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Today we are examining references to the Holy Spirit in the book of John.

John 1:32-34 - ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." ESV

John 3:5-8 - ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ESV

John 3:34 - ³⁴For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ESV

John 6:63 - ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ESV

John 7:37-39 - ³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. ESV

John 14:15-17 - ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ESV

John 14:25-27

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ESV

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John 15:26 - ²⁶"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ESV

John 16:13-14 - ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ESV

John 20:21-22 - ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. . . ." ESV

Some questions for discussion:

- 1 – How did the granting of the Holy Spirit change the trajectory of the recipients' lives?
- 2 – Think about Bible characters that [apparently] did not receive the Holy Spirit. What is implied?
- 3 – Did the presence of the Holy Spirit in a person ensure their holiness?
- 4 – Was the presence of the Spirit permanent?
- 5 – Is there a difference in the meaning of the Holy Spirit being "on," "upon," "in the midst of," "into," "in" or "within" that person?
- 6 – Matthew does not record Jesus' promise of the "coming" of the Holy Spirit (see John 16), though He anticipates it (Matthew 10:20). Even so, the Spirit's current presence is acknowledged. How is this phenomenon to be understood?

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