

Discussion Questions

1. Do you find the concept of the Holy Spirit frightening?
2. What connection is there between the Holy Spirit and Jesus?
3. What parallels are there between the Holy Spirit's activity in the Bible and today?
4. What main difference is there between what the Holy Spirit does in the Old Testament and what He does in the New Testament? And today?
5. What is the difference between being "baptized in" and "filled with" the Holy Spirit?
6. What is the result in a person's life when "rivers of living water" flow through him or her?
7. What was Peter's explanation of what happened on the Day of Pentecost?



Alpha

A Practical Introduction to Christianity

Session 8 Who Is The Holy Spirit?

Introduction

In The Old Testament

In The New Testament

Discussion

Introduction

The Holy Spirit was ignored

The Holy Spirit was misunderstood

- Holy Ghost — not a ghost, but a person
- Thinks — Acts 15:28
- Speaks — Acts 1:16
- Leads — Romans 8:14
- Grieves — Ephesians 4:30
- Persona — "He," not "It"
- Spirit of Christ — Romans 8:9
- Spirit of Jesus — Acts 16:7 3.
- Resisted — He wants to take control

In The Old Testament

He was involved in Creation

- Genesis 1:1 – 2
- Genesis 2:7

He came upon particular people at particular times for particular tasks

- Exodus 31:1 – 5
- Judges 6:14 – 16
- Judges 6:34
- Judges 5:14 – 15
- Isaiah 61:1 – 3

He was promised by the Father

- Jeremiah 31:31 – 34
- Ezekiel 36:26 – 27
- Joel 2:28 – 29

In The New Testament

The coming of Jesus brought increased activity of the Holy Spirit

- Luke 1:15
- Luke 1:35
- Luke 1:41
- Luke 1:67
- Luke 2:25 – 27

John the Baptist links the Holy Spirit with Jesus

- Luke 3:16
- Luke 3:22
- Luke 4:1
- Luke 4:14
- Luke 4:18

Jesus predicted the Holy Spirit's presence

- Ezekiel 47
- John 7:37 – 39
- Luke 24:49
- Acts 1:4, 5
- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:4 – 12
- Acts 2:14
- Acts 2:37 – 41

We live in the age of the Spirit. God has promised to give His Spirit to every Christian

- Acts 2:38 - 39