

## Growth of the family

The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness for Christ

- Acts 1:8

The Spirit gives us the desire and the will to witness

- Philippians 2:13

## Conclusion

Every Christian has the Holy Spirit

- Romans 8:9

Not every Christian is filled with the Spirit

- Ephesians 5:18 - 20

Receive the fruit of the Spirit

- Revelation 22:17

## Discussion Questions

1. What happens when someone is “born again?”
2. What is the primary work of the Holy Spirit in a person before becoming a Christian?
3. How does our status with God change after we become Christians?
4. How does the Holy Spirit help us “to develop our relationship with God?”
5. In what ways does the Holy Spirit make us more like Jesus?
6. What would you suggest Christians do “keep the unity of the Holy Spirit?”
7. What does Nicky identify as “one of the major problems in the church at large?” Why do you think this is such a problem? What can be done about it?
8. How does the Christian family grow? How is the Holy Spirit involved in this process?
9. Nicky says that although “every Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, not every Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit.” What advice would you give to someone who wanted to bridge that gap?



# Alpha

## ***A Practical Introduction to Christianity***

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## **Introduction**

No one is born a Christian: We must be spiritually born into God's family.

- John 3:3-8 .

## **Sons and Daughters of God**

Complete forgiveness

- Romans 8:1-2
- Micah 7:f9

Sonship

- John 1:12
- Romans 8:14 – 17
- Greatest privilege
- Closest intimacy
- Deepest experience
- Most secure hope

## **The relationship with God**

The Holy Spirit helps us develop our relationship with God.

He brings us into God's presence

He helps us to pray

- Romans 8:26

He enables us to understand God's Word

- Ephesians 1:17 - 18

## **The family likeness**

Fruit of the Spirit is developed

- Galatians 5:22 - 23

Moral likeness to Christ is developed

- 2 Corinthians 3:17 - 18

## **Unity in the family**

Jesus prayed for unity

- John 17

Paul pleaded with early Christians

- Ephesians 4:3

All Christians have one Spirit

- Ephesians 4:4 - 6

## **Gifts for all the children**

Each family member is gifted differently

- 1 Corinthians 12:1 – 11
- 1 Corinthians 12:28 – 30
- 1 Peter 4:10 - 11

Each family member must use his or her gift.