

**BIBLE STUDY SERIES:**

# **TRUSTING THE FATHER**

**CHARACTER & NATURE OF GOD:  
“HOLY SPIRIT”**

**Chris Badenhorst**

**CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD: “HOLY SPIRIT”**

**INTENTION:**

Looking back on my life, even into my childhood (before I became a believer), I can recognise the Holy Spirit with me. And even as a believer, seeing, feeling, and hearing Him as He helped guide my life. Yet, I never really “felt” like I had a close relationship with Him; or even really understood Him or His role in my life.

When we tune our ears and heart to Him, what He can bring can be so amazing and impactful—not only on our own personal lives, but the lives of anyone around you. He longs to bring God’s Kingdom into each and every life.

Let’s open up and trust Him, letting Him fully into our lives!

# CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD: “HOLY SPIRIT”

Bible Study: Lesson 004 (Character and Nature of God, Part 4)



## I. TOPIC (PART 4 – HOLY SPIRIT):

We want to continue to look at the Character and Nature of God—this time as the “Holy Spirit”.

As we saw with Jesus as the exact representation of whom God is, we can also equate the Holy Spirit to this same nature and character (i.e. Three-In-One). The Holy Spirit is a Gift to us all; let’s recognise what He brings to us. And then also, if you want to experience this same Holy Spirit with His Fruit and Gifts.

- *Refer also: Bible Study Lesson 026 – Baptisms*  
*Bible Study Lesson 027 – Filled with The Holy Spirit*

## II. READING: Receiving / Coming of the Holy Spirit:

[John 20:19-22](#) (CSB)

When it was evening on that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” 22 After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

[Acts 2:1-41](#) (CSB) {PoG}

1 When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they {*a group of believers*} were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. 3 They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. 4 Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. 6 When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 They were astounded and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.” 12 They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But some sneered and said, “They’re drunk on new wine.”

14 Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning. 16 On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all people; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

18 I will even pour out my Spirit on my servants in those days, both men and women and they will prophesy.

19 I will display wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below: blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to these words: This Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him, just as you yourselves know. 23 Though he was delivered up according to God’s determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. 24 God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death. 25 For David says of him:

# CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD: "HOLY SPIRIT"

## Bible Study: Lesson 004 (Character and Nature of God, Part 4)



I saw the Lord ever before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.  
26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices. Moreover, my flesh will rest in hope,  
27 because you will not abandon me in Hades or allow your holy one to see decay.  
28 You have revealed the paths of life to me; you will fill me with gladness in your presence.

29 "Brothers and sisters, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: He is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: He was not abandoned in Hades, and his flesh did not experience decay.

32 "God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this. 33 Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you both see and hear. 34 For it was not David who ascended into the heavens, but he himself says:

The Lord declared to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies your footstool.'

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call." 40 With many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "Be saved from this corrupt generation!" 41 So those who accepted his message were baptized {into Christ}, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

### III. RELATED VERSES AND QUESTIONS:

#### A. [John 16:7-11](#) (CSB)

Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: 9 About sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; 11 and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Question: Do you ever feel the Holy Spirit (Lord) is judging you for your sins; or reminding you of them?

Response:

---

---

---

---

#### B. [Acts 4:29-31](#) (CSB)

And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand for healing, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.

# CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD: “HOLY SPIRIT”

Bible Study: Lesson 004 (Character and Nature of God, Part 4)



Question: Do you know what it is to be “filled” with the Holy Spirit?

Response:

---

---

---

C. [Acts 8:14-17](#) (CSB)

When the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 After they went down there, they prayed for them so that the Samaritans might receive the Holy Spirit because he had not yet come down on any of them. 16 (They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Question: Can someone be a believer and not yet be baptised in the Holy Spirit?

Response:

---

---

---

D. [Acts 19:1-6](#) (CSB)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul travelled through the interior regions and came to Ephesus. He found some disciples 2 and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” “No,” they told him, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 “Into what then were you baptized?” he asked them. “Into John’s baptism,” they replied. 4 Paul said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 When they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy.

Question: Does there seem to be an importance to the disciples that someone is baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Response:

---

---

---

E. [1 Corinthians 3:16-17](#) (CSB) {PoG}

Don’t you yourselves know that you are God’s temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy {it, *this defilement* ([G5126](#))}; for God’s temple is holy, and that is what you are.

- Refer also: <http://cbadenhorst.blogspot.com/2017/05/misunderstanding-and-misinterpretation.html>

Question: Have you ever felt God is angry with you when you sin—that He may even want to destroy you?

# CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD: "HOLY SPIRIT"

Bible Study: Lesson 004 (Character and Nature of God, Part 4)



Response:

---

---

---

---

F. [Galatians 5:22-23](#) (CSB) {PoG}

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, {faith}, 23 gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.

Question: Do you feel the Holy Spirit provides these fruits for you now?

Response:

---

---

---

---

G. [1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#) (CSB)

4 Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person. 7 A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good: 8 to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, 9 to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to another, interpretation of tongues. 11 One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as he wills.

Question: Did Jesus or the disciples perform these gifts? Do you think you can?

Response:

---

---

---

---

H. [Romans 12:4-8](#) (CSB)

4 Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, 5 in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. 6 According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; 7 if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; 8 if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

Question: Do you find yourself operating in any of these gifts? Do you feel any are stronger in you than others?

# CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD: "HOLY SPIRIT"

## Bible Study: Lesson 004 (Character and Nature of God, Part 4)



Response:

---

---

---

I. [Romans 11:29](#) (CSB) {PoG}

God's gracious gifts and calling are irrevocable {not repented of}.

Question: Do you feel you can lose the gift of the Holy Spirit, or His gifts; or that God would take them away?

Response:

---

---

---

#### IV. FURTHER THOUGHT:

A. [Acts 5:1-10](#) (CSB) {PoG}

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. 2 However, he kept back part of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge, and brought a portion of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land? 4 Wasn't it yours while you possessed it? And after it was sold, wasn't it at your disposal? Why is it that you planned this thing in your heart? You have not lied to people but to God." 5 When he heard these words, Ananias dropped dead {yielded up his spirit}, and a great fear came on all who heard. 6 The young men got up, wrapped his body, carried him out, and buried him.

7 About three hours later, his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 "Tell me," Peter asked her, "did you sell the land for this price?"

"Yes," she said, "for that price."

9 Then Peter said to her, "Why did you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

10 Instantly she dropped dead {yielded up her spirit} at his feet. When the young men came in, they found her dead, carried her out, and buried her beside her husband.

Thoughts: Did God kill Ananias and Sapphira? When you read the account of Ananias and Sapphira, please note that it does not say that the Holy Spirit (nor God, nor Jesus) struck them dead. It says they "yielded up" ([G1634](#)) their spirits. They did it to themselves—their own conscience convicted them, and most likely their heart literally failed them because of their own mis-construed fear of God.

- Refer also: <http://cbadenhorst.blogspot.com/2017/05/misunderstanding-and-misinterpretation.html>

