

## The Holy Spirit and Spirituality – Part 4

### The Personality of the Holy Spirit

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Holy Spirit and Spirituality. Our topic today: The Personality of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Theme Song: The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

- 1) How Jesus described the Holy Spirit
  - a) John 14:15-18 – who is the other Comforter/Helper (parakletos)? (1 John 2:1)
  - b) Another (allos), numerically distinct but of the same character.
  - c) John 15:26-27
  - d) John 16:13-14
  - e) Matthew 28:18-20
  - f) Some view the Holy Spirit as an impersonal force rather than a personal Being. What can we learn from these descriptions of the Holy Spirit given by Jesus?
- 2) Personal aspects of the Holy Spirit
  - a) Romans 8:14-16, 27
  - b) Romans 15:30
  - c) 1 Corinthians 2:10
  - d) Acts 5:3,9
  - e) Acts 8:29
  - f) Acts 10:19-20
  - g) Acts 15:28
  - h) Acts 28:25
  - i) Romans 15:13, 30
  - j) 1 Corinthians 2:4
  - k) 1 Corinthians 12:11
  - l) Ephesians 4:30
- m) Why is it important to understand that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person rather than a mere force?
- n) With so much Biblical evidence, why do you think some people have a difficult time accepting the Holy Spirit as a Divine Person?
- 3) The Spirit of Truth
  - a) John 16:13a – the Spirit of Truth
    - i) What is the truth referred to here? Does this simply mean that the Holy Spirit never lies?
    - ii) John 14:6
    - iii) Philippians 1:19
  - b) What special ministry does the Holy Spirit have as the Spirit of Truth?
    - i) John 16:13-15
    - ii) John 15:26
- 4) Discussion questions
  - a) What great danger do we face if we simply view the Holy Spirit as an impersonal force? (We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us.” *The Desire of Ages*, 672)
  - b) How does the Holy Spirit come to us? Luke 11:13
  - c) What happens to us when we experience a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit?
  - d) Share a time when you experienced the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in a life-changing way.