

New Believers Bible Study

4. The Holy Spirit : Learning about the role and work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.

Understanding the role and work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer is essential for spiritual growth and empowerment. The Holy Spirit, also known as the Comforter or Counselor, is the third person of the Trinity, co-equal with God the Father and God the Son.

John 14:26

Jesus promises, "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

This verse is part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples, where he promises them the coming of the Holy Spirit after his departure. Jesus assures his disciples that the Holy Spirit, whom he refers to as the Advocate or Helper, will be sent by the Father in his name. The primary roles of the Holy Spirit mentioned here are teaching and reminding. The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples all things, guiding them into deeper understanding and truth. Additionally, the Holy Spirit will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus has taught them during his earthly ministry, ensuring that they remain steadfast in their faith and understanding of his teachings. This verse emphasizes the indispensable role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, providing them with wisdom, guidance, and the ability to recall and apply the teachings of Jesus.

1. Convicts of Sin: In John 16:8 (NIV), Jesus says, "When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment." Here, Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin. This conviction leads individuals to recognize their need for salvation and repentance, ultimately leading them to Christ.

2. Guides into All Truth: John 16:13 (NIV) states, "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." This verse highlights the Holy Spirit's role as the guide into all truth. The Holy Spirit reveals and illuminates God's

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truth to believers, helping them understand Scripture, discern right from wrong, and navigate life in accordance with God's will.

3. Empowers to Live a Life that Honors God: Acts 1:8 (NIV) records Jesus' words to his disciples before his ascension: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This verse emphasizes the empowering work of the Holy Spirit. Believers receive power from the Holy Spirit to live boldly for Christ, to testify about him, and to fulfill the mission of spreading the Gospel to all nations. This power enables believers to live lives that bring glory to God and bear witness to His transformative work in their lives.

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

In these verses, the Apostle Paul outlines the qualities or characteristics that result from the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. These qualities are often referred to as the fruit of the Spirit. They include:

- 1. Love:** Agape love, which is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.
- 2. Joy:** A deep-seated gladness and contentment that transcends circumstances.
- 3. Peace:** Inner tranquility and harmony, even in the midst of turmoil.
- 4. Forbearance (or Patience):** Long-suffering or patient endurance in difficult situations.
- 5. Kindness:** Compassionate and benevolent actions towards others.
- 6. Goodness:** Moral excellence and integrity in thought, word, and deed.
- 7. Faithfulness:** Loyalty, reliability, and steadfastness in relationships and commitments.
- 8. Gentleness:** Humility, meekness, and considerate behavior towards others.
- 9. Self-Control:** Discipline over one's desires, impulses, and actions.

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These virtues are evidence of the Holy Spirit's transformative work within the life of a believer, shaping them to reflect the character of Christ. Paul emphasizes that such virtues are not produced through human effort alone but are cultivated by the Holy Spirit within those who are surrendered to His leading.

Through prayer, study of Scripture, and yielding to the Holy Spirit's guidance, believers can experience the transformative work of the Spirit in their lives, leading them closer to God and enabling them to fulfill their purpose in His kingdom.

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Quiz:(Fill in the blanks)

25. In John 14:26 (NIV), Jesus promises that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in his name, will _____ and _____.

26 According to John 16:8 (NIV), Jesus states that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of _____.

27. John 16:13 (NIV) highlights the Holy Spirit's role in guiding believers into _____.

28. Acts 1:8 (NIV) emphasizes that believers will receive power from the Holy Spirit to be _____.

29. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) lists the fruit of the Spirit, including love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and _____.