

# The Encouragement and Instruction in the Names of the Holy Spirit

## Introduction

- A. We must keep in mind that the Holy Spirit is a Person and our Father's Gift to us through the redeeming work of the Lord Jesus.
- B. His presence and work in our lives are based only on the grace of God not our works.
- C. The emphasis in such a study is that of relationship. We belong to Him, by our Father's electing grace. We must understand this and be totally surrendered to Him as a Person. To often we put our emphasis upon His Fruit, His gifts, or an experience.

## I. One of His Most Important Names is that of "Spirit."

*Where can I go from your **Spirit**? Where can I flee from your presence? Ps 139:7*

**Comment:** The Biblical emphasis is on much more than mere invisibility and non-physical/material. The name teaches He is the fullness of life, goodness, everything of spiritual value, power, promise, order and grace. Gen 1:1,2; Ez 37:5; John 3:3,5; Rom 8:1,2

**Encouragement:** The blessed Spirit dwells in us in all His fullness. Consider the spiritual potential in our life. John 16:13;

**Instruction:** Failure to cooperate with the Holy Spirit is to miss the meaning, value, power, and joy of life itself. Eph 4:29-32; 1 Thess 5:19; Heb 10:26-29

## II. One of His Names is that of "Holy Spirit."

*If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13*

**Comment:** This title emphasizes one of the dominant facets of the Spirit—His holiness. The name has nothing to do with Legalism or Phariseeism. Biblically, holiness is the **purity** of love, truth, life, fruit, gifts, relationship and power. Consider some you know whose power or gifts are defiled by unholiness. How wonderful the Holy Spirit is not like that.

**Encouragement:** We can trust the Holy Spirit. We need not be afraid. He will never lead us astray. In John 14:16 we see the Lord Jesus putting us into the hands of the Holy Spirit. Rom 8:15,16

**Instruction:** Do you want friends and family members who are unholy? How would lies, greed, immorality, self-centeredness, dishonesty, and betrayal affect you? Eph 4:25-32

### III. One of His Names is that of the “Spirit of Truth.”

*But when he, **the Spirit of truth**, comes, he will guide you into all 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.*  
John 16:12

**Encouragement:** Consider what adequate provision the Lord Jesus has made for us.

**Instruction:** How easy it is to be apathetic and indifferent to the Holy Spirit and His plans for us. When we have family members like that—it grieves our heart. Consider how such an attitude grieves the Holy Spirit when He sees the whole picture of life clearly.

### IV. One of His Names is “Spirit of Jesus Christ.”

*For I know that through your prayers and the help given by **the Spirit of Jesus Christ**, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.* Phil 1:19

**Comment:** The Holy Spirit is not only the gift of the Lord Jesus, He is the personal Ambassador of the Savior. He has come to teach us about the Lord Jesus, lead us ever deeper into fellowship with Him, and to glorify Him through us. John 16:13,14

**Encouragement:** Every provision has been made for our growth, enablement, guidance, enjoyment, and fruitfulness. The provision is a Person—the Holy Spirit.

**Instruction:** To emphasize the Holy Spirit over the Lord Jesus is to go down a spiritual dead-end street. The Holy Spirit has come to get us ever more deeply involved with the Savior.

### V. One of His Names is that of “The Spirit of Grace.”

*How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted **the Spirit of grace**?* Heb 10:29

**Comment:** The teaching here is on one of the facets of the Holy Spirit’s ministry. He has come to instruct us in the great subject of grace and to apply that redemptive/relational grace in our life. 1 Cor 2:9-12

**Encouragement:** Consider again the adequacy of our provision. The Holy Spirit has not only inspired the Bible, He has come to teach it to us and lead us into a life of freedom, joy and power through applying it. And, He is the One Who applies the redemptive work of the Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, and the Day of Pentecost in our daily life. His work is amazing.

**Instruction:** When we resist, grieve and quench the Holy Spirit we are depriving ourselves and those about us, of the very best God has for us. Acts 7:51; Eph 4:30; 1 Thess 5:19

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