



# *The* **God** *head*

**Studies on the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit**

## **Lesson 7**

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In the previous lesson we established that God's spirit is His own mind, life, presence and person. In this lesson we want to see where the spirit proceeds from and the identity of the Spirit.

### 1. What did Jesus promise before He left?

*John 14:16, 17, 26* “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ... But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”



### 2. According to the Bible, whose spirit is the “Holy Spirit”?

Compare the following two verses:

*Mark 13:11* “But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye

*premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.”*

Matthew records it as follows:

**Matthew 10:19, 20** *“But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.”*

Holy Spirit = Spirit of the Father

Also compare the following two verses:

**2 Peter 1:21** *“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”*

While in his first letter talking about the same thing, Peter says:

**1 Peter 1:10,11** *“Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”*

Holy Spirit = Spirit of Christ

According to the previous four verses, we can safely conclude:

Spirit of Christ = Holy Spirit = Spirit of your Father

### **3. How many holy spirits are there?**

**Ephesians 4:4** *“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.”*



## 4. When we receive the Holy Spirit who do we receive?

**John 14:23** *“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”*

According to Jesus, when we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive both, the Father and the Son.

## 5. Do the Father and the Son possess the same spirit?

**Romans 8:9, 10** *“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”*

In this verse, while talking about the same spirit, Paul uses the following terminologies: Spirit, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ, Christ. This tells us Paul believed that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of both, the Father and the Son.

## 6. Where does the Spirit come from?

**John 15:26** *“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:”*

## 7. Why does the Spirit proceed from the Father?

**1 Corinthians 8:6** *“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.”*

**Romans 11:36** *“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.”*

The Spirit proceeds from the Father because all things are of Him. He is the source of all things. (Please see *Lesson 3* for further information.)

## **8. Through whom does this spirit come to us?**

**Ephesians 2:18** *“For through him [Jesus] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”*

**John 20:22** *“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:”*

The spirit of the Father comes to us through Jesus, and through Him, it returns.



## **9. Who comes to us to be our Comforter?**

**John 14:18, 19** *“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.”*

## 10. How does the Father send Jesus to us? Is it Jesus in flesh or in Spirit?

**Galatians 4:6** *“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”*

Note: Paul tells us in Galatians that when we receive the Spirit of Jesus, we cry “Abba Father”. Yet he also tells us in Romans 8:15 that when we receive the Spirit we cry “Abba, Father”. This is another confirmation that the Holy Spirit is none other than the spirit of Jesus.

## 11. When we receive the Spirit of Jesus, is that someone different to Christ?

**2 Corinthians 3:17** *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”*

Paul told us in 1 Corinthians 8:6 that there is one Lord, Jesus Christ and in Ephesians 4:4 that there is one spirit. Yet Paul tells us in the above verse that “the Lord is that Spirit”. If the Lord is Jesus and there is one spirit, then it is only logical and scriptural to believe that the Holy Spirit is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ in spirit form. Jesus Himself comes to us as a personal Comforter. The Spirit is the person of Jesus.

## 12. Does the Bible tell us that Jesus became a spirit?

**1 Corinthians 15:45** *“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”*



### 13. Why does the Bible sometimes say that when the Comforter comes both the Father and the Son will come, while in other places it says Jesus is that Spirit?



**2 Corinthians 5:19** “God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself;”

**John 14:10, 20** “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”

### 14. Who is it that knocks on our heart?

**Revelation 3:20** “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

### 15. What is our hope of Glory?

**Colossians 1:27** “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”



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