

Devotion Info
Knowing the Holy Spirit

DAY 1 Read Genesis 1:26-27

[26] Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." [27] So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
Genesis 1:26-27 NLT

- What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity? How do these verses support the concept of God existing in a plurality of persons?

DAY 2 Read Acts 1:1-11

[1] In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach [2] until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit.
[3] During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.
[4] Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. [5] John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
[6] So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"
[7] He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
[9] After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. [10] As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. [11] "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"
Acts 1:1-11 NLT

- In what ways does understanding the Holy Spirit as God shape the way we interact with Him?

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DAY 3 Read Acts 1:8-11

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Acts 1:1-11 NLT

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in equipping us for the mission Jesus gave His followers?
- In what ways can we rely on the Holy Spirit for the work God calls us to do?

DAY 4 Read 1 Corinthians 2:11, John 14:16-17

[11] No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:11 NLT

[16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. [17] He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

John 14:16-17 NLT

- Why is it important to remember that the Holy Spirit is not just a force, but a person with mind, will, and emotion?

DAY 5 Read John 14:16-17, John 20:22

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John 14:16-17 NLT

[22] Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22 NLT

- What is the difference between the pre-resurrection "with us" and the post-resurrection "in us"?

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