

Take 5

The Holy Spirit

Weekly Devotional
For Senior Adults

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Study Guide

Welcome!

This study series is intended to be a catalyst for personal study. The weekly **“Take 5” teaching sessions** are brief, but are to help frame the subject and challenge us to further explore God’s Word on our own.

The **“Take 5” Scripture Memory Challenge** seeks to match a relevant verse with the weekly study. Taking 5 minutes a day on this can be a huge blessing and even just spending 5 minutes a day meditating on the verse will be encouraging.

Additional Study

This section simply provides passages to investigate during the week. Perhaps these could be spaced out daily over “5” days.

Helpful Resources

- SCC Doctrinal Statement on the Holy Spirit
- Ryrie, Charles Caldwell, *The Holy Spirit*. Chicago: Moody Press, Revised and Expanded 1997
- Walvoord, John F., *The Holy Spirit*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House
- gotquestions.org – an excellent resource for this study and 1000’s of other topics. Bookmark it in your browser for future use.

“Take 5” People and pray for them each week: 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

Why This Study?

There is sometimes confusion about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is full of amazing teaching for us to have a biblical understanding of the Third Person of the Trinity. Each week's study will highlight passages that will guide us in our quest to grow more like Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Consider the following statements:

"Growing up involves the work of the Holy Spirit forming our born-again spirits into the likeness of Christ."

— **Eugene H. Peterson**

"Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead."

— **John Stott**

"The Bible distinguishes between "having" the Holy Spirit, which is true of all believers, and being "filled" with the Holy Spirit, which is true of very few."

— **Oswald J. Smith**

Let's prayerfully travel this road together, as Paul challenged the Ephesians to be...

"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints" (6:18)

Week of June 8

The Deity of the Holy Spirit

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit is fully God, the third person of the Trinity, co-equal with the Father and Son and one in essence.

“Take 5” Teaching

Matt. 28:19 – Baptizing in the _____

2 Cor. 13:14 – The _____ benediction

Matt. 3:16,17 – All _____ were present

1 Peter 1:1,2 – Each person is involved in our

Gen. 1:1,2 – He is involved in _____

Attributes of Deity

Heb. 9:14 – _____

Psalms 139:7 – _____

Rom. 8:11 – Power to _____ the dead

1 Cor. 2:10,11 – Knows the _____
of God.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Matthew 28:19

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Additional Study:

- John 14:16
- 1 John 5:6
- Luke 11:13
- John 16:8
- 1 Cor. 2:12

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“Because [the Holy Spirit] is a spirit, [He] isn’t limited by time or space. He can be everywhere at once. He is in the midst of the largest galaxy—and the smallest atom. The Bible is clear that the Holy Spirit is God Himself.” **Billy Graham**

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit is not just some impersonal force, but is described in scripture in personal terms with emotions, a will, intellect, speech and other qualities of personality.

“Take 5” Teaching

John 16:7,8 – Personal _____ are used. Rom. 15:30 – He _____.

Rom. 8:27 – He has a _____. Acts 13:2 – He _____ commands.

1 Cor. 12:11 – He has a _____. Acts 5:3 – He can be _____ to.

Eph. 4:30 – He has _____. Acts 7:51 – He can be _____.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Additional Study:

- Romans 8:14,16
- 1 Thess. 5:19
- Acts 15:28
- Romans 8:26

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“The very character of His works makes it impossible to interpret the Scriptures properly without assuming His personality. All the works of the Holy Spirit are such that personality is required.” **John Walvoord**

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit is the active agent in our salvation so that we are ‘born again’... ‘born of the Spirit.’ This regeneration (the impartation of eternal life) by the Holy Spirit takes place the moment we trust in Jesus.

“Take 5” Teaching

John 16:8-11 – It is the Holy Spirit who convicts of _____ and _____ and _____.

John 3:3-8 – We must be ‘born of the _____’, ‘born again.’

Titus 3:5 – The Holy Spirit brings about our _____ (imparts life)

1 Cor. 6:11 – We were _____ and _____.

_____ by the Spirit of God.

2 Thess. 2:13 – Our salvation is a result of the _____ of the Spirit.

Eph. 1:13 – The Spirit enters and seals us the moment we _____ in Jesus.

Eph. 2:5 – We were ‘dead’ and he ‘made us _____.’

1 John 5:18 – Being born of God helps us resist _____.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Titus 3:5

*he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,*

Additional Study:

- Romans 6:13
- I Peter 1:23
- John 1:12,13
- I John 3:9; 4:7
- 1 John 5:4

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“God begins the process of perfecting us from the moment we are converted from unbelief to faith in Christ. The Holy Spirit regenerates us. He give us a new heart with a new set of holy desires...” **John MacArthur, Jr.**

Key Concept:

Through revelation, God has made himself known to man. That revelation was accurately recorded by human writers through ‘inspiration’ and the author was the Holy Spirit. He also teaches and illuminates God’s word.

“Take 5” Teaching

2 Tim. 3:16 – The Scriptures are _____ -

_____.

2 Peter 1:20,21 – ‘men spoke from God as they were

_____ along by the Holy Spirit.’

1 Peter 1:10,11 – The Spirit of Christ _____

and _____ the sufferings of

Christ through the prophets.

Acts 28:25 – The Holy Spirit

_____ through Isaiah the

prophet.

Guarantees the infallibility, inerrancy and authority

of the Scriptures!

Scripture Memory Challenge: 2 Peter 1:21

*For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man,
but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

Additional Study:

- Micah 3:8
- John 14:26; 16:13
- 1 John 5:6
- Ephesians 6:17
- I Timothy 4:1
- 2 Samuel 123:2,3

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“The Spirit inspired the Word and therefore He goes where the Word goes. The more of God's Word you know and love, the more of God's Spirit you will experience.” **John Piper**

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers to be used to serve the body of Christ and reach the world.

“Take 5” Teaching

1 Peter 4:10,11 – Each has received a gift,
_____ it.

- To _____ one another.
- As good _____ of God’s varied _____.
- Through the _____ that God supplies.
- So that God may be _____!

Romans 12:6-8 – Our gifts are

_____, but given to be used.

1 Cor. 12:4-7,11 – Spiritual gifts are the

_____ of the Spirit and He

empowers and gives them as He _____.

1 Cor. 12:7; 14:12,26 – Our gifts are to be used to

_____ up and edify the church.

Eph. 4:11,12 – God gives _____ men to

equip the church.

Scripture Memory Challenge: I COR 12:11

All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Additional Study:

- Romans 12:6-8
- I Corinthians 12-14
- Hebrews 2:3,4
- 2 Corinthians 12:12

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“The Holy Spirit puts the 'super' into our 'natural.’” **Amba Keeble**

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit produces fruit in the life of the believer as a result of his being filled by and walking in the Spirit. This fruit is evidence of genuine salvation.

“Take 5” Teaching

Gal. 5:22, 23 – Nine attributes of life result as we are walking by the Spirit.

Rom. 5:5 – ‘God’s _____ has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.’

1 Thess. 1:6 – They ‘received the word...with the _____ of the Holy Spirit.’

Romans 15:13 – We have _____ and

hope _____ and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 4:13,14 – We can have

_____ in suffering with the Spirit’s help.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Gal 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Additional Study:

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Romans 14:17,18
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- John 7:38,39
- John 15:1-8

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

"... self-control is not control by oneself through one's own willpower but rather control of oneself through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Jerry Bridges

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit is given to every believer at the moment of salvation and permanently indwells us as we are now the temple of the Holy Spirit.

“Take 5” Teaching

Rom. 8:9-11 – The Holy Spirit _____ in us and gives us life.

1 Cor. 3:16 – We are God’s _____ and His Spirit dwells in us.

1 John 3:24 – The indwelling Spirit is evidence of God’s _____ in us.

Eph. 1:13,14 – We receive the Spirit instantly when

we _____ in Jesus.

John 14:16,17 – Jesus said the “Helper” will be in us

_____.

1 Cor. 6:19,20 – As a temple of the Holy Spirit we

are to _____ God in our bodies.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Romans 8:9

*You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

Additional Study:

- I Corinthians 2:12
- Romans 5:5
- John 7:37-39
- Acts 11:16,17
- I Samuel 16:13,14

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.” **N.T. Wright**

Week of July 27

The Teaching and Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit is the 'Spirit of Truth' and His ministry to believers includes the teaching and illumination of the truth and His leading and guiding our lives toward holiness.

"Take 5" Teaching

John 16:12-15 – He is the 'Spirit of _____'

and guides us into all the truth.

1 Cor. 2:9-16 – The Spirit:

_____ the things of God

_____ the depths of God

_____ the thoughts of God

Causes us to _____ the things freely

given to us by God.

God's word is not '_____' wisdom

Romans 8:13,14 – The Spirit leads us in

_____ which is evidence that we are His

children.

John 14:26 – Jesus confirms the authority and

_____ of the Spirit as the infallible teacher.

Scripture Memory Challenge: John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Additional Study:

- Acts 1:2
- 1 John 2:20,21
- 1 John 2:27
- Galatians 5:18
- Acts 13:2

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“The Holy Spirit illuminates the minds of people, makes us yearn for God, and takes spiritual truth and makes it understandable to us.” **Billy Graham**

Week of August 3

The Holy Spirit and the Early Church

Key Concept:

We live in the Church Age or the Age of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit inaugurated the Church at Pentecost provided the power and strength as it was established.

“Take 5” Teaching

Acts 1:8 – Jesus promised the Apostles

‘ _____ when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.’

They were to then be his _____.

Acts 2:4 – They were all ‘ _____ with the Holy Spirit’.

Acts 2:4,17,32,33 – Peter, filled with the Spirit

preached the gospel and 3000 were _____.

Acts 4:31 – The Holy Spirit gave them _____ to speak the word even when opposed.

Obviously all of the aspects of the Holy Spirit’s ministry were evident...Indwelling, Sealing, Regeneration, Teaching, Leading, Power, Gifts, Filling, Fruit, etc. as we see throughout the New Testament.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Additional Study:

- Galatians 5:16
- Ephesians 5:19
- I Corinthians 12:13
- I Corinthians 6:19,20

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of principles to be obeyed apart from identification with Jesus Christ. The Sermon on the Mount is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting his way with us.” Oswald Chambers

Key Concept:

The believer is to be filled with the Holy Spirit which involves a continual yielding in obedience and a walk under His control which will result in becoming more Christlike.

“Take 5” Teaching

Eph. 5:18 – Paul commands believers to ‘be _____ with the Spirit.’

Acts 6:3,5 – They looked for _____ who were ‘full of the Holy Spirit.’

Gal. 5:16, 25 – _____ in the Spirit is the evidence of filling lived out in action.

Gal. 5:22,23 – As we are filled with the Spirit we will

produce the fruit of the Spirit.

1 Thess. 5:19 – To _____ the Spirit is simply to refuse to obey God’s word.

Eph. 4:30 – When we _____ the Spirit we have disobeyed the Lord.

Acts 4:31 – Being filled they had _____ to speak the word of God.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Ephesians 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Additional Study:

- Acts 4:8
- Acts 7:55
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“The fulness of the Spirit is not a question of our getting more of the Holy Spirit, but rather of the Holy Spirit getting more of us. The carnal man can never be used in spiritual service. There is so much of the self-life about him that God cannot gain control. The Spirit-filled life is necessary for fruitful Christian service.” Oswald J. Smith

Week of August 17

The Sealing and Security of the Holy Spirit

Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit is the seal that identifies us as belonging to God and the pledge that guarantees our eternal salvation.

“Take 5” Teaching

Eph. 1:13,14 – ‘Sealed with the promised Holy Spirit who is the _____ of our inheritance.’

Eph. 4:30 – ‘sealed until the day of _____.’

2 Cor. 1:21,22 – ‘God...has put his _____ on us and given us his Spirit as a guarantee.’

Rom. 8:15-17 – We’ve received the Spirit who _____ with our spirit that we are children of God.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Ephesians 1:13,14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it to the praise of his glory.

Additional Study:

- 2 Corinthians 5:5
- I John 3:24
- I John 4:13
- Galatians 4:6,7

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

“The Holy Spirit is no sceptic, and the things He has written in our hearts are not doubts or opinions, but assertions - surer and more certain than sense and life itself.” **Martin Luther**

Week of August 24

The Spiritual Power of the Holy Spirit

Key Concept:

As we are filled and walking in the Spirit He empowers us to live a victorious and confident life until Jesus comes.

“Take 5” Teaching

Eph. 3:16 – We are ‘strengthened with _____ through His Spirit in your inner being.’

Rom. 8:13 – The Spirit helps us ‘put to _____ the deeds of the body.’

Eph. 5:18-21 – When filled with the Spirit:

We will sing praise to the Lord from the

_____.

We will be _____ always for everything to God.

We will _____ to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Rom. 15:13 – We will have joy and peace and _____ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Ephesians 3:16

that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Additional Study:

- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Acts 7:54-60
- Romans 5:1-5
- Acts 4:33-35
- Ephesians 6:18

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

Think About It:

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Key Concept:

The Holy Spirit was involved deeply in the life of Jesus from His conception, birth, life and ministry as well as the crucifixion and resurrection.

“Take 5” Teaching

Luke 1:35 – He was _____ by the Holy Spirit. Also Matt. 1:20.

Luke 4:1,14 – He was _____ and empowered by the Spirit.

Luke 3:22 – The Spirit came upon him at his _____.

Luke 4:18,19 – His ministry was _____ by the Spirit.

Matt. 12:28 – He cast out _____ by the Spirit of God.

Heb. 9:14 – He _____ himself through the eternal Spirit to God.

Scripture Memory Challenge: Luke 3:22

*and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove;
and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”*

Additional Study:

- Acts 10:38
- John 3:34
- Romans 8:11
- John 16:12

Lesson Notes and Summary: *How has this study impacted you?*

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