Study # 8

The Holy Ghost

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There is a whole lot of confusion about the Holy Ghost. Many cults deny He is a Person and He Is God, saying the Holy Ghost is just a “force” or an “influence.” On the other hand, the Charismatic Movement, which has absolutely swept today's religious world, places extreme emphasis on the “holy spirit” - teaching such things as “ecstatic utterances,” “healings,” and “exorcism.” As with all these studies, our aim is to look beyond what men say and see what the Bible teaches.

Who is the Holy Ghost?

1. Look up ***Acts 5:3,4*** In ***verse 3*** Ananias is said to have lied to the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and in ***verse 4*** he is said to have lied to \_ \_ \_.

The “TRUTH” that we can draw from this passage is what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Look up ***1 John 5:7*** This verse tells us the Holy Ghost is one with the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and the \_ \_ \_ \_ (**Son**).
2. Look up ***Matthew 28:19*** Notice the word “name” is singular, which again shows the Holy Ghost to be **God**, the third “Person” of the Holy Trinity. (Godhead)
3. Look up ***John 14:16,17,26*** and ***John 16:7,8,13,14***

How many personal pronouns (“He,” “Him,” “Himself”) which apply to the Holy Ghost are there in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

From this, would you say the Spirit of truth is a “Person,” or an Impersonal “force?”

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1. Look up ***Acts 5:3***, ***Acts 7:51***, and ***Ephesians 4:30*** List three ways in which the Holy Ghost may be affected as a Person.

He may be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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What Has the Holy Ghost Done in Times Past?

1. Look up ***Genesis 1:2***, ***Genesis 2:7***, and ***Job 33:4***

The Holy Ghost was active in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Look up ***2 Peter 1:20,21***

The Holy Ghost is the Author of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Look up ***Luke 1:35***

What miracle was the Holy Ghost a part of here? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Look up ***Romans 1:4*** and ***Romans 8:11***

What other miracle was the Holy Ghost responsible for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What Is the Work of The Holy Ghost Today?

1. Look up ***John 15:26*** The Spirit of truth testifies of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Read ***John 16:8-11*** (The word “reprove” means to “convict.”) Of what three things

does the Comforter convict men?

1. \_ \_ \_ What is wrong
2. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ What is right
3. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ What the difference is between right and wrong
4. Look up ***Titus 3:5***, ***John 3:5-7*** and ***John 6:63***

When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the Holy Ghost who does the work of washing and renewing by regenerating our spirit. (“born of the Spirit”, “quickeneth”, to be born again”) (The word “quicken” means to “make alive”) (“born" means “brought into existence”)

**Note:** Have you been “born of the Spirit?” Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said in ***John 3:5,6*** that you **have to be**. If you have not been saved you can be right away. If you are not sure, get with your teacher or preacher right after this class is finished, in private, and get it settled once and for ever. ***Romans 10:9-13***

There is no shame, ever, in coming to the Lord. He will never humiliate sincerity.

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What Does the Holy Ghost Do When We Are Saved?

1. He Comes To d \_ \_ \_ \_ in the believer. ***Romans 8:9***
2. It is in the Person of the Holy Ghost that the L \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ lives within the

heart of every believer. ***John 14:23***

1. Our Body Is The \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Of the Holy Ghost. This means a “dwelling place for God.” ***1 Corinthians 6:19***
2. Every Christian is s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with that holy Spirit of promise. ***Ephesians 1:13,14***;

***2 Corinthians 1:21,22*** This is our guarantee of eternal security. (“*Earnest*” like “*earnest* *money*,” or a *down payment* for something to be possessed later.) ***Ephesians 4:30***

1. Look up ***John 16:7,13*** The Spirit of truth is the C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
2. The Holy Ghost makes \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for us. That is, He prays on our behalf to “the Father” in such a way that He can receive it. ***Romans 8:26,27***

What is the relationship between the Holy Ghost and me?

1. He (the Holy Ghost) dwells \_ \_ \_ \_ ***2 Timothy 1:14***
2. He (the Holy Ghost) enables us to k \_ \_ \_ the things of God's word, for He is our

T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***1 Corinthians 2:12-14***

1. A Christian can g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the Holy Spirit of God. ***Ephesians 4:***30

Read ***Ephesians 4:31,32*** and list the six sins which will grieve Him, and three attitudes which will prevent it.

Sins which grieve the Holy Ghost

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***1 John 1:9***

1. A Christian can q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the Spirit. ***1 Thessalonians 5:19***

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This means to “throw cold water,” “reduce the degree,” “suppress,” and “put out,” His work or will within the assembly or us. To stifle what He (the Holy Ghost) wants to do.

1. The Holy Ghost Is Our p \_ \_ \_ \_ to Witness and Serve God. ***Acts 1:8***
2. In ***Ephesians 5:18*** I am COMMANDED to be \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with the Spirit.

The negative command, "Be not drunk with wine" explains what the Bible means by being filled with the Spirit. I am to be under the influence and control of the Spirit.

1. The Work of the Holy Ghost in me is to produce the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the Spirit. ***Galatians*** ***5:22,23*** This fruit is what God expects to see come forth in your life.

List the nine-fold "fruit of the Spirit":

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The “secret” to allowing the Spirit to do this work in your life unhindered is found in ***John 15:4-8*** A \_ \_ \_ \_ in Christ, and let his w \_ \_ \_ abide in me.

 [Abide: to dwell, reside, inhabit, live, sojourn. Ant: depart, reject, resist.]

1. The Holy Ghost gives spiritual g \_ \_ \_ \_ to believers. ***1 Corinthians 12:4-***11
2. Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift. ***vs. 7,11*** “\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_”
3. These spiritual gifts are NOT for personal use, but for the benefit (edification)

of the church. (The Body of Christ) ***1 Corinthians 14:12***

1. Some of the spiritual gifts listed in the word of God were “TEMPORARY,”

and ceased when the New Testament was being written and completed. These gifts (tongues, miracles, healing, prophecy, etc.) were given as SIGNS to the Jews (The Nation of Israel). ***Mark 16:17,18***; ***1 Corinthians 1:22***; ***1 Corinthians 14:21,22*** Certain SIGNS began to cease after Jesus' ascension until around A.D.70 when Israel was dispersed among the nations. The Bible say's these SIGNS would vanish when “...that which is perfect is come” (The Lord Jesus Christ and the completed New Testament of the word of God.) ***1 Corinthians 13:8-10***; ***Psalms 19:7***; ***James*** ***1:25*** Look also at ***1 John 1:1-3*** at the words “that which.” Both are true!

1. Every Christian needs to know what their spiritual gift is. Then they should use

it in the Body to benefit others. Talk with your Pastor, study the word of God

and pray about what your gift is, then give God glory with it.

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What about “speaking in tongues” and “divine healers?”

The “Charismatic Movement” is a modern phenomenon which had its beginnings in the U.S.A just before the turn of the century. It has become one of the most active movements in Christendom. One of the main reasons for this is because of the perceived spiritual deadness of most mainline denominational “churches,” and the apparent “aliveness” of the Charismatics. “DONT BE FOOLED!” ***2 Corinthians 11:13-15*** We are commanded to make judgements concerning whether something is “right” or “wrong.” NOT according to “how it feels,” but “What saith the Lord?” ***Isaiah 8:20***; ***John 5:39***; ***Acts 17:11***; ***Matthew 22:29***.

1. The Bible defines “tongues” as known, understandable “languages.” ***Acts 2:4-11***. The

charismatics do not do this. They come out with babbling, gibberish in which no one understands at all, and by their own confession is “spirit induced.” This may be true, but also very dangerous. It could be “a spirit” but not “The Spirit.” This is why it is so very important and vital to judge everything by the “word of God.” Look what the Bible says in ***Gal 1:6-12***; ***2 Cor 11:3,4,13-15***; ***2 Cor 2:17*** and ***1 John 4:1-3***. According to these verses the Devil has *another Jesus*, *another spirit*, *another gospel*, *other ministers*, and *another word of god*.

\* What is the purpose of speaking “another language?” (tongue) To be able to communicate and there be understanding, right?

\* How do we learn new languages (tongues) that we were not born with today? We go to school. Practice, right? Why? So we don't look and sound like babbling idiots, and can be understood and there be no confusion, right? We even have to learn our native language (tongue) and practice at it when we are babies, right? (mama, dada). Hmmm? What does the “Bible,” that we can trust say?

1. In the Bible, the miraculous gift of being able to speak in a foreign language (other

tongues) was a “sign” to unbelieving “Jews.” ***1 Cor 1:22***; ***14:21,22***; ***Isa 28:11***. In each recorded case of tongues, (only 3), “Jews that did not believe something,” and at least “one apostle” was present. ***Acts 2:5-36***; **Acts 10:45,46**; ***Acts 19:1-6***

1. The Bible says “tongues shall cease,” ***1 Cor 13:8*** and then goes on to say when they would cease. ***1 Cor 13:10***; ***Ps 19:7***; ***James 1:25***; ***1 John 1:1-3*** “that which.” “That which is perfect” refers to “Jesus Christ” and “the word of God” which replaced the gift of prophecy. ***2 Peter 1:19-21*** “prophecy of the scriptures,” “not of any private interpretation,” “came not by the will of man.” God has never meant nor trusted a man to himself with the control over the “sense” or “meaning of the scriptures,” or “the plan of salvation.” Man would try to manipulate it and glorify himself rather than God. God the Holy Ghost controls the “sense” and “meaning” of HIS words and HIS Sons salvation!

***1 Corinthians 2: 12-14***

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1. If the gift of tongues were still operative today, which it is not, the Bible would have certain requirements and restrictions upon its use:

\* No more than three people to speak in any meeting. ***1 Corinthians 14:27***

\* Each tongue speaker is to follow after the other, “by course” (i.e., not all at once).

***1 Corinthians 14:27***

\* One person to interpret. ***1 Corinthians 14:27***

\* If there is no interpreter, then no one should speak in another language. ***1 Cor 14:28***

\* The Holy Ghost, also the “Spirit of truth,” **NEVER** makes or provokes anybody to be out of control. ***1 Cor 14:22,23,32*** Letting yourself go, rolling your head, raising your hands and repeating some phrase over and over again until you burst forth with some bubbly, electrifying ecstasy is both unscriptural and dangerous! Street drugs produce this! Flakka, Meth...etc.

\* Women are not to speak in the churches (to include tongues.) ***1 Cor 14:34-37*** The modern-day charismatic movement is largely a women's movement. ***2 Timothy 3:1-7*** “and if they will learn.” ***1 Timothy 2:9-15*** What does the Bible “**SAY**?”

\* When it comes to the “tongues idea” of ecstatic babbling, rolling around on the floor, shaking, foaming at the mouth, making all sorts of weird noises, the person is the one attracting the attention to themselves. No one is looking at God's beauty and glory. God says, in ***Isaiah 42:8*** that when He does anything in HIS own name that it will glorify **HIM**. He said also that He would not share HIS glory with anyone. So while everyone is UHHHAHHHHing “the person” giving “them” glory for being able to speak in so-called tongues, God's word say's it is not HIM because HE'S not getting the glory. A very good question to ask when in question of whether anything is from God or related to Him is, who’s getting the glory? The Devil, remember said he “will be like the Most High.” Trying to get Gods glory, same as his ministers. It might be a “spirit,” but is it "THE SPIRIT?”

\* In most cases, the charismatic movement violates every one of these Holy Ghost given restraints.

1. The charismatic movement is dangerous because it elevates “experiences” above the word of God. Remember, the Devil can give you any experience you desire. The Christian must walk by the word of God. ***2 Corinthians 5:7***; ***Romans 10:17***
2. Many charismatic groups say, or imply you are not saved unless you have spoken in

tongues. They claim to have the “full gospel.” The **Real** Full Gospel Salvation is given in

***1 Cor 15:1-4*** and is available for anyone who wishes to obtain it by our Lord Jesus Christ, “Who died for us...” ***1 Thessalonians 5:9, 10*** This Gospel (the real Gospel) is not for just the few that can utter some kind of ridiculous so called tongue that nobody can understand or obtain salvation off of, but available for ALL. ***Romans 10:13***

“Whosoever!” Now that is the kind of God that can be trusted. Those who add something to this are in fact preaching “another gospel.” ***Galatians 1:6-9***

Remember this glorious fact! ***Colossians 2:10*** “I am C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_in H \_ \_.”

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1. The charismatic elevates “a spirit” above the Son of God. The Spirit of truth is God. He is

equal with the Father and the Son in every way, but He does not “speak of Himself,” but “he shall testify of me.” ***John 15:26***; ***John 16:13,14*** “He shall g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_:”

1. The miraculous gift of healing was a “sign gift” to Israel. ***Mark 16:17,18***
2. Healings were overshadowed by Gospel preaching and conversions. ***Acts 3:7; 4:4***; ***9:34,35***; ***9:40-42*** In these examples we see “one healed, many saved.”
3. Healings were done on unsaved people (who had no faith at the time.) Yet Paul, a great Christian, was not healed. ***2 Cor 12:7-9*** Timothy was sickly, ***1 Timothy 5:23*** Epaphroditus was sick and almost died, ***Philippians 2:25-27***
4. Today we are to pray for God's healing mercies, but not to seek or expect miraculous (instantaneous) healings. Here's the way the Lord say's for us to handle it today. ***James*** ***5:14-16*** Of course, God can do both! But, HE (GOD) WILL GET THE GLORY! Look what Jesus said, “And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick." ***Luke 5:31***

“God commands us to be filled with the Spirit, and if we aren’t filled, it is because we are living beneath our privileges.” ~D.L. Moody~

“If you have been born of the Holy Spirit, you will not ***have to*** serve God…it will become the natural thing to do.” ~D.L. Moody~

“How would you like to live within somebody who was everlastingly grieving your heart by his conduct?” ~G. Campbell Morgan~

“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the **Spirit** is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, *Ye must be born again*.” ***John 3:5-7*** ~Jesus Christ~

Reading Assignment:

Read Romans Chapter 8

Memorization:

Try to memorize Ephesians 5:18

Thank you for studying your Lord’s word. The Lord honors those that honor Him.



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