

# PNEUMATOLOGY

## The Study (Doctrine) of the Holy Spirit Study Outline – Lesson 1

### Topics of Study

Throughout the course of this study there will be multiple topics and subtopics covered. This is not an extensive list, but a general outline.

- The Person of the Holy Spirit – Is the Holy Spirit a Person?
- The Deity of the Holy Spirit – Is the Holy Spirit Deity (God)?
- The Titles of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
- The Holy Spirit and Christ
- Cessationism and the Bible (Versus Continuism )
- The Work of the Holy Spirit
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### INTRODUCTION - Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost

In the church you will hear people say the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost. This is a result of the various translations used. The King James uses Holy Ghost and Holy Spirit interchangeably while more recent translations tend to only use Holy Spirit.

**ACTS 2:4 - and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. (MEV)**

**ACTS 2:4 - And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (KJV)**

The English word “*ghost*” comes from the old Anglo-Saxon word “*gast - goost*” and means “*spirit.*” Whether it be Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost - we mean exactly and precisely the same person.

### The Person of the Holy Spirit – Is the Holy Spirit a Person?

Is the Holy Spirit something or someone? Is the Holy Spirit just a power that is available to us or a person that we have relationship and fellowship with? In this lesson, we will see that scripture shows us the Holy Spirit has characteristics of a person.

## THE PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS UNDERSTANDING/WISDOM/INTELLIGENCE

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11 - But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Likewise, no one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God.**

The Holy Spirit has understanding or wisdom, an inseparable characteristic of a person/being.

- -The Holy Spirit searches all things - to “search” is an activity of understanding and intelligence
- -The Holy Spirit knows the things of God

**PROMISE – 1 Corinthians 2:12 - 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God.**

**Romans 8:26 Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses, for we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.**

The activities of the Holy Spirit as a Person

- -Mind of the Spirit
- -He knows what is in our hearts
- -The Spirit Himself intercedes for us
- -He knows the will of God and makes intercession based upon that will

*AMPLIFIED - The Holy Spirit searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.*

### THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A WILL

**1 Corinthians 12:11 - But that one and very same Spirit works all these, dividing to each one individually as He will.**

Certainly a distinguishing characteristic of a person is having a will. The gifts of the Spirit are given and dispersed according to the will of the Holy Spirit.

### IT IS POSSIBLE TO DECEIVE OR LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Acts 5:1-3 - Now a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. 2 He kept back part of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge, and brought a part of it and placed it at the apostles' feet. 3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to deceive the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land?"**

You cannot lie to a thing or object. You can only lie to someone capable of hearing and receiving a witness.

## IT IS POSSIBLE TO GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Ephesians 4:30 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.**

**Hebrews 10:29 - How much more severe a punishment do you suppose he deserves, who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded the blood of the covenant that sanctified him to be a common thing, and has (done despite to) insulted the Spirit of grace?**

The Holy Spirit can be grieved (afflict with sorrow, hurt, distressed, insulted).

*How can we grieve the Holy Spirit?*

**Ephesians 4:25-29 - 25 Therefore, putting away lying, let every man speak truthfully with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry but do not sin. (When angry do not sin). Do not let the sun go down on your anger. 27 Do not give place to the devil. (Don't give opportunity to the devil). 28 Let him who steals steal no more. Instead, let him labor, working with his hands things which are good, that he may have something to share with him who is in need. 29 Let no unwholesome word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, that it may give grace to the listeners. (foul, worthless speech – speak that which is good and beneficial for others)**

**Ephesians 4:31-32 - Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, outbursts (temper), and blasphemies (evil speaking, insulting, slander, abusive speech – towards people) with all malice (wishing evil on people), be taken away from you. 32 And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.**

## IT IS POSSIBLE TO QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT

**1 Thessalonians 4:19 - Do not quench the Spirit.**

*How can we quench the Holy Spirit?*

Stephen just before he was stoned - **Acts 7:51 - "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.**

## BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Matthew 12:30-32 - "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. 31 Therefore I say to you, all kinds of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven men. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, neither in this world, nor in the world to come.**

*What is blaspheming the Holy Spirit?*

**Matthew 12:22-24 - 22 Then one possessed with a demon was brought to Him, blind and mute, and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. 23 All the people were amazed and said, "Is He not the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This Man does not cast out demons, except by Beelzebub the ruler of the demons."**

Blaspheming the Holy Spirit is attributed the activity or work of the Spirit to the devil/demons.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS

**Acts 8:26-29** - Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise up and go toward the south on the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. **27** So he rose up and went. And there was a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in command of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship. **28** He was returning, sitting in his chariot and reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. **29** The Spirit said to Philip, “Go to this chariot and stay with it.”

**1 Timothy 4:1** - Now the Spirit clearly says that in the last times some will depart from the faith and pay attention to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils,

**Revelation 2:7** - He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give permission to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES

**Luke 12:11-12** - “When they bring you to the synagogues, rulers, and authorities, do not be anxious how you will answer or what you will say. **12** For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

**John 14:26** - But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

**John 16:13** - But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own authority. But He will speak whatever He hears, and He will tell you things that are to come.

Note: John 16:13 – The Holy Spirit teaches and guides but He also takes instruction.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT COMMANDS/EXERCISES AUTHORITY

**Acts 8:29** - The Spirit said to Philip, “Go to this chariot and stay with it.”

**Acts 13:2** - As they worshipped the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

**Acts 16:6-7** - They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia and were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. **7** When they came near Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not allow them.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT CREATES

**Job 33:4** - The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty has given me life.

**Psalms 104:30** - When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the surface of the ground.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT FELLOWSHIPS (HAS RELATIONSHIP)

**2 Corinthians 13:14** - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE COMFORTER

**John 14:16 - I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (*comforter*), that He may be with you forever:**

Jesus referred to the Spirit as “The Comforter,” and not merely as “comfort”. Objects may give us comfort, but only a living person can be a “comforter.” Note: The personal pronoun of He.

**John 15:26 - But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me.**

## THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS LOVE

**Romans 15:30 - Now I ask you, brothers, through the Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,**

## THE HOLY SPIRIT WITNESSES TO US

**John 15:26 - He will bear witness of Me**

**Hebrews 10:15 - The Holy Spirit also witnesses to us about this. For after saying,**

**Romans 8:16 - The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of God**

## JESUS SAID THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TAKE HIS PLACE

**John 14:16 - I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, that He may be with you forever:**

**John 16:7 - Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.**

There can be no comparison between Jesus (a Person) and just some influence or power.

## THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS

How Should This Impact our Life?

- Do we treat the Holy Spirit as a person?
- How does this change my interaction with the Holy Spirit?
- Do we have fellowship and relationship with the Holy Spirit?
- Are we focused on the Holy Spirit as a person or only His power/gifts?