

Foundations – Week 4

Considering who the Holy Spirit is, we must recognize that the Holy Spirit was with God in the beginning, as Genesis 1:1-2 says, *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**”* Scripture uses the terms “Holy Spirit”, “Spirit of God”, and “Spirit of Christ” interchangeably to describe God’s *active* presence and essence (Romans 8:9, Genesis 1:2, Acts 1:8 *for references*)

God is one being existing in three *distinct, equal* Persons namely, The Father, The Son (Jesus Christ), *and* The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit possesses divine qualities like omniscience (*knowing the mind of God*, as in 1 Cor. 2:11), omnipresence (*being everywhere*, as in Psalm 139:7-8), and omnipotence (*all-powerful*, as in Romans 15:13) The Bible presents the Holy Spirit *not* as an impersonal force, but as a *living Person* who guides, comforts, teaches, and can be grieved (John 16:13, 14:26, 1 John 2:27, Eph. 4:30)

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is God’s presence within believers, empowering us to live and become like Jesus.

Key Scriptures: John 14:15-18; John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:1-17; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 1:13-14

Ice-Breaker Question: What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “Holy Spirit?”

3 Foundational Truths:

- 1) *Holy Spirit is God*
- 2) *Holy Spirit Convicts us of sin*
- 3) *Holy Spirit lives within believers*

Discussion Questions

- 1) What did you previously believe about the Holy Spirit?
- 2) How does the Spirit help Christians?
- 3) What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit?” (*Galatians 5:16; Galatians 5:25*)
- 4) Which fruit of the Spirit do you most want God to develop in you? (*Gal. 5:22-23*)
- 5) How can we become more attentive to the Spirit’s work?
- 6) *Is the Holy Spirit producing the character of Jesus in me?*

Practice this week:

PRAY this every day and every evening:

*“Holy Spirit, **lead me.** Help me see what You want me to see, say what You want me to say, and become more like Jesus.”*

Memory Verse

Galatians 5:22-23