

# The Holy Spirit

## Lesson 1 – Catching Fire With The Holy Spirit

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### I. Why study The Holy Spirit?

- *It will help us understand ourselves better.* We are all made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). To learn about the Holy Spirit can help us understand our own nature as spiritual beings.
- *It will help us know God Himself (John 17:3).* Studying the Holy Spirit is essential in coming to know Jesus, that we may have eternal life through Him.
- *It is vital to living the Christian life.* In Romans 8 Paul discussed the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's children. He declared that the Spirit dwells within those "who are in Christ Jesus," setting us "free from the law of sin and of death" and imparting "life to [our] mortal bodies" (vv. 1, 2, 11). Through the presence of the Spirit we are empowered to put "to death the deeds of the body" (v. 13), and to call upon God as "Abba! Father!" (vv. 14-17).
- *To avoid error and misunderstanding concerning the Holy Spirit.* Some think He is the Word, or an impersonal influence (an it), some think he is only found in emotional experiences or with miracles gifts. Even the KJV call Him a Holy Ghost.

### II. What Is Your IT?

*Make me know Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.  
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
For You are the God of my salvation;  
For You I wait all the day.  
Remember, O Lord, Your compassion and Your loving kindnesses,  
For they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
According to Your lovingkindness remember me,  
For Your goodness' sake, O Lord. (Psalm 25:4-7)*

*but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)*

That "IT" thing is where you have been desperately searching for something and when you find it you state emphatically – that's IT! Like David, in our youth (later years too) we possessed many different ITs that have led us to numerous distractions and sins.

*He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

God has set eternity in our hearts and created a need that only He can fill! You can still go to church regularly, sing, pray, commune even with deep feelings, listen to sermons (not with deep feelings), and still have very little practical impact on how we live. We need more than the externals. We need to realize that all those "its" in our lives are illusions that fade quickly when they become a reality.

*The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:17)*

God is the only "IT" there is! You must yearn for, hunger, and thirst for God, for Jesus, for the Holy Spirit like a deer that pants for water. Knowing God must become our all-consuming "IT"!

### **III. Catching Fire With Holy Spirit**

*1 Thessalonians 5:19*

*Do not quench the Spirit;*

When we catch fire with the Holy Spirit the result will be a burning sensation in our souls that comes from the Word of God.

*"Is not My word like fire?" declares the Lord, (Jeremiah 23:29)*

*But if I say, "I will not remember Him  
Or speak anymore in His name,"  
Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire  
Shut up in my bones;  
And I am weary of holding it in,  
And I cannot endure it.  
(Jeremiah 20:9)*

Jeremiah has caught fire with the Holy Spirit inspired words of God! These two passages teach us that the Holy Spirit's fire and the Word of God are inseparable. I don't mean the words of the bible exclusively, but I do mean them inclusively. It is not the words of scripture that represent the Holy Spirit's fire - it is the transforming power contained in the outpoured and indwelling, Holy Spirit inspired message behind those words.

We need to catch fire with the Holy Spirit! It is the only ingredient that will revolutionize our lives and our worship!

#### **Holy Spirit Lessons:**

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- The Holy Spirit & Holiness
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