

ANSWERS: *Disciple of Christ Study: Lesson 13 The Holy Spirit*

Purpose of study: *Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of the triune God. A disciple is a “student” or “follower” who learns, studies, and acts in accordance to the teachings of Christ, the Master.*

Lesson 13: The Holy Spirit (Day One) *Fear, Sin and God's Glory*

Read Revelation 15:4 and answer questions 1-3:

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.
Revelation 15:4

1. Fill in the blank. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring _____ **glory** _____ to your name?
2. Who will come and worship before the triune God?

All nations.

3. In the end times, what will God reveal?

His righteous acts.

Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" Revelation 19:5

4. Read Revelation 19:5. This verse describes saints who will be invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. How are these servants of God described?

Those who fear God.

Read Malachi 3:16-17a and answer questions 5-6:

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.¹⁷ "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession." Malachi 3:16-17a

5. When you speak to others in a way that honors God and shows that you fear Him, where will your name be written (v. 16)?

On a scroll of remembrance.

6. Who will you belong to in the day that the LORD Almighty makes up His treasured possession (17a)?

Personal Answer, but hopefully it will be God or the LORD Almighty. CLI Discipler, if your disciple does not answer that he or she belongs to the LORD, ask why and follow-up with their answer. You might make a note to remind yourself.

7. Time for another status report of those you are teaching and discipling:

CLI Discipler, All of the following questions have personal answers. Please make sure that you comment on each answer as appropriate. Make a special note of question 3 and your "disciple's" desire to take his learners through the CLI Disciple of Christ Study. If the answer is yes, please notify CLI.

(1. How is their relationship with God growing in the *fear of the Lord*? (List each person's name separately with a short explanation; use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

(2. What lesson number are they working on in the CLI Leadership Study?

(3. When your learner finishes the CLI Leadership Study, would you be interested in leading him or her through the CLI Disciple of Christ Study? Yes No (Circle One)

(4. What have you learned recently in teaching, discipling and leading others?

8. If you no longer have anyone that you are teaching or discipling, please list each person's name and a short explanation as to why not:

CLI Discipler, Please determine if the reasons are valid, or whether there seem to be relational issues. If relational, contact the CLI office for counsel.

(1. What will you do to engage or recruit others who you can teach and disciple?

Personal Answer. Here was the advice in the lesson:

Do not be discouraged if you are continually finding yourself *without* "learners." Continue to pray for God to bring you those who need your help. However, it is wise to ask God to show you anything you may be doing wrong. We are studying about the Holy Spirit in this lesson and remember, He is your counselor. Ask the Him to help you in relating and teaching others. Be open to any area in your life that Christ's Spirit may convict (convince of error or sin) you.

9. Like David Ring, what will you become because of your painful situation? How can you glorify God?

Personal Answer.

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." John 9:3

10. Read John 9:3. Jesus healed this man of his blindness, but chose not to heal David Ring of his cerebral palsy. What lesson do you learn from this?

Personal Answer. However, God is sovereign and He chose to heal the blind man for God's glory and not to heal David for the same reason. Both reveal God's power in each man's life. When men and women are not healed and continue to serve and honor God, this is a powerful witness and testimony that God is worthy no matter what our circumstances are.

Lesson 13: The Holy Spirit (Day Two) *Dry Bones Revived*

Read Jeremiah 32:39-40 and answer questions 11-12:

I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them.⁴⁰ I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. Jeremiah 32:39-40

11. God gives us a singleness of heart and action, so that we will always ___**fear**___ Him (v. 39).

12. What is the everlasting covenant that God is referring to (v. 40a)?

The New Covenant in Christ.
(Covered in DOC Lesson 6)

13. Through the New Covenant in Christ, God inspires believers to ___**fear**___ Him. (v. 40.b).

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant-- not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:6

14. Read 2 Corinthians 3:6. The letter refers to the law as an external standard of judgment. Who gives life and makes it possible for believers to obey God?

The Holy Spirit, Spirit or Spirit of God.

Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 from your Bible and answer questions 15-23. The following is the last verse from this passage:

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD. Ezekiel 37:14

15. Who set Ezekiel in the middle of a valley filled with dry, dead bones (vs. 1-2)?

The Spirit of the LORD.

16. What did God tell Ezekiel to do (v. 4)?

Prophecy to these bones and say to them, “Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!” ...”You will come to life and then you will know that I am the LORD.”

17. What happened as a result of God’s command and Ezekiel’s’ obedience (v. 10)?

Breath entered the dry bones and they came to life.

18. Who did the dry bones represent in Ezekiel’s vision (v. 11a)?

The whole house of Israel.

19. What does the house of Israel (the dry bones) (v. 11b) say?

Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.

20. What does the LORD tell Ezekiel to prophesy in response to the people (vs. 12-14)?

I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel....I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken.

21. What will be the result of the LORD putting His Spirit in the dead bones (v. 14)?

They will live.

22. Do you ever have times when you feel like dry bones scattered on the battlefield of life?
Yes No (Circle One) If so, how do you overcome these feelings?

Personal Answer. Answers may include asking the Holy Spirit to revive me, seeking the Lord in prayer, Bible study, praise, thanksgiving, seeking counsel from other Christians and in some cases may need to see medical doctor.

23. Have you ever met someone who seemed like dry bones scattered on the battlefield of life?
Yes No (Circle One) If so, how did you help him or her overcome these feelings?

Personal Answer. Answers may include asking the Holy Spirit to revive him or her, leading to Lord, if not Christian, prayer, counsel, reading Bible with them, just being with them for support and offering friendship and support.

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep. Ezekiel 36:37

24. Read Ezekiel 36:37. Right before the Spirit set Ezekiel in the valley of the bones, the LORD says that He will yield to the plea of the house of Israel. What does this mean?

The LORD will answer their prayers.

25. Pray for God to use you in making disciples of Christ. Pray that disciples of Christ become as numerous as sheep. I have prayed: Yes No (Circle One)

Personal Answer. But if your disciple circled "No" that he or she has not prayed, ask why and follow-up with their answer next lesson.

26. Do you ever despair or lose hope of things changing for the better? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One) Explain:

CLI Discipler, If your disciple circled "Yes" or "Sometimes", offer words of encouragement, prayer and hope in the Lord Jesus and His Spirit. Such as:

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Preach the following message to yourself: "The Spirit brings life and hope from the grave. The LORD does the impossible and transforms the dead into the living. Israel was spiritually dead in their exile. They had sinned greatly against the LORD and were suffering the consequences. Nevertheless, Yahweh is a God of grace. His Spirit brings invincible hope, boundless energy, and limitless power. The Spirit will bring the same to me."

27. How did you feel after preaching the above message of hope to yourself?

Personal Answer.

Lesson 13: The Holy Spirit (Day Three) *Comfort*

Definition: Comfort is a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint. It is also the easing or alleviation of a person's feelings of grief or distress. Comfort is helping someone feel less worried, upset, frightened, etc. On the positive side, comfort is giving strength and hope.

Read John 14:16-18 and answer questions 28-30:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. John 14:16-18

28. As a believer and follower of Christ, who lives with you and is in you (v. 17)?

The Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, Spirit or the Counselor. Any of these answers are correct.

29. After Jesus tells His disciples that the Holy Spirit lives in them, what does Jesus say (v. 18)?
I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

30. What do you think Jesus means when He says, *I will not leave you as orphans?*

Jesus is saying that they will not be alone and without help. Jesus will be with them through His Spirit.

Read John 14:26-27 and answer questions 31-34:

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:26-27

31. Who will teach us all things and remind us of Jesus' words (v. 26)?

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit.

32. What is our guidebook for learning that contain Jesus' words?

The Bible, Word of God, Scriptures.

33. What kind of peace does Jesus give believers (v. 27a)?

Jesus does not give peace as the world gives it. Jesus gives believers the peace of knowing God and being part of His family. We have the peace of having our sins forgiven and being in relationship with a Holy God. We have the peace of not facing His righteous wrath and we have the hope of eternal life.

34. "Do not let your ___ hearts ___ be ___ troubled ___ and do not be ___ afraid ___ (v. 27b).

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 and answer questions 35-37:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

35. How does the apostle Paul begin his writing on comfort and suffering (v. 3)?

Praise.

For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh-- Philippians 3:3

36. Who is the Father of compassion?

God the Father.

37. What are we supposed to do with the comfort we receive from God (v. 4)?

Comfort others.

38. Ask God to show you someone who needs godly comfort. With the Holy Spirit's help, reach out to that person with the comfort that you have received from God. What happened?

CLI Disciplex, Please comment and appropriately encourage and motivate your disciple toward comforting others in real and godly ways.

39. As a disciple of Christ, can you expect suffering (v. 5)? Yes No (Circle One)

Yes, Paul tells us the sufferings of Christ will overflow into our lives.

Also: Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12-13

They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,²² strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said. Acts 14:21

40. As a disciple of Christ, can you expect comfort in your suffering (v. 5)? Yes No (Circle One)

Yes, Paul tells through Christ our comfort overflows.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:28-29

41. Pray: Holy Spirit, Please give me a heart of worship and praise in all circumstances. Thank You. Amen. (*I have prayed.* Yes No Circle One)

Personal Answer. But if your disciple circled "No" that he or she has not prayed, ask why and follow-up with their answer next lesson.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1

42. Read Psalm 91:1. Who do you trust?

God. Although this is a personal answer, we have a problem if your disciple is trusting in anyone other than God. Of course, Jesus would also be an appropriate answer.

Lesson 13: The Holy Spirit (Day Four) *Living in the Spirit*

Read Romans 8:5-6 and answer questions 43-44:

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.⁶ The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;
Romans 8:5-6

43. Do you keep at your tasks or assignments from God even when there is little or no outward sign of success? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

CLI Discipler, If your learner circles "no" or "sometimes," comment and encourage him or her to live in accordance with the Spirit. Pray for him or her to keep their minds on what the Spirit desires and not what sinful minds want.

44. How can you discern if God wants you to continue with an assignment or He wants you to move on to another mission?

Keeping our minds set on what the Spirit wants. We can do this through prayer, God's Word, godly counsel and obeying God.

Read Acts 2:1-4 and answer questions 45-46:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

Definition: Pentecost was the Jewish Feast of Weeks which was celebrated 50 days after the Feast of Passover. It was also called the Feast of Harvest or the Day of Firstfruits. After the events recorded in Acts 2:1-4, Christians celebrate it to commemorate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

45. Why were the disciples all together (See Acts 1:4-5)?

Jesus had told them not to leave Jerusalem and to wait for the promised gift.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
Acts 1:4-5

46. The disciples were all together in one place. What was one thing they were doing (See Acts 1:14)?

Praying.

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. Acts 1:14

47. How many were filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 4a)?

All.

48. What did the Spirit enable the disciples to do (v. 4b)?

Speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

49. Why did the Spirit make it possible for the disciples to speak in other languages (See also Acts 2:5-40)?

So that the God-fearing Jews gathered from different parts of the world could hear God's message in their own native language. There were many gathered in Jerusalem from other parts of the known world. This miracle was a sign of the Holy Spirit and His enabling power for those who believe in Christ.

50. Why do you think the Spirit is interested in your overcoming any addiction or sinful habit?

Personal Answer. However, the Spirit is God's Spirit and desires us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. The Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will, who wants us to be holy and set apart for His purposes. The Holy Spirit desires us to be like Jesus, who died for our sins. He desires our whole life and personalities to be under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8:27

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

51. Are you prepared to ask the Holy Spirit to help you overcome your addiction or sinful habit?
Yes No Maybe (Circle One) Why or why not?

CLI Discipled, If your learner circles "no" or "maybe," comment and encourage him or her to live in accordance with the Spirit. Pray for him or her to keep their minds on what the Spirit desires and not what sinful minds want.

Your disciple may answer that he does not have any kind of addiction or sinful habit. Would make a comment of encouragement but also a caution that as we walk with Jesus, Satan may find new ways to tempt us and we must keep watch and be alert. Sinful habits are not a one time occurrence; they can pop up when we least expect them.

52. What addiction, sinful habit or activity will you commit to stop doing?

Personal Answer. Your student may feel led to engage you, CLI Discipled, or another person of the same gender to hold him or her accountable. Please pray for your disciple to overcome and live a life of holiness.

53. What godly saint will you ask to pray for you to overcome this sin?

Personal Answer.

Scripture from the Lesson 13 placed here after Question 53:

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. John 15:26 (underlining by author)

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: John 16:7

54. How will you rely on the Holy Spirit to help you in your addiction or sinful habit ? (See John 14:16-17, 14:26-27, 15:26-27 and 16:7-15 to think through your answer.)

Personal Answer.

Scripture References:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. John 14:16-17

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:26-27

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bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you." John 16:7-15

Read Acts 7:51 and answer questions 55-58:

You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Acts 7:51 (First Christian martyr, Stephen, is speaking.)

Definition: Stiff-necked is a term used to describe a person or their behavior as haughty, stubborn and unyielding. A haughty person is proud, arrogant and conceited.

Definition: Circumcision is the act of removing the foreskin of the male genital and in ancient Israel was a sign of God's covenant with His people (Genesis 17:11-14). Circumcision is used metaphorically (symbolically) to mean total devotion to God (Deuteronomy 10:16 and Jeremiah 4:4). Uncircumcised is used figuratively to define people closed and resistant to God.

55. Is it possible to fight against (resist, oppose) the Holy Spirit? Yes No (Circle one)

56. How does Stephen describe people who resist the Holy Spirit?

Stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears.

57. What does uncircumcised hearts and ears mean?

People who are closed and resistant (opposed) to God.

58. Are you resisting the Spirit's help in any fashion or form? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

Personal Answer.

59. If you answered "yes" or "sometimes" above, what will you do to stop resisting the Spirit?

Personal Answer. CLI Disciple, Comment and pray as the Holy Spirit leads.

May remind your student this sentence from the lesson: Submitting to the Spirit and doing all that He asks and directs, is the true definition of being filled with the Spirit.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Galatians 5:16

60. Read Galatians 5:16. Will you pray and surrender your entire will to the Holy Spirit of God? Yes No (Circle One)

Personal Answer.

If you circled yes, pray and surrender your entire will to the Holy Spirit of God. Write and share your prayer: **Personal Prayer.**

61. If you circled "no" in question 60, why will you not surrender and live by the Holy Spirit?

CLI Discipled, If your student circled no because he will not surrender and live by the Holy Spirit, we have a problem. Contact us at cliministers@gmail.com to determine how to proceed. None of us can be a disciple or disciple others if we will not surrender to God. We are not giving up on this person, but need to seriously seek the Lord for his or her spiritual health and further use in the Kingdom.

Lesson 13: The Holy Spirit (Day Five) *Final Spirit Thoughts*

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. Acts 5:32

62. Now it's your turn. Write two questions and answers based on Acts 5:32:

All the following personal answers. Please comment on your disciple's work as appropriate.

(1. Question:

Answer:

(2. Question:

Answer:

63. Read Mark 15:1-41. Meditate on what Jesus experienced for you in order that your sins can be forgiven and you can be filled with the Holy Spirit. Share your thoughts: **Personal Answer.**

Read 1 John 4:4, follow instructions and answer questions 64-66:

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

64. Who is the one who is in you?

Holy Spirit.

65. Who is the one who is in the world?

Satan.

66. Memorize 1 John 4:4. Write it here without looking at notes or scripture verse:

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Next: Lesson 14: Faith and Confession

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