

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 18

The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit
In the Book of Romans

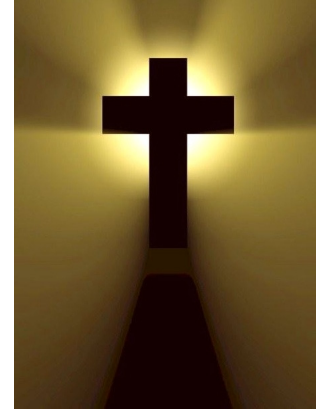


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Romans 8:27: "...and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



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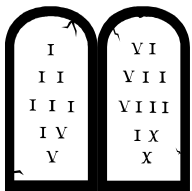
We are going to continue our deep study of God the Holy Spirit in one other place in the Bible that is really special when it comes to the Holy Spirit, and it is in a chapter, a chapter in the **Book of Romans**. Let's go there now.



Please turn to **Romans chapter 8:14-27**. Let's read it together. Wow! What a passage honoring the third Person of the Trinity! In these single passages of Scripture, we learn a lot about the Holy Spirit:

1. He leads people in **verse 14**: "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons of God.**"
2. He testifies in **verse 16**: "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of **God...**"
3. He helps people in **verse 26**: "In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with **groanings too deep for words...**"
4. He prays for us (intercedes for people) in **verses 26 & 27**.
5. He has a mind **verse 27**.
6. He knows the will of God in **verse 27**: "...and 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.**"

Again in verse 14 the Bible teaches us that He leads people. Speaking of leading people, He also led quite an important Person at quite an important time in **Mat 4:1**. "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."



And interestingly, this leading by the Holy Spirit is so important for Church Age believers because the Holy Spirit takes the place of the leading of the Jews, which used to be by the Mosaic Law that was given by the Lord (Yahweh...Jesus) to Moses. **Gal 5:18** says "But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the (Mosaic) Law." Mosaic means "from Moses."

This is God's book...our precious Bible that says this about the Holy Spirit who is GOD! This teaches us that only God can establish a new covenant or agreement with His creatures...NOT a force or created being. A force or created being is NOT superior to God' Law!!! I say again only God can establish a new covenant with His people!

The book of Romans also says that the Holy Spirit sanctifies us (sets us apart unto God) in **Rom 15:15-16**. "But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God, (16) to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the Gospel of God (Father), so that my offering

of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit sets us (Gentile Church Age believers) apart as holy, for a special purpose. And look at this! This again shows us the intellect (purpose) and the will (setting apart) of God the Holy Spirit. And guess what? Verse 16 is another one of those fantastic passages – it’s another Trinity passage! Three Persons in One Divine Essence that make up the Godhead!



Hey kids, do you want to know something very exciting? It’s incredible, and Pastor saw this when he was preparing the message for our church. Actually, it is stimulating to the soul to see...that when you have passages that say the Holy Spirit sanctifies, they are often also Trinity passages. Here’s another Trinity passage example: 2 Thess 2:13 “But we should always give thanks to God (Father) for you, brethren beloved by the Lord (Jesus), because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.” So as you see this is to remind everybody that the Holy Spirit is God, and one of three distinct Persons in the Godhead. Here’s another in 1 Pet 1:2. “...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: may grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.”

These are the three key passages that document as proof the fact that the Holy Spirit is God and sanctifies...and all three are Trinity passages!

Okay, we are going to study just a few more things and we’ll finish this one up. The Holy Spirit writes letters. 2 Cor 3:2-5 “You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; (3) being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the (Holy) Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. (4) Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. (5) Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God...”



The Holy Spirit gives eternal life. 2 Cor 3:6 “...who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

He moved the prophets and apostles to prophesy. 2 Pet 1:21 “...for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but by men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

So....summary of our study of our great God the Holy Spirit:

1. He possesses the attributes of a Person: intellect (He is a rational thinker), sensibility (He feels things deeply), and will (He desires us to live in the plan of God).
2. In the original languages of Scripture and the way the Bible is written from men inspired by the Holy Spirit reveal that the Holy Spirit is a Person.
3. He does things that are only done by a person.
4. He has things done to Him that are only done to person.
5. And He maintains relationships with people that can only be maintained if you are also a Person. Sooooooooooooooooooooo we must come to the conclusion from the teaching of the Holy Spirit that the Holy Spirit is a real Person. We can rest in the Good Book’s Truth and case about the Holy Spirit.



So if somebody says to you in the future that the Holy Spirit is a force, or a symbol, or a breath, ask them to prove their viewpoint using God’s Word...the Bible! When they are done, sit back and start firing away at them. Not really...just a figure of speech!

When was the last time a symbol gave you guidance? When have you ever seen a blind force convict somebody of sin? So the symbols in your life talk and give directions, eh? If a force issued a command, would you follow it? You know...a force...like the wind. If you do, you need to see a professional for help!!! Suppose you showed up in court and your lawyer stood up, addressed the judge, and declared "I now call to the witness stand to testify on behalf of my client...Mr. Wind. Bailiff, please open that window and call him on in!"

It's the same thing as with a symbol. Does a symbol have a mind? Does a symbol plead with God the Father on our behalf? Does it speak and make declarations and make appointments? Absolutely NOT!!!! Can a force or a symbol sanctify people, and put together a will for each individual believer who ever lived, and write letters?!! Absolutely NOT!!!!

Dear _____ (put their name in):

I have set you apart for a special purpose. I have attached to this letter my special will for your life. I have known you from all of eternity, and I have searched all things for your benefit. I want to have a relationship with you. My desire is that we stay in fellowship always.

*Sincerely,
The force*

When was the last time you insulted a symbol? Or can you picture a blind force walking around saying they were sad or grieved because somebody was making a mess of their lives? Or does gravity possess joy? Tomorrow will the wind make a prediction? I hope you see that anybody who believes that nonsense deserves to be locked up in the looney bin!!

YES, The HOLY SPIRIT is a REAL PERSON who does these supernatural things for you and me as believers the moment we believe in Jesus as our personal Savior!!! NO force or symbol or breath or wind!!!! And now you are armed with the Word sharper than any two-edged sword with the facts from the Bible to prove it.



Close in prayer

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