



Study Guide

Many times we struggle to get a solid biblical understanding of the different topics in the Bible. Are we really punished for Adam's sin? What is the purpose of angels? What do the end times look like?

This course will tackle these topics and many more and unpack them in a way that isn't just theoretical but actually relates to your Christian life.

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The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and The Doctrine of Healing

A Crash Course in Creeds - Session 6



PNEUMATOLOGY: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

“pneuma” (Greek) = spirit, wind, breath

HISTORY CAN BE VIEWED IN THREE AGES

1. OLD TESTAMENT – Age of FATHER
2. GOSPELS – Age of SON
3. EPISTLES – Age of HOLY SPIRIT

John 3:8 - The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE POWER BROKER OF THE GODHEAD

Psalm 104:30 - When you give them your breath, life is created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 10:38 - And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Genesis 1:2 - The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

Acts 5:3 - Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.”

John 16:13–15 - *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, “The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.”*

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

HOLY SPIRIT | REVEALER OF WISDOM

1 Corinthians 2:10–12 - *But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.*

HOLY SPIRIT | CONVICTOR OF THE WORLD

John 16:8–11 - *And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.*

HOLY SPIRIT | WORKER OF SALVATION (Regeneration)

John 3:5 - *Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.”*

Romans 8:8–10 - *That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.*

HOLY SPIRIT | BAPTIZES US INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 12:13 - *Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.*

Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:16 - *John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT (INDWELLING)

John 20:21–22 - *Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Luke 24:49 - *And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.*

John 16:7 - *But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.*

Acts 19:1 - *While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them.*

"baptizo" (Greek) = to immerse

Acts 2:1–4 - *On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

Acts 1:8 - *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 2:4 - *And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

Acts 8:15–18 - *As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. When Simon saw that the*

Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power.

Acts 10:44–46 - Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.

Acts 19:5–6 - As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.

Must ask for Baptism with Holy Spirit

Luke 11:11–13 - You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

Must receive Holy Spirit by faith

Galatians 3:14 - Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

Two uses for the Gift of Tongues

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1 Corinthians 14:12–16 - And the same is true for you. Since you are so eager to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church. So anyone who speaks in tongues should pray also for the ability to interpret what has been said. For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand ... For if you praise God only in the spirit, how can those who don't understand you praise God along with you? How can they join you in giving thanks when they don't understand what you are saying?

Holy Spirit administers the 9 Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4 - There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

1 Corinthians 12:7–10 - A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the

same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

Holy Spirit gives power & anointing to preach

1 Corinthians 2:4 - And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 - For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you.

Holy Spirit teaches & gives understanding of the Word

John 14:26 - But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Holy Spirit guides believers' lives

John 16:13 - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

Romans 8:14 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Holy Spirit helps us to pray

Romans 8:26–27 - And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

Jude 20 - But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit ...

Ephesians 6:18 - Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Holy Spirit produces the Fruit of the Spirit in the believer

Galatians 5:22–23 - But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!



The Doctrine of HEALING

THE ORIGIN OF SICKNESS

Satan is the author of sickness.

Luke 13:16 - This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?

All sickness is related to sin.

Romans 5:12 - When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

Some sickness is a result of specific sin.

John 5:14 - But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you."

Psalms 38:3, 5 - Because of your anger, my whole body is sick; my health is broken because of my sins.... My wounds fester and stink because of my foolish sins.

Numbers 12:9–11 - The Lord was very angry with them, and he departed. As the cloud moved from above the Tabernacle, there stood Miriam, her skin as white as snow from leprosy. When Aaron saw what had happened to her, he cried out to Moses, "Oh, my master! Please don't punish us for this sin we have so foolishly committed."

Mark 2:10–11 - "So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

Some sickness is a result of humanity's sinful condition.

John 9:1–3 - *As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"*

"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him."

THE CURE OF SICKNESS

If the cause of sickness is sin, then the cure for sickness is forgiveness of sin.

1 Peter 2:24 - *He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.*

Isaiah 53:5 - *But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.*

Psalms 103:2–3 - *Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.*

Mark 2:5 - *Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."*

Healing requires a belief that God WILL heal, not just that He CAN heal.

Luke 5:12–13 - *In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. "Lord," he said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."*

Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

METHODS OF DIVINE HEALING

- Pray for yourself ([James 5:13](#))
- Call for the elders ([James 5:14](#))
- Anoint with oil ([James 5:14](#))
- Pray for one another ([James 5:16](#))
- Laying on of hands ([Mark 16:18](#))
- Casting out demons ([Mark 2:5](#))
- Gifts of the Spirit ([1 Corinthians 12](#))
- Special Miracles ([Acts 19:11–12](#))
- Communion ([1 Corinthians 11:29–30](#))
- The Name of Jesus ([Acts 3:6](#))
- Prayer of Agreement ([Matthew 18:19](#))

- Salvation ([Isaiah 53:3-5](#))
- Repentance & Forgiveness ([James 5:16](#))
- The Word ([Matthew 8:8](#))

WHEN HEALING DOES NOT HAPPEN...

We have our part and God has His part.

We don't get to take the glory when the healings happen, and we don't take the blame when they don't.

Never tell someone they are not healed because of their sin or lack of faith.



Discussion Questions

1. What are the benefits of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues?

2. What does it mean to “walk in the Spirit”?

3. The Holy Spirit is often described by metaphors like wind, dove, tongues of fire, voice of Truth, the Comforter, etc. **How do these images help us understand the nature of the Holy Spirit?**

4. *"This person was not healed because they did not have enough faith."* **Is this statement biblically correct? Why or why not?**

5. **Why do more people seem to get healed in other places of the world than in our local communities?**