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CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST PRINCIPLES | STUDY 9 OF 11

The Holy Spirit

A self-guided Bible study. Read the passages for yourself, then write down your own answers, questions and conclusions.

This week

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DAY 1

The promised gift

Read

- Acts 2:36-38 - Read NIV on YouVersion

Think about it

1. What gift is promised?

2. To whom?

3. What else is mentioned in the same response?

4. What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?

For yourself

What do I currently believe about the Holy Spirit? What would I like to investigate from these passages?

DAY 2

Living water

Read

- John 7:37-39 - Read NIV on YouVersion

Think about it

1. What picture does Jesus use?

2. Who may come?

3. What does John tell us Jesus is referring to?

4. What does the imagery suggest about the Spirit?

For yourself

What am I looking to for spiritual satisfaction? How might Jesus' invitation affect where I turn?

DAY 3

What does the Spirit do?

Read

- John 16:5-13 - Read NIV on YouVersion

Think about it

1. Why does Jesus say His departure will help His followers?
2. What work does the Spirit do?
3. What does the Spirit reveal?
4. Where does His message come from?

For yourself

Where might I need to let God's truth challenge my own judgement? What questions about the Spirit's work do I want to explore further?

DAY 4

Strength within

Read

- Ephesians 3:14-21 - Read NIV on YouVersion

Think about it

1. What does Paul pray for?

2. Where does the Spirit's power operate?

3. What does Paul want Christians to understand about Christ's love?

4. How are love and strength connected?

For yourself

Where do I need inner strength at present? How could Paul's prayer shape what I ask God for?

DAY 5

Life in the Spirit

Read

- Romans 8:5-16 - Read NIV on YouVersion

Think about it

1. What two mindsets does Paul contrast?

2. What results from each?

3. What does the Spirit enable?

4. How does the Spirit affect a person's relationship with God?

For yourself

What tends to occupy my mind and guide my choices? What might change if I sought to live by the Spirit?

DAY 6

What does the Spirit produce?

Read

- Galatians 5:22-23 - Read NIV on YouVersion

Think about it

1. What qualities are called the fruit of the Spirit?
2. Why do you think Paul uses the singular word fruit?
3. Which qualities seem easiest to recognise?
4. Which would you most like to grow in?

For yourself

Which quality of the Spirit's fruit do I most need in a current situation? How could I seek God's help and practise it?

DAY 7

The Spirit with us

Read

- John 14:16-18 - Read NIV on YouVersion

Look back

1. What have these passages taught you about who the Holy Spirit is?
2. What have they taught you about what He does?
3. How does He change people?
4. How does He relate people to God?

For yourself

What would you expect a life influenced by God's Spirit to look like?

Where would I most welcome the Spirit's help in my life? How could I respond to what I have learned this week?