

Divine Power

Who He Is and Why He Is

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Overview

The Holy Spirit is fully God, a distinct person within the Trinity: one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He gives life, equips people, reveals truth, and draws us into fellowship with God. This message traces His work in the Old Testament and emphasizes that His presence is about more than receiving power. Through Him, we experience God's love, learn to love God in return, and live as His sons and daughters.

Read together: Genesis 1:2; Exodus 31:1-5; John 17:24-26; Romans 5:5; Romans 8:1-2, 15.

Reflection Questions

1. When you think about the Holy Spirit, do you first think of a person, a power, or a spiritual experience? How did this message challenge that picture?
2. Which Old Testament role of the Spirit most surprised you: giving life, equipping craftsmen, empowering leaders, or guiding God's people? Why?
3. Where have you wanted an answer from God more than closeness with Him? What would it look like to bring that desire honestly into prayer?
4. Read Romans 5:5. How might receiving God's love change the way you respond to fear, temptation, or an unanswered prayer?

Main Points

The Holy Spirit is personal and fully God. He is not a lesser member of the Trinity or an impersonal force. Father, Son, and Spirit share the same divine nature.

The Spirit has always been at work. In the Old Testament, He gives life, provides wisdom and skill, equips people for assignments, and remains present among God's people. See Genesis 1:2 and Exodus 31:1-5.

God promised His Spirit within His people. Joel 2:28-29 and Ezekiel 36:26-27 anticipate the outpouring of the Spirit and renewed hearts. The message points ahead to His work in believers today.

Main Points

God's love existed before creation. The Father loved the Son before the world began. We are invited through Jesus into fellowship with the God who has always been loving. See John 17:24-26.

The Spirit makes God's love known in us. Romans 5:5 describes God pouring His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. His power serves a life of relationship, love, and obedience.

Love shapes our response to God. The Spirit frees us from sin, and love for Jesus motivates obedience. We can seek God's help while also pursuing His heart, even when answers are delayed. See Romans 8:1-2 and John 14:15.

Application

1. **Make room daily.** Spend five minutes reading Romans 5:5 and praying, "Holy Spirit, help me receive God's love and respond to Him today."
2. **Name what you need.** Identify one fear, struggle, or unanswered prayer. Tell God honestly how it affects your trust in His love. Ask for both His help and a deeper relationship with Him.
3. **Respond with obedience.** Choose one step of obedience you have been delaying. Ask the Spirit to help you take it as a response to Jesus' love.
4. **Share the love you receive.** Encourage someone, serve a practical need, or offer forgiveness this week. Let God's love shape a specific action.

Group Discussion Prompts

1. Read Exodus 31:1-5. What does the Spirit's involvement in craftsmanship teach us about ordinary skills and serving God?
2. Read John 17:24-26 and Romans 5:5. What do these passages show about God's love and our invitation to experience it?
3. The message asks whether we desire God's hand more than His heart. How can we keep praying for a breakthrough while growing closer to God?
4. Read Romans 8:15. How does approaching God as a welcomed child change the way you pray? Close by praying for one another to know His love more deeply.