

# Wind & Fire - Oct 18th - The Person of the Spirit - Troy Knight

## Key Scriptures:

John 3:8  
Job 34:14  
Romans 8:11  
Matthew 3:11  
Titus 3:3-5  
John 16:8  
Romans 8:15-16  
2 Corinthians 1:21-22  
Galatians 5:22-23  
1 Corinthians 12:4 & 7

## Start reading

### 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.

### Matthew 3:11

"I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

### Titus 3:3-5

Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But —When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

## TALK IT OVER

### Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What has been your experience or thoughts about the Holy Spirit before now? Did He play much of a part in your upbringing? Why do you think so many struggle to understand the Holy Spirit?

### Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read John 3:8. How does Jesus' explanation of the Spirit explain some of His mystery?
- Read Matthew 3:11. What did John mean when he said Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire? How do fire and the Holy Spirit often accomplish the same purpose?
- Read Titus 3:3-5. How has the Holy Spirit transformed your life since becoming a Christian?

### Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Troy said the Holy Spirit brings life and growth. In what ways have you experienced life and growth through the Holy Spirit? In what ways have you experienced life and growth that you maybe have not previously attributed to the Holy Spirit?
- How do you think you can experience more of the Spirit's power in your life?
- How has the Holy Spirit provided you with assurance of your salvation? What did that experience look like, feel like? If you haven't received that assurance, is it because of doubt? Or is it time to receive that salvation for the first time?
- Troy mentioned 3 benefits of being filled with the Holy Spirit, one was assurance of salvation (mentioned in the previous question), the Fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit. Which one of these has impacted your life the most? Which one needs more cultivation in your life?
- Discovering your Spiritual gifts is something every believer in Christ should do. Have you personally taken a Spiritual Gifts test? If you have what are your strongest gifts? If you haven't plan to go through the Generations - Step 2 class to find out what your gifts are.

### Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Troy talked about Generations Step 2. Commit to going through Step 2 to figure out what your spiritual gifts are.

### Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Holy Spirit we want to know more about You. Help us to experience more of Your power in our lives. Thank you for the gifts you have given us to be used by You. Help us to not only discover these gifts, but allow you to use them to further Your Kingdom here on earth. — Amen

### Start digging. For further study.

- Read the 2nd page and discuss it.

## Question: "What does the Holy Spirit do?"

Answer: The Bible is quite clear that the Holy Spirit is active in our world. The book of Acts, which sometimes goes by the longer title of "The Acts of the Apostles," could just as accurately be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles." After the apostolic age, there have been some changes—the Spirit does not inspire further Scripture, for example—but He continues to do His work in the world.

First, the Holy Spirit does many things in the lives of believers. He is the believers' Helper (John 14:26). He indwells believers and seals them until the day of redemption—this indicates that the Holy Spirit's presence in the believer is irreversible. He guards and guarantees the salvation of the ones He indwells (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30). The Holy Spirit assists believers in prayer (Jude 1:20) and "intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God" (Romans 8:26–27).

The Holy Spirit regenerates and renews the believer (Titus 3:5). At the moment of salvation, the Spirit baptizes the believer into the Body of Christ (Romans 6:3). Believers receive the new birth by the power of the Spirit (John 3:5–8). The Spirit comforts believers with fellowship and joy as they go through a hostile world (1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14). The Spirit, in His mighty power, fills believers with "all joy and peace" as they trust the Lord, causing believers to "overflow with hope" (Romans 15:13).

Sanctification is another work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. The Spirit sets Himself against the desires of the flesh and leads the believer into righteousness (Galatians 5:16–18). The works of the flesh become less evident, and the fruit of the Spirit becomes more evident (Galatians 5:19–26). Believers are commanded to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18), which means they are to yield themselves to the Spirit's full control.

The Holy Spirit is also a gift-giver. "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them" (1 Corinthians 12:4). The spiritual gifts that believers possess are given by the Holy Spirit as He determines in His wisdom (verse 11)

The Holy Spirit also does work among unbelievers. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to "convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:8, ESV). The Spirit testifies of Christ (John 15:26), pointing people to the Lord. Currently, the Holy Spirit is also restraining sin and combatting "the secret power of lawlessness" in the world. This action keeps the rise of the Antichrist at bay (2 Thessalonians 2:6–10).

The Holy Spirit has one other important role, and that is to give believers wisdom by which we can understand God. "The Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10–11). Since we have been given the amazing gift of God's Spirit inside ourselves, we can comprehend the thoughts of God, as revealed in the Scripture. The Spirit helps us understand. This is wisdom from God, rather than wisdom from man. No amount of human knowledge can ever replace the Holy Spirit's teaching (1 Corinthians 2:12–13).