



## SAVED TO SERVE

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### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PART 1

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study who the Holy Spirit is, and what is His work? We will also lay to rest some false theories concerning the Holy Spirit also known as the Holy Ghost.

**“...If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit. Wherever the need of the Holy Spirit is a matter little thought of, there is seen spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death. Whenever minor matters occupy the attention, the divine power which is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in infinite plenitude.” {AA 50.1}**

2. How does the Bible describe the divine Headship of God? Romans 1:20; Acts 17:29 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did God say when the decision was made to create mankind? (Note: Focus on the pronouns used.) Genesis 1:26  
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4. **Note:** The Bible teaches that there is one God. Yet, it is clear from scripture that there are three distinct, separate, and divine beings who together comprise the Godhead. They are one in purpose and mission.
5. Who participated in the work of creation? John 1:1-3, 14, 17; Genesis 1:1-2  
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6. Some suggest that the Holy Spirit is not the third member of the Godhead but is simply God's Spirit. What pronoun does Jesus use when describing the Holy Spirit in John 16:7, 13? **Answer:** Jesus uses “HE” not “IT,” showing us that the Holy Spirit is a divine person.
7. In John 16:13, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of truth. What persons bear record in heaven? 1 John 5:6-7  
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8. Which specific heavenly beings bore witness or record of Jesus' baptism? What phrases prove this in Matthew 3:16-17?  
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9. Another controversy surrounding the Holy Spirit is, in whose name should a minister baptize people? How did Jesus tell us to baptize? Matthew 28:18-19  
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10. **Note:** People will counter this scripture by stating that in the book of Acts, people were only baptized in the name of Jesus. Let us examine these scriptures.
11. What does Peter say in Acts 2:38?  
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12. To whom was Peter speaking when he made this declaration? Acts 2:36 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Why did he beckon them to repent and be baptized? Acts 2:36-37; 4:12  
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13. **Note:** Contextually, Peter told the people to repent and be baptized in Jesus name because they had crucified Jesus and rejected Him as the Messiah. Jesus' death and resurrection was the trending topic of that day and without accepting Jesus, none could be saved. In other verses such as Acts 8:12-17; 19:1-6, we see the apostles preaching to Gentiles who had not yet accepted Jesus as Lord or who had only been baptized only under John the Baptist's preaching. These individuals did not yet know and accept Jesus as their Savior. Thus, when the apostles told individuals to be baptized in Jesus name, they weren't teaching a doctrine of the specific words to be said during a baptism but were telling the people to be baptized acknowledging

Jesus as the Son of God, Messiah, and Savior who had died for their sins.

14. How should we respond to questionings about the Holy Spirit which go beyond what God has revealed in His Word?  
Deuteronomy 29:29
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**“It is not essential for us to be able to define just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Spirit is the Comforter, “the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father.” It is plainly declared regarding the Holy Spirit that, in His work of guiding men into all truth, “He shall not speak of Himself.” John 15:26; 16:13. {AA 51.3}**

**“The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden.” {AA 52.1}**

15. The most important thing that we should understand about the Holy Spirit is how He works on our behalf to save us. Identify the roles of the Holy Spirit, and write your answers next to each scripture.

- a) John 16:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
b) John 16:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
c) John 16:13 \_\_\_\_\_  
d) John 14:26 \_\_\_\_\_  
e) Romans 8:26 \_\_\_\_\_  
f) Ezekiel 36:26-27 \_\_\_\_\_  
g) Ephesians 4:30 \_\_\_\_\_

16. **Note:** Let us now focus on the sealing aspect of the Holy Spirit’s work in the plan of salvation. The Bible teaches us that God has a seal which He will put upon His people to distinguish them from the wicked who will receive the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 7:1-3). God’s seal is the seventh-day sabbath (Esther 3:12-13; 8:8-9; Isaiah 8:16; Exodus 20:8-11; Ezekiel 20:12, 20). With this knowledge in mind, we will now go deeper into truths connected to the sealing.

17. Apart from sealing His people, what does Job say God wants to seal up? Job 14:17
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18. The previous verses in Job 14 give us the context of when this ‘sealing up of our transgressions’ will take place. Job desired to be hid in the grave until what had past? Job 14:13
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- a) What is God’s wrath? Revelation 15:1;16:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

19. Before the outpouring of the seven last plagues, God’s wrath, what will happen to the servants of God? Revelation 7:1-3
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20. **Note:** The scriptures in Job are teaching us that just before the outpouring of the seven last plagues, God will seal His faithful, commandment keeping servants. Additionally, He will seal up their sins so that they sin no more. They will be forever rooted and settled into the truth (Daniel 6:17, 8).

21. **Note:** What then must an individual do if he/she desires to be sealed by God? We will answer this through the lens of the 70 Weeks Prophecy of Daniel 9:24. The Israelites were given 70 prophetic weeks or 490 literal years (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6) to fulfill the prophecy before their probation closed as a nation. Likewise, before our probation closes (we know not how soon), we must fulfill the commands outlined in Daniel 9:24 in order to be saved.

22. Read Daniel 9:24. The commands here are really steps to salvation. The first two commands given are “finish the transgression,” and “make an end of sins”. These can be summed up to mean “get victory over sin.” In order for us to get the victory over sin, what is the next command we are given in Daniel 9:24?
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a) It is sin that separates us from God and causes the need of reconciliation with Him. How do we make reconciliation for iniquity?  
1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Psalm 51:1-4

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23. After reconciling ourselves to God through confession and repentance, what is the next step outlined in Daniel 9:24?

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a) Righteousness is right doing (1 John 3:7). Who is righteous, and what must we do to learn about and practice a righteous life?  
1 John 2:1; John 1:29

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24. What is the next step after bringing in everlasting righteousness in Daniel 9:24?

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a) As we reconcile ourselves to God and learn to do righteousness, God will then put His seal upon us! What is a part of the sealing experience according to 2 Timothy 2:19?

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25. The last command in Daniel 9:24 is to “anoint the most Holy.” Jesus Christ is this Most Holy being (Mark 1:24). At His first advent, the majority of the Jews rejected Jesus. For us today, one application of anointing the Most Holy is accepting Jesus as the Messiah and Savior and being ready for His second advent. What will be the reward for those who love Jesus’ appearing?  
2 Timothy 4:8

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