

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS REVEALED IN HIS NAME (PART 1)

TEXT: JOHN 14:16-17, I CORINTHIANS 2:10-11, ISAIAH 11:2-3

INTRODUCTION

We establish from our previous studies that ‘The Holy Spirit’ is a real personality. The Creator **Spirit** was present before the creation of the universe and through his power everything was made in Jesus Christ, by **God** the Father.

He is the executive of the Godhead and therefore knows and can reveal the mind of God to those who seek His friendship. In the next few weeks following on from the celebration of Pentecost, we will be looking more closely at the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. Starting from this week we will be further exploring the Person of the Holy Spirit as revealed in His name “**The Spirit**”.

A. The Spirit as “Breath.”

- a. And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." – **John 20:22**
- b. The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. – **Genesis 2:7**
- c. The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. – **Job 33:4**

Q: What is the significance of the Holy Spirit as breath in the life of a believer?

B. The Spirit as “the Wind.”

“Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

- The Spirit like the wind is invisible but nonetheless perceptible, real and mighty – **John 3:6-8**.
- The Spirit like the wind is sovereign (*preeminent in power and authority*)– **Isaiah 61:1; Psalm 147:5**

- The Spirit like the wind is mysterious – **Ecclesiastes 11:5**
- The Spirit, like the wind, is indispensable – **John 3:5**
- The Spirit, like the wind, is life giving – **John 6:63; 2 Corinthians 3:6**
- Like the wind, the Holy Spirit is irresistible – **Acts 1:8; 6:10.**

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit." – John 3:5

Q: Why is the Holy Spirit important in the process of being born again?

Conclusion

From our study today and in the weeks to come, we will get to understand that The Holy Spirit is known by many names and titles, most of which denote some function or aspect of His ministry. The Spirit as wind shows us the Holy Spirit as the Author of Scripture in 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16. We know the Bible is inspired, literally "God-breathed," by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit moved the authors of all 66 books to record exactly what He breathed into their hearts and minds. As a ship is moved through the water by wind in its sails, so the biblical writers were borne along by the Spirit's impulse.

Prayer: Father it's our prayer that you give us a deeper and greater understanding of the Holy Spirit.