

## THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We will now study the subject: **The person of the Holy Spirit**

### **Luk. 4:18-21**

*18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;*

*19. to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*

*20. Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.*

*21. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Jesus was about 30 years old. He had not done any miracle or wonder before this occasion. But now something miraculous took place. The Holy Spirit came over Jesus.

### **Mt. 3:13-17**

*13. Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.*

*14. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"*

*15. But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.*

*16. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, **the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.***

*17. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

### **Luk. 4:14**

*Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.*

Jesus now wanders in the power of the Spirit and does mighty things. Now the ministry of Jesus starts.

### **Acts 10:37-38**

*37. "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:*

*38. how God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with **the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing **good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him."*

Without the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus would not be able to do what he did. We will now study the same Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus.

## 1. THE PROMISE

### **Joh. 14:16-18**

16. *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another Helper, that He may abide with you forever** –*

17. ***the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, **for He dwells with you and will be in you.***

18. *I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

### **Acts 1:8**

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

Up til now the disciples had walked with him almost 24/hours a day. This limited Jesus to only be able to be working at one place.

When Jesus now was going to leave the disciples he knew that they needed a Helper. A Helper who could be with each one personally everywhere, day and night. That Helper is the Holy Spirit.

The same Holy Spirit that worked in the life of Jesus, would now come and work in the life of the disciples. Jesus even meant it would be better for them if he departed and the Holy Spirit came to them.

### **That promises has been fulfilled**

### **Acts 2:1-13**

1. *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

2. *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

3. *Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.*

4. *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

5. *And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.*

6. *And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.*

7. *Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"*

8. *And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?*

9. *Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia. Pontus and Asia.*

10. *Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,*

11. *Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."*

12. *So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"*

13. *Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."*

A new era had come. The era of the church.

The devil thought that he had done a good job when he killed Jesus Christ. But now Jesus was resurrected from the dead and is alive. And if this was too difficult for the prince of darkness.

Now, there were hundreds of spirit filled disciples with the same power and might that Jesus had. They immediately started to win others for Jesus who also got the same spirit and power. We are talking about an explosion of God's presence and power.

**1 Cor. 3:16**

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

**Joh. 14:16-17**

*16. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever –*

*17. the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

This is something incredible, something fantastic that you have a hard time remaining on the chair when you think about it. The same Spirit that was upon Jesus now lives in us!!! Even if I live in USA, Europe or Iran. No police or custom can stop this. Even if I would end up in the Evin prison, the Holy Spirit would be with me.

**Stop** for a while and thank and praise God for this wonderful truth.

## **2. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A PERSON**

**God is one but at the same time three.**

God is one.

**Ex. 20:2-3**

*2. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

*3. You shall have no other gods before Me.*

At the same time the New Testament says that God is a Trinity.

We are not able to understand that with our mind. But that's okay. The only thing we need to do is to accept the Bible's clear and univocal revelation that God is one and at the same time three.

Not three gods, but one God who reveals himself in three. Jesus clearly speaks about this in the Great Commission.

**Matt. 28:19**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

God is one as we have said, but he reveals himself in three persons. These persons are each of them eternal and Allmighty, but they are only one divinity.

The three persons have the same being, same will and same characteristics, but within the divinity they have different relations.

**2 Cor. 13:13 ???**

**Jesus:** the Son – the Redeemer

**God:** The Father – the Creator

**The Holy Spirit** – Our helper and lifegiver

God is God. With our understanding we cannot fully understand his glory and power. But when you think of Him and His wonderful love, our hearts is overwhelmed by thanksgiving and worship (Study more in the God's character).

**Rom. 11:33-36**

*33. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!*

*34. For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?*

*35. Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?*

*36. For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

**The person - the Holy Spirit**

**Joh. 14:16-17**

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*17. **the spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know him, **for He dwells with you and will be in you.***

We see in this passage that the Holy Spirit is a person.

He is the person in the trinity that lives within you (how you receive him, you will read later)

Naturally we want to get to know that person.

How he is, what kind of characteristics that He has.

Let's look upon that. Let's get to know the person the Holy Spirit!

**✠ The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the word of God.**

**Joh. 14:26**

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

The Holy Spirit the helper, will teach and remind us of what Jesus has said.

You will get the mind of Christ. The Spirit is your teacher. We all have our shortcomings. But God doesn't have any problem with our shortcomings. The Holy Spirit becomes our help. He has no limits (read the book of Acts). The whole book is about simple people who makes the impossible possible because the Spirit of God is working through them.

That's why God is calling people like you and me to do the works of Jesus.

**2 Cor. 3:5**

*Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.*

Don't grieve the Holy Spirit by saying, "I cannot".

**Prov. 3:1-7**

1. My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands;
2. For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.
3. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,
4. And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.
5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on our own understanding.
6. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.
7. Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil.

**Joh. 16:13**

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority; but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. He leads you into all truth.

**Joh. 8:31-32**

31. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
32. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

When the Holy Spirit shows you the truth in one area after another, you will become more free; if you listen and receives the truth.

The lie binds a man, but the truth sets him free.

He doesn't speak by His own authority. He says what the one who has sent Him says. He proclaims and teachwa you about things that will come.

✠ **He glorifies Jesus**

**Joh. 16:14**

He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

He glorifies Jesus. We should not praise and worship the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit helps us to worship and praise Jesus and the Father.

There is no place for any kind of worship of men.

Only God is worthy our worship. There are so many reasons to thank and worship God, so our own words and thoughts are not enough. Then the Holy Spirit will assist us.

**Joh. 4:23-24**

23. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
24. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

The Father wants true worshipers in Spirit and in truth.

✠ **The Holy Spirit calls and elects**

**App. 13:2**

*As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

The Holy Spirit speaks. We will in the subject, *How you can be led by the Holy Spirit*, deal a lot with explaining how you as a believer can hear the Spirit of God speak to you and guide you.

The Holy Spirit wants that people are separated for His work. What ministry, what mission, when it should be done and so on, that is up to the Holy Spirit to show. Men or leaders should not decide it. It is the Holy Spirit who calls and elects, whoever he wants. Our part is to listen, and then obey what he has told us.

☒ **The Holy Spirit sends people in the right time**

**Acts. 13:4**

*So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Selucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.*

It is as important that we get the right timing. The right thing, with the right person at the right time.

We want things to happen right now. Sometimes it will take some time. Paul had to wait many years until he entered his calling to preach to the Gentiles.

☒ **The Holy Spirit is deciding, together with the leadership**

**Acts 15:28**

*For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.*

☒ **The Holy Spirit hinders and stops**

**Acts 16:6**

*Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.*

Don't be frustrated, when you feel that the Holy Spirit hinders you to go into a certain area. To grow in God is to recognize the small corrections the Holy Spirit wants to do. Remember that our part is "to listen and to do."

☒ **The Holy Spirit appoints ministry gifts**

**Acts. 20:28**

*Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

You cannot vote in a democratic way about the will of God.

Who should be the pastor, shepherd in a church is not something you discuss or vote about. It is God's church, and then he has to decide who should be His representatives (More about the ministry gifts in the following subjects).

☒ **The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit**

**Rom. 8:16**

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*

☒ **Searches the deep things**

**1 Cor. 2:10**

*But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things to God.*

☒ **Gives spiritual gifts according to His will**

**1 Cor. 12:11**

*But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

☒ **The Spirit of power**

**Acts 1:8**

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

The word power is from the Greek word, “*dunamis*”. It can be translated: power, strength, might, ability.

The same word is used in **Eph. 1:19-23**

*19. And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power,*

*20. which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

*21. far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

*22. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,*

*23. which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

After Jesus death He was in the kingdom of death, where Jesus took the keys to the kingdom of death and the death itself from the devil. God used his incredible great power to work in Christ so that he was brought from the the kingdom of death and was placed at the right hand side of the Father.

That’s the greatest miracle that God has ever done. The whole hell was involved against the plan of God, but he overcame death and the kingdom of death and took the keys from the devil. That power which God used is working today in those who believe.

You might sit at your computer in the city of Qom and think that you are on one of the spiritually darkest places on earth.

Know then that the same power is working in you who believe, with the same power that resurrected Jesus from the dead and put him on the right side of the Father. (Read more about authority and power in the book, “Authority”, which is translated to farsi under the file, “books.”)

☒ **A Spirit of war:**

**Is. 42:13**

*13. The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man; he shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies.*

Against the powers of darkness in the heavenlies.

**Joh. 10:10**

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

When you see the powers of darkness devastate, a spirit of authority and sternness is rising, “now it is enough”. A resolution in faith, which makes you cast out the darkness with the Spirit of the Lord.

☒ **Fear of God**

**Prov. 8:13**

*The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.*

**Acts. 5:1-5**

- 1. But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.*
- 2. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.*
- 3. But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?”*
- 4. While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”*
- 5. Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.*

The one you love you don't want to do anything against that can hurt them. It's impossible to cheat the Holy Spirit. He looks into our hearts. He knows exactly what you think and what you plan.

☒ **The Spirit of glory**

**2 Chron. 5:13-14**

*13. Indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: “For He is good, for His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud,*

*14. so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.*

**2 Cor. 3:18**

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

**HOLY SPIRIT**

Above all things, God is holy. He hates the sin. He is like a consuming fire. Holiness and sin cannot be united. God turned his back on Jesus when he was made to sin on the cross. God cannot fellowship with sinners. Holiness and sin cannot be united.

The Holy Spirit is the same. He doesn't like to be in an unclean environment.

**Ps. 34:1-15**

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*
- 2. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear of it and be glad.*
- 3. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.*
- 4. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.*
- 5. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.*
- 6. This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.*
- 7. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.*
- 8. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*
- 9. Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.*
- 10. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.*
- 11. Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*
- 12. Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?*
- 13. Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.*
- 14. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*
- 15. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.*

**In order for the Holy Spirit to be comfortable you need:**

**Purity ✕ Freedom ✕ Faith**

✕ **PURITY:** All form of sin and uncleanness hinders the Holy Spirit to work in your life and in your church. We cannot afford having these kind of things in our lives.

**Eph. 4:30-32**

- 30. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*
- 31. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*
- 32. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

✕ **FREEDOM:** The life with God doesn't consist of religious laws which we have to do to please God or people. Joy and freedom is the signs of God.

**Rom. 8:1**

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

Condemnation doesn't come from God. On the contrary it's our own thoughts saying that I am not good enough. (See this further in the subject: Righteousness).

**2 Cor. 3:17**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

**Gal. 5:1**

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*

A holy freedom, something fresh and unpredictable. We should not control the Holy Spirit, he should lead us.

✠ **FAITH:** The Holy Spirit is not pleased if there is not faith in our lives.

**Hebr. 11:6**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

**1 Joh. 5:3-6**

*3. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*

*4. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.*

*5. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

If we don't believe in God and in His promises we make him a liar.

**LIVING WATER**

**Joh. 7:37-38**

*37. If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink.*

*38. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*

**Out of his heart**, means from the stomach or the belly.

**Living water**, means that the life of God is flowing.

**Rivers**. Something fresh all the time.

**Drink**. You are thirsty, you can come with your bowl. God will fill you so that it overflows!

You might stand by the side of a running creek with pure water and die because of thirst, if you don't drink.

**THE HELPER**

**Joh. 14:16-17**

*16. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever –*

*17. the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

Helper: Somebody called to be alongside. It doesn't mean to replace you. It is a cowork with you, together with you against the problem and the darkness.

**Sak. 4:6**

*So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."*

### **3. HOW YOU CAN RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Acts. 8:14-17**

*14. Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,*

*15. who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.*

*16. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*17. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

**Verse 15.** The word **receive** also means to take hold of, take possession of.

☒ **The gift**, the Holy Spirit is already given on the day of Pentecost for all God's children.

☒ **The only condition** is that you are saved, that you have turned away from your old life. (See *the New Life*.)

☒ **Repentance**

**Acts. 3:19-20**

*19. Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

*20. and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before.*

**Acts. 2:38**

*Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

The Holy Spirit is foremost a very holy person. The Bible uses the picture of a white dove for the Holy Spirit. A dove is a pure bird and it will not build a nest on a rubbish-heap. The Holy Spirit doesn't reside in a sinful life. He is very sensitive. Heavenly water is not flowing through contaminated channels, not either through an unclean mind or an unclean mouth. When you confess your sins and repent from your old life Jesus forgives and cleanses you from all unrighteousness. He washes you 100 % clean by his blood. It is not something you can deserve or do to get. It is only the grace and mercy of God. (See the subject, *Righteousness*)

☒ **Faith:**

**Hebr. 11:6**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

**Gal. 3:1-2**

*1. O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?*

*2. This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

Faith means to receive. You don't need to persuade Jesus to be kind and baptize you in the Holy Spirit. He has already promised it. Come with boldness and receive that which He offers. It is a gift and you need to believe in the giver that he wants to give you the gift.

**How to receive the Holy Spirit.**

The best thing is that if you can go to a church which you know about and have confidence in. Ask the pastor if he would pray for you to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Now, I know that many of you live in Iran, where it's impossible to get this help. But God loves you so much that he doesn't want you to be without this wonderful power. I have written a few lines which I believe will help you.

**Do like this:**

☒ Lay your hands on your belly.

☒ Thank Jesus because he has promised to give you the Holy Spirit.

☒ Speak out in faith, "I now receive the Holy Spirit which you have promised for your children." Thank Jesus because he is always faithful to his promises.

☒ Start praying, but not in farsi or english, but allow that which you feel in your inner man flow forth. It could be just monosyllabus words, sometimes like a babys language. Let it flow, don't let your mind or fear hinder you.

☒ Expect to speak in new tongues. You do the speaking! The Spirit gives the words. You cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Don't be afraid of receiving something false. God only gives good gifts.

Receive the Holy Spirit and speak the language that he gives.

It might sounds weird, and it is a strange language for you, but just let it flow.

**The sign that you have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

**Acts. 2:4**

*And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

It feels like a stream of living words flowing out of you. That is the Holy Spirit.

Yes, you literally feel that you have been dipped in God's river of love.

Congratulations! You have received the same Spirit that was over Jesus. The helper, the Holy Spirit.

✠ **Now you can fellowship with the Holy Spirit.**

We have among other things said that the Holy Spirit is a person. Therefore it's natural that you want to fellowship with the person who first lives inside of you, and secondly is your friend and helper.

✠ **You need to spend time:**

In all friendship relations time is needed for another. Take time with your friend, the Holy Spirit. Speak openly to him. Open your heart for him. Share your joy, your concerns with him. Remember, he is called to be your helper. It means that he helps you.

✠ **You don't hurt a friend:**

The Holy Spirit is your best friend. He has promised never to leave you. But as we earlier said, He is very sensitive to sin and everything which is against the word of God.

**Eph. 4:30-32**

*30. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

*31. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*

*32. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

All of us can make mistakes but then we have to do what it says in **1 Joh. 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

✠ **A friend you listen to:**

When you spend time with the Holy Spirit it is easy to hear what the Holy Spirit wants to say. Of course you will then listen to him. He is your friend and helper.

In the beginning it might be hard to know if it is the Holy Spirit's or your own thoughts. I will teach you more about that in the subject: "*How you can be led by the Spirit of God.*"

**A friend you want to cooperate with:**

When you beyond a shadow of a doubt know what the Holy Spirit is saying, then you are also willing to cooperate with him, wholeheartedly, with great joy and boldness.

God bless you to get to know the Holy Spirit more and more.

He will never leave you nor desert you.

Let Him be your best friend.

Greetings,

Your pastor and friend

**EXAM**

1. How many miracles did Jesus do before He received the Holy Spirit. A. 3  
B. 0  
C. 1
  
2. Did Jesus do well and healed all who were oppressed by the devil by the power of the Holy Spirit? Yes  
No
  
3. Has Jesus promised that we should receive another helper, the Holy Spirit, that always will be with us? Yes  
No
  
4. The Holy Spirit is a person in the Trinity. Yes  
No
  
5. Is it possible for the Holy Spirit to be grieved? Yes  
No
  
6. In order for the Holy Spirit to get on well in us this is required:  
  - A. Boldness, a lot of money and knowlege of many languages
  - B. Own strength and higer education
  - C. Purity, freedom and faith
  
7. Does the Holy Spirit help you to witness to others about Jesus? Yes  
No

It would be valuable for us to know if and how you received the Holy Spirit. It will be a great help for others to hear your testimony so that they also can have the same experience.

Your pastor and friend.