

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

MOBC BIBLE ACADEMY

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THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

A Four-Week Bible Study Series — Understanding the Holy Spirit and His Power in Our Everyday Lives

Series Theme Scripture: Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...”

Series Purpose: To help every believer understand who the Holy Spirit is, how He works in our lives, how He equips us for ministry, and how we can live daily under His guidance and power.

Series Goal: At the conclusion of these four weeks, every student should have a clearer understanding of the Holy Spirit and how to recognize, depend upon, and respond to His work in everyday life.

WEEK 1 — WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WHAT DOES HE DO?

Primary Scriptures: John 14:16–17, 26 (NKJV)

Supporting Scriptures: Romans 8:9; Acts 5:3–4; John 16:8; Ephesians 1:13–14

Key Question: How do I know the Holy Spirit is living in me?

Lesson Introduction

Many Christians have heard about the Holy Spirit all their lives. We hear people say, "The Holy Spirit moved in church today!" or "I felt the Spirit during worship!"

But here is an important question: Do we really understand who the Holy Spirit is?

Some Christians believe the Holy Spirit is only present when people shout, cry, dance, or become emotional during worship.

But the Holy Spirit is much more than an emotional experience.

Jesus promised His disciples that even after He departed physically, they would not be left alone.

The Holy Spirit would be with them and dwell within them.

Three major teaching points

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON, NOT JUST A FEELING!

Scriptures: John 14:26; Ephesians 4:30

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. He teaches, speaks, guides, and can be grieved.

Practical application: You may not feel emotional during worship, but that does not mean the Holy Spirit is absent from your life.

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN EVERY TRUE BELIEVER!

Scriptures: Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13

When a person genuinely receives Jesus Christ as Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within that believer.

Practical application: You do not have to wait until Sunday morning to experience the Spirit's help. He is present with you throughout the week.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE!

Scriptures: John 14:26; John 16:8; Romans 8:26

The Holy Spirit teaches us God's truth, helps us in weakness, convicts concerning sin, and empowers us to serve Christ.

Practical application: When you are struggling with a decision, temptation, or discouragement, you can seek God's help through prayer and Scripture.

Class discussion

- How can someone know that the Holy Spirit lives within them?
- Is feeling the Holy Spirit the same as having the Holy Spirit?
- What is one way the Holy Spirit helps Christians in everyday life?

Weekly takeaway: The Holy Spirit is not just someone we talk about in church. He is God dwelling within those who belong to Christ.