

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the greatest power in the world?
2. How did the Holy Spirit operate in the Old Testament times? In the New Testament times?
3. Can the world be reprov'd of sin, righteousness, or judgment other than by the Holy Spirit?
4. Does the Holy Spirit function where there are no believers? i.e. in an unevangelized territory?
5. How does the Holy Spirit bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God?
6. Why could the disciples not "bear" more at this time? (vs. 12)

SUMMARY:

In this lesson we can see the wisdom of God's plan of salvation. His Son came to the earth first, to demonstrate a perfect life, proving that only He could live a victorious life, and teaching that only in Him can we overcome sin. However, being in the form of a man, Christ was limited to one place at a time. Therefore, it was good for the disciples—and everyone!—that Jesus ascended to His Father so He could send the Holy Spirit who dwells within every believer.

This is better for believers since the Holy Spirit can always reside within each of us rather than merely near us part of the time. This is also better for unbelievers because wherever there are believers filled with the Spirit, there is a source of power to witness, and there is a demonstration of righteousness.

This makes it of vital importance that each of us as believers be filled with the Spirit and be where God wants us to be so that the Holy Spirit may do His work in the world.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

May 10, 2026

Second Quarter

CHRIST PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

LESSON TEXT: *John 16:1-15*

LESSON SETTING: At the Last Supper in Jerusalem.

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

- I. THE SPIRIT AND CHRIST.** John 16:1-7
 - A. Christ Sent the Spirit (vs. 7) John 7:39; 14:16; Acts 2:2-3
 - B. The Spirit Testifies of Christ. John 15:26
- II. THE SPIRIT AND THE WORLD.** John 16:8-11
 - A. Convicts of Sin (vs. 9) Acts 2:37; 24:25
 - B. Convinces of Righteousness (vs. 10) Romans 3:10; Philippians 3:9
 - C. Convinces of Judgment (vs. 11) Acts 10:42
- III. THE SPIRIT AND THE BELIEVER.** John 16:12-15
 - A. Guides the Believer (vs. 13) Acts 10:19; Romans 8:14
 - B. Gives Revelations (vs. 13) 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Ephesians 3:3-5
 - C. Teaches Believers. Luke 12:12; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13
1 John 2:27
 - D. The Spirit Glorifies Christ (vs. 14)
 - E. Holy Spirit Confirms That We Are the Children of God.
Romans 8:16

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH.*

John 16:13

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 17:1-26

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 18:16-33;
Exodus 32:30-34;
Job 1:5; 42:7-10

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of God

TOPIC: CHRIST PRAYS FOR HIS FOLLOWERS

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus has come in this lesson to the hour in which He will pour out His life for the redemption of mankind. It is with great joy that He bestows eternal life on every believer. Because He was obedient to His Heavenly Father, He brought great glory to Him, and finished the work that His Father gave Him. He now asks to be reinstated into the glory that was His before the world was made. How encouraging this Lord's prayer is to every believer! Jesus says "surely they know I came from you my Father and believe you have sent me." His concern was that the believer would be kept from evil, and that they would be one, as He and the Father are one. May all believers rededicate their lives to God so that He might unite us into one purpose, that is, love Him above all things in this world, and love one another fervently. Then His joy will fill our lives and His word will sanctify, purify and cleanse us. We will be ready to do anything He asks of us.

As believers, we should often read the words of this prayer, realizing that Jesus Christ said this for us. May we recognize the beauty, depth and great value of the very important prayer and then be thankful to Jesus for His love, care and concern for us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ is our advocate in the presence of the Father.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I PRAY NOT THAT THOU SHOULDEST TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT THOU SHOULDEST KEEP THEM FROM THE EVIL.*
John 17:15

How impossible it is to overcome sin without the power of God! The Word of God makes us wise in that we can recognize the devil's work. We are not ignorant of the many devices he has to deceive mankind, especially the believer. It is a great comfort to know that we are kept from evil amid a crooked and perverse generation by our Heavenly Father. Let us yield to the Holy Spirit (and the emphasis is on the word "let") so that the power of God's salvation may be effective in our lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 11 – 17

Mon. Object of Prayer. 2 Chronicles 7:12-16
Tue. Rule for Prayer. Matthew 6:5-8
Wed. Model of Prayer. Matthew 6:9-15
Thu. Need for Prayer. Matthew 26:40-45
Fri. *Christ's Prayer. John 17:1-26
Sat. Results of Prayer. Acts 12:1-11
Sun. Principles of Prayer. James 5:13-18

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