



SUPERNATURAL

Week 1 | Scripture and the Holy Spirit

| KEY THOUGHTS

- Every believer in Jesus Christ receives the Holy Spirit within immediately upon coming to faith.
- The indwelling Spirit of God enables us to hear God speak through the Scriptures, as the He (Spirit of Truth) opens our hearts and minds to God's truth.
- Rather than trying to interpret the Scriptures based on our background, opinions, and previous teachings (reading into it what we think we already know), we must let God's Spirit speak His truth to us.
- Understanding the person and character of God as revealed in the Scriptures enables us to:
 - worship more fully;
 - pray more frequently and effectively;
 - find freedom from deeply ingrained, sinful habits; and
 - develop a heart for evangelism.
- The spiritual light that the Holy Spirit shines into our lives through God's word begets yet more spiritual light and leads us to replace our personal agendas with God's purposes.
- The Holy Spirit is the Teacher, the Scriptures His textbook.
- The indwelling Spirit is better for believers to have than than Jesus's physical presence.
- Cultural Christianity (man-centered religion) says and does all the right things but denies the power of God; this is the greatest danger the Church faces.
- The Bible is the word of God; it is God-breathed; it is eternal and living; it exposes our true selves to us, which can be painful, but worth it!
- To be filled with the Scriptures is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

| SCRIPTURE

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself. **1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)**

⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **John 16:7, 13 (ESV)**

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. **John 14:16-17 (ESV)**

²⁰Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. **2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)**

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)**

For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. **1 Peter 1:23 (NLT)**

¹²For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. **Hebrews 4:12-13 (NLT)**

⁹That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." ¹⁰But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. ¹¹No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. ¹²And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. **1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (NLT)**

¹⁶Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. **Colossians 3:16-17 (NLT)**

| PRACTICAL

- Invite the Spirit to teach me more about who God is through engaging in the Holy Spirit Bible Meditation Plan for the next 8 weeks.
- Ask the Spirit to open my mind and heart to His leadership through the Scriptures.
- Pray for a life-transforming understanding of the Person of God that only the Holy Spirit can impart.
- Thank the Father for the gift of His Spirit and the gift of His word.

| REFLECT

- Do I read the Bible to confirm what I already think, or to learn what God thinks?
- Am I ready to invite the Holy Spirit to spotlight areas of my life that are contrary to God's purposes?
- Will I delight as the Holy Spirit's reveals God's truth through the Scriptures?
- Do I want to be filled with the Holy Spirit through filling my mind with the God-breathed, eternal, living and active Scriptures?

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