



# GROWING – In My Relationship with The Holy Spirit 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Deborah Holman

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

## Connect:

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. Read and discuss Ephesians 5:15-21
  - Paul compares being filled with the Holy Spirit to being drunk.
  - A similar comparison is made in Acts 2:4 – When the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, and the people who gathered around them thought they were drunk.
3. What is this comparison meant to show?
  - Being intoxicated with wine and being intoxicated with the Holy Spirit:

Similarity	Difference
(By nature of the metaphor) both are powerful substances/agents	*Wine can lead to debauchery and shamefulness *Being filled with the Holy Spirit leads to boldness and power

## Engage:

- **FILLED** [meaning] – to cram, to complete, to satisfy
- **SPIRIT** [meaning] – breath, current of air

**“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”**

Genesis 1:1-2 (KJV)

- Spirit [rûah]: wind, breath

**“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”**

Genesis 2:7 (KJV)

- Breathed: inflated
  - Breath of life [neshâmâ] (nesh-aw-maw)
  - In Genesis 2:7, the rûah or breath of the Spirit of God, is being inflated as the neshâmâ or breath of life into man, makes him a living soul.
4. Read Job 32:8
    - The function of the breath of God is something that gives understanding.
  5. Read Job 27:3-4
  6. In this verse we have the function of the neshâmâ working together with the rûah to bring d \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Framework:

7. Read and discuss Job 33:4
8. We don't think of the breath as being a teacher, but in Hebrew the breath of man and the breath of God have the ability to carry thought, intention and understanding.
9. Read and discuss Ezekiel 36:26-27
10. What did God intend for His breath to fulfil?
11. What must we receive to follow God's ways?

**“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”**

John 16:13 (KJV) (These are Jesus' words to His disciples)

12. Who is the spirit of truth?
13. What is His role?
14. Who will He engage with?
15. The Holy Spirit is:
  - The representative of the trinity on earth
  - Dwelling by choice in the hearts of men and women
  - The highest authority on earth working together with our spirit and our breath to teach us and bring us into truth.

**“The actions of an individual will always be related to their character.  
God reveals Himself to mankind by His character;  
We can’t see the wind but we can see the effects of it.  
We can’t see God but we can see the impact that He has on the earth.”**

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16. Is your relationship with the Holy Spirit the most important relationship you have?
17. Do you know the Holy Spirit as your comforter, counsellor, a leader in your life?
18. This may seem like an easy and simple question to ask and answer, but please take a moment to really ponder over it.  
Be honest with yourself.  
If you answered yes, then ‘how do you know Him in this way?’  
If you answered no, ask yourself, ‘why don’t I know Him in this way?’
19. How do we become filled with the Holy Spirit? (Go back to Ephesians 5:15-21)
20. The 3 things highlighted in verses 19-21:
  - Worship = making music
  - Thanksgiving = always
  - Submission = humbling ourselves, in honour preferring one another➤ If we will adopt these three things, we will be filled and keep being filled with the Holy Spirit. His Spirit and His breath teaching, instructing and leading us into all truth and our spirit and our breath being in agreement with His.

### **Challenge:**

1. Practise these three things and train yourself to be filled and stay filled.

### **Prayer:**

“Dear Lord, I pray that I will have a hunger and thirst to develop this relationship with the Holy Spirit above all others. That I might be led into all truth and that I might be willing to unlearn the things that have ruled my life. In Jesus Name Amen.”