

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

International Sunday School Lesson  
For February 15

Golden Text: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."—Acts 1:8.

Lesson Text: John 14:25-26; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 4:31b; Galatians 5:22-26.

In our lessons so far this quarter we have studied about God the Father and Christ the Saviour. In this lesson we give our attention to the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. We should keep constantly in mind, not only while considering this lesson, but at all times, that the Holy Spirit is a person—a divine Person who is to be worshipped, served and loved.

"The doctrine of the personality of the Holy Spirit," says R. A. Torrey, "is both fundamental and vital. Any one who does not know the Holy Spirit as a person has not attained to a complete and well-rounded Christian experience. Anyone who knows God the Father and God the Son, but who does not know God the Holy Spirit, has not attained unto the Christian conception of God, nor to a fully Christian experience."

One of the questions which arise in the minds of some is, "What is the function of the Holy Spirit?" In a discussion of the gift of the Holy Spirit, Dr. John Shape says that four prepositions illustrate and explain the operations of the Holy Spirit in his relation with men. These prepositions are: to, in, with and upon. Thus the Holy Spirit comes to men when he convicts them of sin; in men at their regeneration; with men for fellowship, and upon men for power.

In talking with Nicodemus about the new birth, Jesus said that no one can enter the Kingdom of God until he is born of the Spirit. Therefore, it must be very important that we know how this new birth comes about and what part the Holy Spirit plays in such regeneration.

First, the Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit convicts of sin. Jesus said, "And when he (Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit quickens the heart of man into a recognition of sin, a consciousness of having done wrong, a recognition of guilt and a realization of his separation from God.

Then the Holy Spirit points the unsaved to the Saviour, Jesus Christ. While this produces a deeper sense of sin, in contrast to Christ's sinless life, it also assures the sinner of God's love. The acceptance by the sinner of Christ as his Saviour is consummated when the Holy Spirit imparts to the trusting soul spiritual life.

Thus, we owe our salvation to the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. Through him, God draws the sinner to himself, causing him to renounce his sin, seek God's forgiveness and surrender his soul to Him.

After the sinning soul is regenerated, is the Holy Spirit through with him? By no means. Paul declared



# BIBLE PRAYERS

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."—Ps. 51:7.

"Hide thy face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God: And renew a right spirit within me."—Ps. 51:9,10.

"O Lord, open Thou my lips; And my mouth shall show forth thy praise"—Ps. 51:15.

"God, be Thou merciful to me a sinner."—Luke 18:13.

"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. But now, O Lord, Thou art our Father, we are the clay, and Thou our potter. Be not wroth, O Lord, neither remember our iniquities for ever."—Isa. 64:5,7,8.

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it be not to my sorrow!"—1 Chron. 4:10.

**WITH LONG LIFE SHALL I SATISFY HIM AND SHOW HIM SALVATION.**

that he dwells always in the life of the Christian, for "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you" (1 Cor. 6:19). He gives the Christian assurance of his salvation. He gives victory over sin. What a comforting thought it should be to the Christian to know that he does not fight the battle

against sinful temptations alone, but that the Holy Spirit is ever present to give victory over sin. The Holy Spirit teaches the Christian more about Christ, more about our Father God and more of our own responsibilities and privileges in carrying out God's will in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the

Christian can experience the joy of serving. He also gives power for telling about Christ to those who know him not. He helps in prayer, "making intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." He is our comforter in sorrow, giving hope and courage, consolation and strength, en-

abling the believer to stand steadfast. He also helps the Christian to bring forth the fruits of goodness. Paul lists the fruits of the Spirit as "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." With the help of the Holy Spirit, every Christian can be a fruit-bearer.

**Be a Better Citizen! Go to Some Church Next Sunday**

## Perquimans Church Services

**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
D. L. Fouts, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.  
Choir rehearsal Saturday, 8:00 P.M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:00 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:00 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
W. H. Marler, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.  
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Burgess and Bethlehem Churches hold Christian Union together on second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
E. B. Edwards, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
E. T. Jilson, Rector  
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.  
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.  
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Elizabeth White, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church Services, 11 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

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