



## 23 July 2017 – Ps Steve Green The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

### 1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 28:19 *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*. The Holy Spirit is not an “it” but a person. He is not an impersonal force, cosmic energy, or a tingle. He is God. He is one of the Godhead, the Trinity - this mystery of God where Father, Son and Holy Spirit, exist in total unity.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus ascribes a number of names to the Holy Spirit:

1. **Helper:** John 14:16 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.”* The Holy Spirit gives us the power we need to live the Christian life. Other translations of the word helper are comforter or counsellor. We need a comforter because the Christian walk can get uncomfortable sometimes.
2. **Convicter of Sin:** John 16:8 *“And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment”*. The Holy Spirit will reveal stuff in our life and hearts that is not right so that we can experience breakthrough in those areas.
3. **Spirit of Truth:** John 16:13 *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...”* The Holy Spirit will help us to stay rooted and grounded in the truth of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, his finished work of the cross and his word.
4. **Teacher:** John 14:26 *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”* Teachers teach, correct, guide, instruct and remind us of the things we need to do and remember. The Holy Spirit does the same job in our lives.

### 2. Discussion Points

- Have a discussion with your LifeGroup members about how they perceive the Holy Spirit and how they relate to Him in their daily lives.
- Get the members to share any stories of when the Holy Spirit helped them to deal with a particular situation or problem that they were facing?
- In what way does the Holy Spirit “guide us into all the truth”? How does he make sure that we don’t just believe anything we hear but make sure that we follow the right path?
- What mediums does the Holy Spirit use to “teach us all things”? Is this only through his own audible voice or does he use other people and resources to speak into our lives?
- How can we strengthen and build on our relationship with the Holy Spirit?

### 3. Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me to never take the Holy Spirit for granted and allow Him to help, correct, convict and teach me in your ways at all times. Amen