

discovering your  
**SHAPE**

**PART  
3**

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## **KNOWING THE SPIRIT BEHIND SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

*Multiple Scriptures*

### **REVIEW: DISCOVERING YOUR “SHAPE”**

**S**piritual Gifts  
**H**earth (passions)  
**A**bilities  
**P**ersonality  
**E**xperiences

### **A DEFINITION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

*Spiritual gifts are a set of God-given and Spirit-empowered spiritual abilities given to every believer, according to God's grace, to help them fulfill their God-given personal purpose as part of the body.*

### **THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: WHO IS HE?**

1. The Holy Spirit is **GOD**
  
2. The Holy Spirit is **A PERSON**

## EFCA STATEMENT OF FAITH, ARTICLE 6: THE HOLY SPIRIT

*We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christlike living and service.*

### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: WHAT DOES HE DO?

1. The Holy Spirit **GLORIFIES JESUS** in all that he does.  
*John 16:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:3*
2. The Holy Spirit **CONVICTS** the world of its sin and guilt.  
*John 16:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14*
3. The Holy Spirit **REGENERATES** sinners.  
*Ezekiel 36:25-27; John 3:3; John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:5; Colossians 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3*
4. Believers are **BAPTIZED** into union with Christ by the Holy Spirit.  
*Mark 1:8; Acts 1:5; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 5:13, 12:13, 15:22; Romans 3:24, 5:15-21, 12:5; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 1:4, 2:12, 3:6*
5. Believers are **ADOPTED** as heirs into the family of God.  
*Romans 8:15, 8:23, 9:4; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5; Titus 3:7; 2 Corinthians 6:18*
6. The Holy Spirit **HELPS** believers honor Jesus.
  - a. The Holy Spirit **INDWELLS** believers.  
*Rom. 8:9-12; John 14:17; 1 Cor. 3:16*
  - b. The Holy Spirit illuminates believers.  
*1 Cor. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4-15; Eph. 1:17-19; Phil. 1:9-11*
  - c. The Holy Spirit **GUIDES** believers.  
*Eph. 5:18; John 16:13; Acts 15:28; Romans 8:4, 8:14; Gal. 5:16-18*
  - d. The Holy Spirit equips believers.  
*Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-10; Eph. 4:7-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11*
  - e. The Holy Spirit **EMPOWERS** believers.  
*Acts 1:8; 10:38; Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 3:16; 2 Tim 1:7*

***The Holy Spirit does all of this to help us honor Jesus in the way we live and serve others. EVERYTHING that the Holy Spirit does is honoring to and exalting of Jesus Christ. If Jesus is not being exalted, or God's word is being ignored, it is **NOT** the Holy Spirit.***

# HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer. *Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.*

1. When you think of the Holy Spirit, what do you think of?
2. What was something that you learned about the Holy Spirit this week? Or what was something that struck you as you were reminded of what you knew? Go back and review your notes, take time to look up Scripture and discuss any of the points with your 1:10 Group.
3. In the past, has it been hard for you to think of the Holy Spirit as a person rather than simply as a presence or force? What (if anything) in this message helped you think more readily of the Holy Spirit as a person?
4. Do you think that you have a consciousness of relating to the Holy Spirit as a person who is distinct from God the Father and God the Son? What might help you be more aware of this distinction among the members of the Trinity as they relate to you?
5. Have you ever been especially aware of the Holy Spirit's empowering in a specific situation of ministry? (This could have been while doing evangelism or counseling, Bible teaching or preaching, prayer or worship, or in some other ministry situation.) How did you perceive the presence of the Holy Spirit at that time, or what made you aware of his presence?
6. In your own experience, in what ways does the guidance of the Holy Spirit come to you? Is it primarily (or exclusively) through the words of Scripture? If so, are there times when certain Scripture passages seem to come alive or speak with great relevance and forcefulness to you at the moment? How do you know when this is happening? If the Holy Spirit's guidance has come to you in other ways in addition to speaking through the words of Scripture, what have those other ways been?
7. What does studying the Holy Spirit have to do with our SHAPE and our Spiritual Gifts?
8. What are some steps you can take this week to be more aware of and dependent upon the Holy Spirit?

