

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is a person just as much as God the Father and Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is truth and the Counselor in each of our lives who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. He is our deposit that guarantees our inheritance. We are marked in Him with a seal that identifies and preserves our salvation. The Holy Spirit was also very active in the Old Testament.

- Eph 1:13-14 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having *believed*, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.
- John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
- John 16:7-11 Nevertheless 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 depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
- John 16:13-15 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.
- Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.
- Gen 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was*^l on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Discussion Item 1: *When has the Holy Spirit lead you in truth?*

Discussion Item 2: *How is the Holy Spirit active in y our life today?*

Life Application: *When you are convicted by the Holy Spirit, receive the conviction as positive guidance from the Lord rather than condemnation.*

Helpful Definition:

seal - Believers are sealed with the Spirit, as God's mark put upon them. (Easton)

Notes:

Proverb 9:11 For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.

Psalms 51:12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.