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Introduction

Has anyone ever promised to send you something special? You surely waited with great hope to receive that gift! Receiving a special gift that is perfectly chosen for you is a wonderful joy.

Jesus promised His followers that His Father would send them a special gift, too. This gift was the Spirit of God. The Spirit would teach them everything and help them remember all that Jesus had taught them. The Spirit would never leave them and would always be there for them.

The Comforter is another name for the Spirit of God. In the Bible, we can find other names for the Spirit of God:

The Holy Spirit

The Spirit of Truth

The Spirit of Promise

The Spirit of Glory

The Helper

The Counselor

Jesus' promise is still the same for us today. The Spirit of God is our comforter, our helper, and our teacher. The Spirit helps believers to be more like Jesus every day. The Spirit reminds us to show the Fruit of the Spirit to people around us: love, joy, peace,

patience (not giving up), being kind, being good, having faith, being gentle, and self-control (being the boss over our own desires). Paul wrote about this in Galatians 5:22-23, and we will study it more in Lesson 13.

Are you ready to unwrap the gift that God has for you? In this 13-week study, we will all learn important lessons about the Holy Spirit. Living in the Spirit is the key to true joy in the Christian life.

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Word List

Lesson 1

baptize, baptism: to put something in a liquid so that all parts are completely covered

confess: to admit that you did something wrong or illegal

Messiah: a person who is expected to save people from a very bad situation. Messiah and Christ have the same meaning.

repent: to feel or show that you are sorry for something bad or wrong that you did and that you want to do what is right

Lesson 2

curse: to say words that are believed to have power to cause trouble for someone or something

disrespect: speech or actions which shows that you do not think someone or something is valuable or important

sacrifice: to kill an animal in a religious ceremony as an offering to please God

Lesson 3

eternal: having no beginning and no end in time; lasting forever; living at all times

exist: to be real; to continue to be or to live

permanent: lasting forever; not temporary

symbol: something that represents or expresses a particular idea

Lesson 4

equip: to prepare someone for a particular activity

distract: to cause someone to stop thinking about or paying attention to someone or something and to think about or pay attention to someone or something else instead

take turns: to do or use something by doing or using it one after another in order to share the responsibility or opportunity of doing or using it

Lesson 5

consequence: result, something that follows from an action or condition

experience: (noun) something you have done or that has happened to you

experience: (verb) to have something happen to you

guilty: responsible for something wrong, deserving punishment

transform: to change completely, in a good way

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Word List

Lesson 6

content: pleased and satisfied, not needing more

overindulge: to have too much of something enjoyable; to yield too much to something

relationship: the way two or more people are connected

yield: to stop trying to resist or oppose

Lesson 7

filter: (noun) a device used to keep something unwanted from passing through

filter: (verb) to pass something through a filter to remove something unwanted

idiom: a saying that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words but that has a separate meaning of its own

intercede: to make a request on behalf of others

Lesson 8

argue: to disagree or fight by using angry words

celebrate: to do something special or enjoyable for a reason

righteousness: moral goodness that comes from a relationship with God

Lesson 9

Good News: the message that God has made a way for people to have their sins forgiven and live with God through faith in Jesus

mark (seal or stamp): the Holy Spirit is given to each believer to show we belong to God

salvation: rescue from the punishment and power of sin

Lesson 10

grieve: to make sad or sorrowful; to cause sorrow, pain, or distress

Lesson 11

singspiration: a song service with the group singing of hymns

Lesson 12

suffer: to feel what is painful to the mind or body; can come from what others do

Lesson 13

fruit: things to eat like apples or oranges; or in this lesson, good results

proverb: a short well-known saying containing a wise thought

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Word List in Alphabetical Order

These vocabulary words can found in the lesson listed in each definition; “L8” means Lesson 8.

argue: to disagree or fight by using angry words (L8)

baptize, baptism: to put something in a liquid so that all parts are completely covered (L1)

celebrate: to do something special or enjoyable for a reason (L8)

confess: to admit that you did something wrong or illegal (L1)

consequence: result, something that follows from an action or condition (L5)

content: pleased and satisfied, not needing more (L6)

curse: to say words that are believed to have power to cause trouble for someone or something (L2)

disrespect: speech or actions which shows that you do not think someone or something is valuable or important (L2)

distract: to cause someone to stop thinking about or paying attention to someone or something and to think about or pay attention to someone or something else instead (L4)

equip: to prepare someone for a particular activity (L4)

eternal: having no beginning and no end in time; lasting forever; living at all times (L3)

exist: to be real; to continue to be or to live (L3)

experience: (noun) something you have done or that has happened to you (L5)

experience: (verb) to have something happen to you (L5)

filter: (noun) a device used to keep something unwanted from passing through (L7)

filter: (verb) to pass something through a filter to remove something unwanted (L7)

fruit: things to eat like apples or oranges; or in this lesson, good results (L13)

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Memory Verses

Lesson 1

“I have baptized you with water. But He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 1:8)

Lesson 2

“He taught them saying, ‘Is it not written, ‘My house is to be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? You have made it a place of robbers.’” (Mark 11:17)

Lesson 3

“The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him. He said, ‘See! The Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!’” (John 1:29)

Lesson 4

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes into your life....” (Acts 1:8a)

Lesson 5

“Christ made us free. Stay that way. Do not get chained all over again in the Law and its kind of religious worship.” (Galatians 5:1)

Lesson 6

“The secret is this: Christ in you brings hope of all the great things to come.” (Colossians 1:27b)

Lesson 7

“Never stop praying.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Lesson 8

“Be full of joy always because you belong to the Lord. Again, I say, be full of joy!” (Philippians 4:4)

Lesson 9

“God's Spirit will be with us until God finishes His work of making us complete.” (Ephesians 1:14b)

Lesson 10

“Do not make God's Holy Spirit have sorrow for the way you live. The Holy Spirit has put a mark on you for the day you will be set free.” (Ephesians 4:30)

Lesson 11

“Tell of your joy to each other by singing the Songs of David and church songs. Sing in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:19)

Lesson 12

“... the Good News did not come to you by word only, but with power and through the Holy Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 1:5b)

Lesson 13

“If the Holy Spirit is living in us, let us be led by Him in all things.” (Galatians 5:25)