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SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)

Objectives

Knowledge of God's Will	The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, and He can assist us in many ways. The Holy Spirit is represented by many symbols.
Knowledge of God	God is Spirit.
Good Works	Rely on the Holy Spirit to renew, refine, and sanctify us.

1. **Seal (Eph 1:13–14; Rom 8:16–17; Eph 4:30)**
   A seal shows legal recognition of ownership and authority. Ephesians 1:13–14 tell us that the Holy Spirit is the seal that guarantees our inheritance in Christ Jesus.
2. **Wind (Acts 2:2–4; Ezek 37:9–10)**
   a. Just as breath sustains life, our soul cannot live without the Spirit of God (Ezek 37:9–10, 14).
   b. We cannot see the wind, but it still has force and strength, and we know it is around us, and is able to empower us (Jn 3:8; Acts 2:14–39).
   c. The Holy Spirit produces spiritual life in the spiritually "dry" (Ezek 37:9–10).
3. **Fire (Isa 4:4; Acts 2:3)**
   a. The Holy Spirit burns away all impurities and evil within us (Isa 4:4). At the same time, He compels us to shun temptation by refining, renewing, and sanctifying us (Tit 3:5).
   b. Fire is also a source of light, and the light of the Spirit should shine in and from us (2 Cor 4:6).
   c. Just as fire can melt and fuse, the Spirit joins believers into one body (1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:3).
4. **Rain (Ps 72:6; Zech 10:1)**
   Rain restores, and is vital to life, growth, and good health. The Spirit of God can restore our hearts from a barren wilderness to a nourishing field that bears fruit (Hos 6:3; Isa 32:15–16; Gal 5:22–23).
5. **Water (Jn 4:14; 7:37–38; Isa 44:3)**
   a. The Holy Spirit quenches our spiritual thirst (Jn 4:14; Rev 22:17) and brings us satisfaction. Further, when we yield to God, "living water" will flow out from us.
   b. Water also washes; the Spirit is a cleansing agent that sanctifies us (Rom 15:16; 2 Thess 2:13).
6. **Oil (Lev 24:2; Acts 10:38; Heb 1:9)**
   a. We must be anointed by the Spirit to do God's work (Lk 4:18; Acts 10:38).
   b. The Spirit serves as fuel for our lamp so that we can radiate the light of life (Mt 5:16).
   c. Oil is used to treat wounds (Lk 10:34). True healing can only be found in God.
   d. The Holy Spirit sustains us like oil, with love and abundant grace (2 Kgs 4:1–7).
   e. Oil is also likened to gladness (Heb 1:9). With the Holy Spirit, we will have joy.
7. **Dove (Lk 3:22; Song 2:14; Mt 10:16)**
   a. The Holy Spirit purifies us and makes us clean in God's eyes (Lev 1:14; 12:8).
   b. Doves are faithful to their mates; the Spirit helps us to remain faithful to God (Song 5:2; 6:9).
   c. The Holy Spirit offers peace and reconciliation with God (Gen 8:11; Eph 2:14–17).
   d. The Spirit teaches us to be as harmless and gentle as doves (Mt 10:16; Gal 5:23).

Life Application: My Relationship with God
From studying the many symbols of the Holy Spirit, we can see that when we develop a relationship with God, He can accomplish many things in our lives. For this reason, it is important for us to regularly examine ourselves and our spiritual relationship with God. If we have the Holy Spirit, do we have the fullness of Him? If we do not, is there something that is preventing us from receiving Him?

Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Galatians 5:25):

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1. How do we know if we are living and walking in the Spirit?

2. In what ways is the Holy Spirit like wind?

3. Name two purposes of oil and explain what this teaches us about the Holy Spirit.

4. What do doves represent? Pick one characteristic and explain how it applies to the Holy Spirit.

5. What areas in your spiritual life are "dry" or "cold," and in need of the rain of the Holy Spirit?

6. What will you do this week in order to be filled by the Holy Spirit, so that God's word can take root?