



Session 03
The Holy Spirit-Introduction

INSTRUCTOR



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Goals

This 14-session course will focus at the Definition of “Christian Spirituality”; a gospel-driven Spirituality; Christ – the goal of our spirituality; the role of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual formation; 4 aspects of God the Father that are cornerstones in spiritual formation: sovereignty, holiness, love, pleasures of God.

Sessions Overview

1. Foundations
2. Christ as the Foundation
- 3. The Holy Spirit-Introduction**
4. The Holy Spirit and New Birth
5. The Holy Spirit and Control of Body
6. The Holy Spirit and Impressions
7. The Holy Spirit and Help
8. God's Sovereignty
9. God' Holiness
10. God's Love
11. Character Development
12. God's Pleasures
13. Gospel Driven-Part 1
14. Gospel Driven-Part 2

Session Summary

In this session, we will begin to look at a life immersed in the Holy Spirit. Dr. Beck challenges us to overcome biases to discover who the Holy Spirit really is.

Fill in the Blanks

1. What is the role of the Trinity in our Christian life as laid out in the three A's?

2. Dr. Beck mentioned that he used to be afraid to say that he loved the Holy Spirit. The Christian cultures we are in impact our view of the Holy Spirit. What is your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do you have any hindrances in your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

3. In your own words, what role does the Holy Spirit play in dynamic Christian spirituality?

4. Do you feel that you passionately experience God on a daily basis? If not, how can you grow in this?

5. What can we learn from the Puritans about their view of the Holy Spirit and their prayer for "greater Pentecost's"?

6. There are many differing views about the role of the Holy Spirit among different Christian groups. How can we open our hearts to learn more about the Holy Spirit from other groups of believers, even if we don't agree with all of their beliefs?

7. What is the danger of only knowing and not experiencing the Holy Spirit? Can we have dynamic Christian spirituality without intimately knowing and experiencing the Holy Spirit?
