

A FORGOTTEN FRIEND

Part I

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Our study today is on the Forgotten Friend. The Forgotten Friend I'm referring to is not Jesus Christ, even though organized religion may not place Christ in the place of prominence that He deserves and desires.

The world may persecute Christ and in the political process try to drive Him into obscurity. But Jesus Christ is not the Forgotten Friend – the Church has not forgotten Jesus!

The Forgotten Friend we will discuss is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is truly a friend to the individual Christian, the community of faith, and the body of Christ.

Some Pentecostals have misrepresented the Holy Spirit while others have misunderstood Him, resulting in abusing and grieving the Spirit of God.

Some charismatics have prostituted the gifts for personal gain with the end result of operating in the flesh instead of the power of the Spirit.

As we study the Holy Spirit, we need to lay a foundation in five areas. These areas are –

- 1) Understanding the Origin of the Holy Spirit**
- 2) Understanding the Holy Spirit in Creation**
- 3) Understanding the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ**
- 4) Understanding the Role of the Holy Spirit in Our Redemption**
- 5) Understanding the Role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer**

The word "Spirit" is listed 505 in scripture, 261 times in the New Testament, and 244 times in the Old Testament.

Water: John 7:38 (NIV)

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of **living water** will flow from within him."

Wine: Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ Do not get drunk **on wine**, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Wind: John 3:8 (NIV)

⁸ **The wind blows** wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like **the blowing of a violent wind** came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Fire: Acts 2:3-4 (NIV)

³ They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Oil: James 5:14-18 (NIV)

¹⁴ Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and **anoint him with oil** in the name of the Lord.

) *The Origin of the Holy Spirit*

Matthew 12:32 NIV

I Peter 1:12

John 1:1-2

Deuteronomy 6:4

2) *The Holy Spirit in Creation*

Genesis 1:2

3) *The Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ*

Luke 3:21-22

Isaiah 61:1

Acts 10:38

4) *The Role of the Holy Spirit in Our Redemption*

John 3 – Born of the Spirit, born from above.

Romans 8:14