

Study Guide: *Living a Life of Hope*

Introduction

A Life of Hope is one that *Overflows with Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit*
The Holy Spirit is the Power behind the Life of Hope

Rom. 15:13 ... *so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

I. The Holy Spirit: Who is The Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit: “One of the three Persons of the Godhead, ‘of one substance, power, and eternity’ with the Father and Son.”¹

- Possesses the same attributes of the Father, Son: Omnipresent, -Potent, Omniscient, etc.

The Holy Spirit:

OT: רוּחַ קָדוֹשׁ (*ruach qadosh*) Breath, wind

NT: πνεῦμα (*pneuma*): “air in movement, *blowing, breathing* that which animates or gives life to the body, *breath, (life-)spirit*” [BDAG]²

רוּחַ/ πνεῦμα are onomatopoeic terms: “their formation and their sound conveying the sense of their basic meaning...the expulsion of wind or breath, the idea of air in motion.” Spirit expresses in its most fundamental form (‘the breath of life’), power, energy and life.”³

2. Names of the Holy Spirit: He is called the Spirit of Truth (Jn. 14:17; 15:26; 16:13); Spirit of Grace (Heb. 10:29); Spirit of Wisdom (Isa. 11:2; Eph. 1:17); *The Paraclete* (Jn. 14:16, *Paraklētos*)

3. The Person of Holy Spirit (not influence, inanimate); The Holy Spirit has Personhood⁴

a. He does things only a person can do

- Reproves Jn. 16:8-10
- Teaches Jn. 14:26; 16:13-15; 1 Jn. 2:27
- Speaks Gal. 4:6
- Intercedes Rom. 8:26
- Leads Gal. 5:18; Acts 8:29 (Philip & Eunuch); 10:19 (Peter with Cornelius); 13:2 (Antioch); 16:6-7 Paul & Co 2nd Missionary Journey)
- Appoints people to service Acts 13:2; 20:28
- He himself is sent Jn. 15:26

b. He is affected by other Beings

- Can be grieved Eph. 4:30
- Can be quenched 1 Thess. 5:19
- Can be blasphemed Matt. 12:31
- He may be lied to Acts 5:3
- He may be disrespected Heb. 10:29
- He may be spoken against Matt. 12:32

¹ Carl F. Henry, *Basic Christian Doctrine*, 166. From the Westminster Confession of Faith.

² BDAG: Bauer, Danker, Arndt, Gingrich, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd ed.

³ Sinclair B. Ferguson, *Spirit*, 16.

⁴ Walvoord, *Major Bible Themes*, 88-89.

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c. Terms Applied to Him Imply Personality

- a. He is called “another Comforter” Jn. 14:16-17, 26; 16:7
- b. He is called a Spirit as is the God Jn. 4:24
- c. Though Spirit is a neuter noun often the masculine (not neuter) form of the pronoun is used for the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:16-17; 16:7-15)

II. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

1. **Regeneration:** Jn. 3:3-8; Tit. 3:5
2. **Baptism:** 1 Cor. 12:13- Brought into the Body of Christ and Possess the Spirit of God; Rom. 6:1-4 Baptized with Christ into His Death; union with Christ by His Spirit
3. **Sealing:** Eph. 1:13; 4:30; 2 Cor. 1:22
4. **Indwelling:** 1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:9,11. We are the dwelling place of God by His Spirit⁵
5. **Filling:** Eph. 5:18
 - “Keep on being filled” Present middle Imperative.
6. **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** 1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 7:7; 1 Pet. 4:10-11.
7. **Walking in the Spirit:** Gal. 5:16-22

III. The Fruit of the Spirit in Our Lives

1. **The Fruit of the Spirit,** Gal. 5:22-24 A Life of Hope is a Life characterized by:

Love (*agapē*): “1. the quality of warm regard for and interest in another, *esteem, affection, regard, love.*”⁶ *Love hopes all things* (1 Cor. 13:7)- Hope gives durability to our love. Love endures all things. Love doesn’t give up, out!

Joy (*chara*): “The experience of gladness... a person or thing that causes joy...”⁷ Hope of my certain future, certain access to heaven’s resources now gives me Joy that is independent of my circumstances! I have access to God’s Presence, Power, Provision in any circumstance, and even in Suffering I know He is Good. Joy! Jn. 16:24

Peace (*eirēnē*): “a state of concord, *peace, harmony...*”⁸ Trusting in the God of Hope produces peace. Hope gives peace in the midst of uncertainty, threat, vulnerability; that peace strengthens others. People want to be around people who are not only peaceful, but peace makers. Isa. 26:3; Rom. 15:13

Patience (*macrothumia*): “1. state of remaining tranquil while awaiting an outcome, *patience, steadfastness, endurance...* 2. state of being able to bear up under provocation, *forbearance, patience* toward others.”⁹ Hope strengthens us for patient endurance. We don’t suffer or grieve like those who have no hope.

⁵ *μονή* (bis) in Jn. 14:2, 23. Jesus went to prepare *μόνοι* in heaven for Believers. The Spirit came to earth to build in Believers a *μονή* for the Father and Son to dwell.

⁶ BDAG, “*ἀγάπη*.”

⁷ Ibid., “*χαρά*”

⁸ Ibid., “*εἰρήνη*”

⁹ Ibid., “*μακροθυμία*”

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Kindness (*chrēstotēs*): 1. uprightness in one's relations with others, *uprightness*... 2. the quality of being helpful or beneficial, *goodness, kindness, generosity*.¹⁰ Being helpful or beneficial to others.

Goodness (*agathōsunē*): “interest in the welfare of others.”¹¹ People full of Hope and of the Holy Spirit are good ... they do good Acts 9:36; 10:38; Rom. 2:7; Gal. 6:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:15, 20; 3:17.

Faithfulness (*pistos*): “faithfulness, reliability, fidelity, commitment.”¹² People of hope keep their word! Lk. 16:10

Gentleness (*prautes*): “the quality of not being overly impressed by a sense of one's self-importance, gentleness, humility, courtesy, consideration, meekness”¹³

- Gentleness is more than power under control. It is a selfless use of power to protect, nurture and provide for. Gentleness is a power or strength that is expressed through mercy, grace, compassion, and love.

- Gentleness is not “weakness;” it is strength expressed when our security and significance are anchored Christ. Hope settles our hearts, so we don't have to use power to prove something about ourselves.

Self-Control (*enkrateia*): “restrain of one's emotions, impulses, or desires, self-control.”¹⁴ When we are filled with Hope and God's Spirit, we will exercise self-control. Prov. 25:28. People feel secure around people who have self-control.

2. The Fruit of Colaboring with the Spirit in the Work of The Father's Kingdom

Jn. 15:16 *I have chosen you ... that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain ...*

- **This is the fruit of People, the lives of others.**

- Rom. 15:12: *And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.”* Quote: Isa. 11:10 and 42:4 in LXX¹⁵

What did Jesus say just before he left the world:

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Hope will always take us to the ends of the earth!

¹⁰ Ibid, “χρηστότης”

¹¹ Ibid, “ἀγαθωσύνη”

¹² Ibid, “πίστις.”

¹³ Ibid, “πραύτης.”

¹⁴ Ibid, “εγκράτεια”

¹⁵ Isa. 42:4 LXX: Καὶ ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ ἔθνη ἐλπιούσιν Rom. 15:12 (NT) ἐπὶ αὐτῷ ἔθνη ἐλπιούσιν.

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IV. Conclusion

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3. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

- Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faith, Gentleness, Self-Control
- Fruit with the Spirit: People. The Mission of God. Acts 1:8

2. Application

- What step do you need to take to live more of a life of hope?

- Conference: What 2-3 things has God spoken to you about this weekend? What will you do to apply them?