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**HOLY** Spirit

(PART VII)



## “But you know him”

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- **Can “know” the nature, character and purpose of the Holy Spirit**
- **“How” does not have a full answer**
- **Cannot bring Holy Spirit under our “control”**



## Simon the Sorcerer

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**Acts 8:18** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money <sup>19</sup> and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

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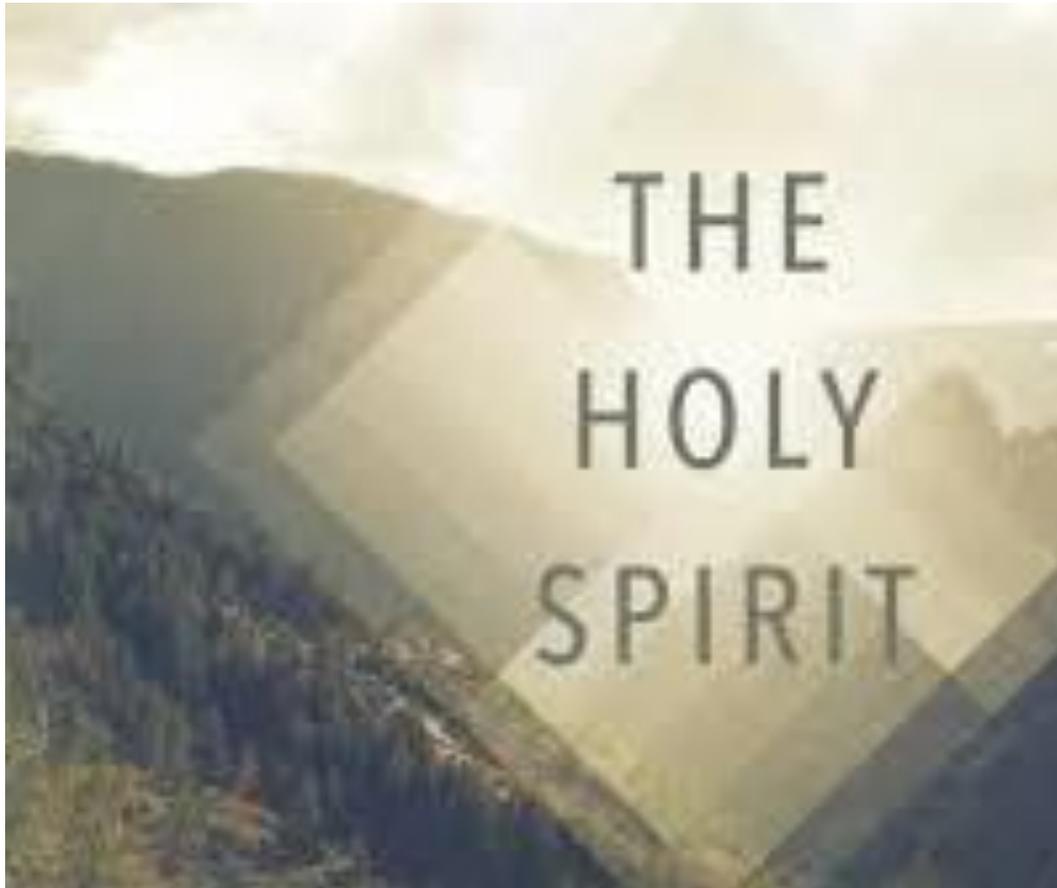
<sup>20</sup> Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup> You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."



# Sovereignty of the Holy Spirit

- **1 Cor 12:1** Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.
- **4**There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. **5**There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6**There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.
- **11**All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

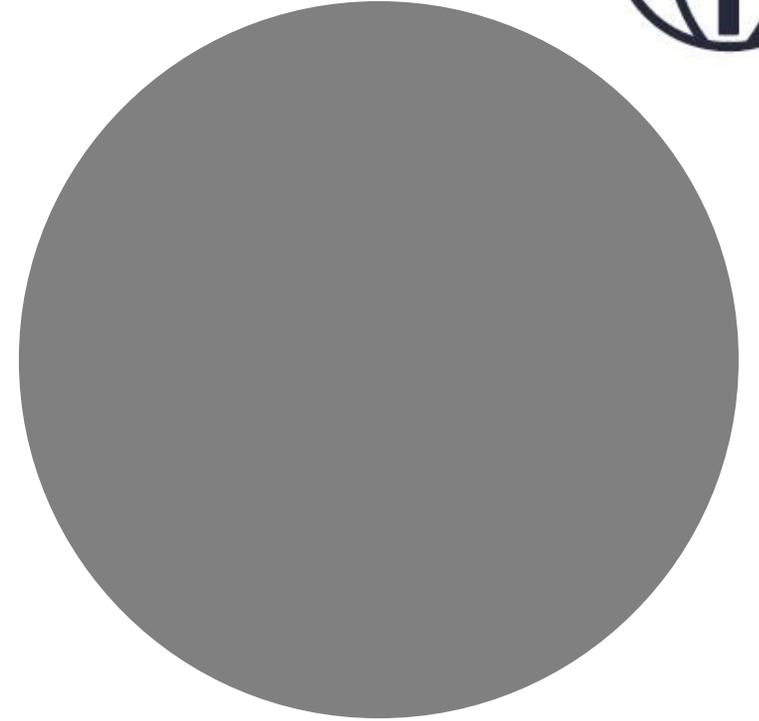
# Foundational facts about the Holy Spirit



- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – ministry of the Spirit in our lives vital
- We can know the Spirit but cannot control it
- How an individual Christian and the Church experiences the Holy Spirit will vary as the Spirit determines the need



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What is the most important work of the Holy Spirit?