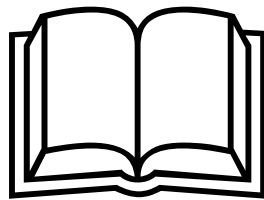


The Holy Spirit

Part 1

The Spirit's work in salvation

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Study Guide

Course HS1

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”—Revelation 3:22

Instructions for this course

(detailed instructions in Appendix 1)

The *reading material* for this course consists of the *first half* of the paperback book provided with this study guide: *The Holy Spirit*, by A. W. Pink.

Before each lesson: pray for God to give a teachable heart and understanding.



Begin the lesson by reading the related chapter in the book provided.



Answer the questions for the corresponding lesson in this study guide.
Use the required answer sheet format, putting your name and course information on each sheet (sample after the Table of Contents). Use any standard note paper (or the answer sheets if provided).
Try to be as clear and concise as possible.
Please do not rush! Meditate on what God wants you to learn.
Don't go to the next question until completing the current one.

If, and only if, you are taking the course as correspondence study (with written feedback from others):

After completing lessons 1 to 6, send the completed answer sheets to your course coordinator. Send again when finished with lessons 7 to 13.

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Continue taking the course until all lessons are completed.

Four months are allotted for course completion. Extensions may be granted upon request.



Your answer sheets are returned to you after review.

Keep all materials and returned answers together for future reference.

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Part I

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Question Answer

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Course HS1

Study Guide

Each lesson is derived from a chapter in the book entitled *The Holy Spirit* by Arthur W. Pink; this course comprises chapters 1 through 16. Before attempting to answer the questions for each lesson, it is important to read thoroughly the corresponding chapter in the book.

Lessons 2, 3, and 4 in this Study Guide each cover two chapters in the book. It is not necessary to complete these entire *lessons* in one sitting. We do suggest, however, to complete one section of a lesson in one sitting, i.e., all the questions from one *chapter* in the book.

Some of your responses will come directly from the text. Others will require that you be able to grasp the essential thoughts and principles presented, and then to offer your own answer. Still others are intended to provoke thought and personal application.

In every case, you are *strongly encouraged* to examine everything against the Word of God, and to include such light as the Lord gives you in your responses throughout this course. You cannot employ the Scriptures too often as you formulate your answers.

The questions in each lesson are divided into different sections. In the *Response* section, your answers will come primarily from the text, but please use your own words. *Making It Personal* questions ask you to examine your own heart before the Lord, and to apply what you are learning to your life—the ultimate purpose for all study! Please be sure to give special attention to these questions.

Lesson 1 The Holy Spirit

First please read chapter 1 in the book.

RESPONSE

1. Why is the need for study of the Holy Spirit is so “real and pressing?”

Very Important Note: We ask you to always use your own words in your answers. The answers to most questions are found in the booklet, but please do not merely quote the text for your answer. Rather, read what the text says, think about the meaning of what it says, and summarize its meaning in your own words for your answer. In this way, you will learn much more than simply a “search/find/quote” method for answering the questions.

The Importance of Studying the Holy Spirit

2. Why is “reverent and prayerful study” on the subject of the Holy Spirit so very important? (List all the reasons given in your own words.)
3. a. “We may safely affirm that the doctrine of the Spirit is almost entirely ignored.” What is the consequent danger of situations where “little honor is done to the Spirit?”
b. Why is this so?

The Problem: Effort in the Flesh

4. a. What prevents many professing Christians from earnestly studying (and depending upon) the power of the Holy Spirit?
b. Why do you think this occurs?
5. a. What is the greatest lack in all Christendom today?
b. What evidence is there to support that this lack in fact exists?

The Need

6. Why has spiritual power waned, even when the quantity of effort has increased? Explain.
7. What are some of the things mentioned which must take place in order for spiritual power to be restored?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

8. Are you willing to open your heart to the Holy Spirit in the ways set forth in this chapter? Write a short sentence prayer that expresses your heart. Please keep this prayer before you in the coming days, and pray it regularly.

Lesson 2 The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit

The Personality of the Holy Spirit

First please read chapter 2 in the book.

RESPONSE

1. Why is a right conception of the personality of the Holy Spirit so important?

Figurative or Literal Personality

2. Briefly explain how the biblical terms “poured out” and “shed abroad” can be used to describe a *person* (such as the Holy Spirit).

Aspects of Personality

3. How is a “person” defined (i.e., what do we mean when we say the Holy Spirit is a person)?
4. “All the elements which constitute personality are ascribed to and found in” the Holy Spirit. List and *briefly* describe what is meant by each of the five elements of personality.
 - a. He has personal properties
 - b. He is an *object* of actions
 - c. He takes personal actions
 - d. He has personal characters
 - e. Personal pronouns are used of Him.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. “By all these testimonies we have fully confirmed what was designed to be proved by them, namely, that the Holy Spirit is not a quality, as some speak, residing in the Divine nature; not a mere emanation of virtue and power from God; not the acting of the power of God in and unto our sanctification, but a *holy, intelligent subsistent* [something that exists in itself as an individual whole], or Person”—John Owen (1616-1683).

Do you agree with this? Briefly explain.

The Deity of the Holy Spirit

First please read chapter 3 in the book.

In the last chapter, we discovered from the testimony of Holy Writ that the Holy Spirit is a conscious, intelligent, personal Being. This section concerns the nature and dignity of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE

Deity or Not Deity

6. The Holy Spirit “is either 1) God, possessing in a distinction of person, an ineffable unity of the Divine nature with the Father and the Son, or 2) He is the creature of God, infinitely removed from Him in essence and dignity.” Why can there be no middle ground?

Proofs of the Spirit's Deity

7. “The Holy Spirit is expressly called *God*” (1). List the Scriptures which most stand out to you, and briefly tell why they prove that the Holy Spirit is Deity.
8. “The Holy Spirit is expressly called *Jehovah*” (2). List the Scriptures which most stand out to you, and briefly tell why they prove that the Holy Spirit is Deity.
9. “The *perfections of God* are all found in the Spirit” (3). List the attributes which most stand out to you, and briefly tell why they prove that the Holy Spirit is Deity.
10. “The *absolute sovereignty and supremacy* of the Spirit manifests His Godhead” (4). List the Scriptures which most stand out to you, and briefly tell why they prove that the Holy Spirit is Deity.
11. “The *works ascribed to the Spirit* clearly demonstrate His Godhead” (5). List the works which most stand out to you, and briefly tell why they prove that the Holy Spirit is Deity.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

12. “Reader, do you have a personal and inward proof that the Holy Spirit is none other than God? Has He wrought in you that which no finite power could? Has He brought you from death unto life, made you a new creature in Christ, imparted to you a living faith, filled you with holy longings after God? Does He breathe into you the spirit of prayer, take of the things of Christ and show them unto you, apply to your heart both the precepts and promises of God? If so, then, these are so many witnesses in your own bosom of the deity of the Blessed Spirit.”

What is your own personal response to the author's questions?

“On account of the Holy Spirit's nature, He is God, co-equal with the Father and Son in nature and dignity. 2 Samuel 23:2-3: ‘The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said the Rock of Israel ‘spake to me.’ So that you see He is God, the Rock of Israel. He is God omnipotent, for He created all things, Genesis 1:2. He is God omnipresent, filling all things, Psalm 139:7. He is God omniscient, who knows your hearts, Romans 9:1. Beware of Him therefore, and grieve Him not, for in so doing you grieve God.”

—John Flavel (1627-1691)

Lesson 3 The Titles and Covenant Offices of the Holy Spirit

The Titles of the Holy Spirit

First please read chapter 4 in the book.

RESPONSE

“Names” Describe Character

1. What do the names of God reveal to us about God?

Concurrence in the Trinity

2. Explain the reason that the Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of the Father” and “the Spirit of the Son.”

Titles Used in Scripture

3. What two things are designated by the name “The Spirit?”
4. What two things are communicated by calling Him “The Holy Spirit?”
5. There are six more names in the Scriptures ascribed to the Holy Spirit. Please *briefly* tell what each one communicates about the Holy Spirit, and include the Scripture reference for each.
 - a. “The Good Spirit”
 - b. “The Free Spirit”
 - c. “The Spirit of Christ”
 - d. “The Spirit of the Lord”
 - e. “The Eternal Spirit”
 - f. “The Comforter.”

“Nor let anyone think that this doctrine of the distinct Personality of the Holy Spirit is a mere strife of words, or unimportant matter, or an unprofitable discussion, which we may take or leave, believe or deny, without any injury to our faith or hope. On the contrary, let this be firmly impressed on your mind, that if you deny or disbelieve the Personality of the blessed Spirit, you deny and disbelieve with it the grand foundation truth of the Trinity. If your doctrine be unsound, your experience must be a delusion, and your practice an imposition.”

—J. C. Philpot (1863)

The Covenant-Offices of the Holy Spirit

First please read chapter 5 in the book.

*“But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”*

—1 Corinthians 6:11

In this lesson, the author discusses the Holy Spirit’s “office” (undertaking of activities) in relationship to the Everlasting Covenant of Grace.

Definitions

6. What is meant by the “Covenant of Grace?”
7. What does the word *office* denote, “as applied to the covenant work of the Holy Spirit?”

The Spirit’s Covenant-Office: Sanctification

8. Describe the condition of man without the Holy Spirit’s work of sanctification.
9. “Sanctification is as indispensable as justification.” How is sanctification defined?
10. a. From the last paragraph of the chapter, what are some of the things mentioned which are included in the Spirit’s work of sanctification?
 - b. How are these works of sanctification being manifested in your own life at this time?

“Who is there who considers aright the vanity, darkness, and ignorance of his mind, the perverseness and stubbornness of his will with the disorder, irregularity, and distemper of his affections; with respect to things spiritual and heavenly, who is not ashamed of, who does not abhor himself? This is that which has given our nature its leprosy, and defiled it throughout. And I shall crave leave to say, that he who hath no experience of spiritual shame and self-abhorrence, upon the account of this unconformity of his nature and the faculties of his soul unto the holiness of God, is a great stranger unto this whole work of sanctification.”

—John Owen (1616-1683)

Lesson 4 The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments

The Holy Spirit during the Old Testament Ages

First please read chapter 6 in the book.

“Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”—Zechariah 4:6

RESPONSE

1. When John 7:39 says that “The Holy Spirit was not yet given” before Pentecost, does it mean that the Holy Spirit did not operate in Old

Testament times? Why? What is the correct meaning of “not yet given?”

In Relation to Creation

2. How was the Spirit involved in Creation?

In Relation to Adam

3. In contemplating the Holy Spirit in relation to Adam, three abilities, which are under the immediate operation of the Holy Spirit, were required to render man fit unto the life for which he was created. What are they?

In Relation to the Nation Israel

4. Was the Holy Spirit active among the people of the nation of Israel in Old Testament times? In what ways was He manifested?

5. Was the Holy Spirit “in” God’s true children before Pentecost? Briefly explain your answer and use the referenced Scriptures.

“The Spirit never makes loose where the Word binds, the Spirit never justifies where the Word condemns, the Spirit never approves where the Word disapproves, the Spirit never blesses where the Word curses. In the Old Testament all revelations were to be examined by the Word, as in Deuteronomy 13:1-4 and John 16:13”—Thomas Brooks (1679).

“Although the work of regeneration by the Holy Spirit was wrought under the Old Testament, even from the foundation of the world, and the doctrine of it was recorded in the Scriptures, yet the revelation of it was but obscure in comparison of that light and evidence which is brought forth into it by the gospel. This doctrine therefore, namely, that every one who will enter into the Kingdom of God must be born again of the Holy Spirit, was contained in the writings of the Old Testament”—John Owen.

The Holy Spirit and Christ

First please read chapter 7 in the book.

“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

—Matthew 3:16-17

RESPONSE

The Deeper Things of God

Note: “Hypostatic union” is from the Greek word hypostasis, which means substance, nature, or essence. It is a theological term which describes the

*one unified personality of Christ the Son, yet still having His **two** distinct natures, human and divine (in hypostatic union).*

The Spirit in the Incarnation, Baptism, and Ascension of Christ

6. Briefly describe each of the three “anointings” of Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Christ Bestows the Spirit

7. In what way did Christ “acquire the right” to bestow the Spirit upon His children?

A Joint Mission

8. How do “the Son and the Spirit act together for the salvation of God’s elect?”
9. In your own words, what is the key point of Isaiah 48:16?

*Note: By **key point** we mean: “key”—the phrase in the verse that relates to the topic at hand; “point”—do not merely rewrite the printed words; rather, tell in your own words what the text means, the basic meaning behind the words (a paraphrase).*

10. “Thus the Spirit, at the incarnation, became the great guiding principle of all Christ’s earthly history.” List some of the ways the Holy Spirit was manifested in Christ’s life on earth.
11. “All proceeds *from* the Father, *through* the Son, *by* the Holy Spirit.” How would you describe what is meant in the use of each of these prepositions?

Misguided Theories

12. It is important for us “to realize the reality of the Son’s humanity.” But as we consider His humanity, what three scriptural statements are we to keep steadily in view, in order not to derogate from the glory of Christ? List the principle and the Scripture reference for each.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

13. Christ is fully God and fully man, and has the Spirit poured into Him beyond measure. What does this mean to you personally?

“The Spirit that was in the prophets of old, in all ages since the world began, before the incarnation of the Son of God, is called the Spirit of Christ.”

—John Owen (1616-1683)

“Christ is both God and man. Christ, as God, gives the Spirit to His human nature.”

—Richard Sibbes (1635)

Lesson 5 The Advent of the Spirit

First please read chapter 8 in the book.

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”—Acts 2:1-4

RESPONSE

The Importance of the Advent of the Spirit

1. What are the “two great heads to the promises which God gave His people?” What purpose does each serve?

Parallels in the Advents of Christ and of the Spirit

2. When God designed salvation for His elect, two great means were given: the gift of His Son and the gift of the Spirit. 18 points illustrate the fascinating parallels between the advent of Christ and the advent of the Spirit. List the *three points* which you find to be the most encouraging, with a *very brief* line of explanation for each as to why you chose it (include the point number).

The Meaning of the Advent of the Spirit

The Festival of Pentecost (see Lev 23:15-22) is one of the principal feasts of Israel where the Israelites were to bring two loaves of bread for waving before the Lord. This was held 50 days after Passover. At this event in the same year that Jesus was crucified at Passover, the Spirit of God was given in a special way. The Word of God reveals several meanings of the Spirit's advent.

3. How was the Spirit's advent at Pentecost a “fulfillment of the Divine promise?”
4. What was the meaning of the Spirit's advent as a “fulfillment of an important Old Testament type?”
5. In what way was the Spirit's advent “the beginning of a new dispensation?”
6. How was the Spirit's advent “the Grace of God flowing unto the Gentiles?”

The Purpose of the Advent of the Spirit

7. List the four purposes of the Spirit's descent, and give a brief one line explanation for each.

The Outward Marks of the Spirit's Advent

8. What were the three physical manifestations of the Spirit's coming on Pentecost Day, and to whom were they each directed? (Include the Scripture references for each.)

MAKING IT PERSONAL

Signs in Relation to “The Pentecostal Movement”

9. a. What does the author say regarding the “gift of tongues” as practiced within the modern Pentecostal Movement?
- b. Do you agree with his interpretation?

Note: Read Acts 2: 12 and 16 and then Joel 2: 28-32 to see prophecy unfolded.

Application

10. a. Do you want to experience true joy? What must you do to have more of the Spirit’s power in your life?
- b. Will you make Christ the Lord of your life, the absolute authority in all things, wherein you come to complete surrender of your will to His will, and die to self—including yielding all your interests, desires, and wants to Him in order to serve Him continually? Please explain your answer.

Lesson 6 The Work of the Spirit

First please read chapter 9 in the book.

Having dwelt upon the doctrinal and dispensational aspects of our subject, next we deal with the “practical” and “experimental” bearings of it.

RESPONSE

1. The Holy Spirit exercises great freedom and variety in His workings. “He works... solely according to” which: His *nature* or His *will*? Briefly explain your answer, also using 1 Corinthians 12:11.

Upon Both the Unsaved and the Saved

2. Why is it important to recognize the Holy Spirit’s workings in the unsaved?

The Spirit’s Operation in the Non-elect

3. List the four ways the Holy Spirit works in the non-elect. *Briefly* describe each, and include the supporting Scripture references.

The Spirit’s Operation in the Elect

4. What are the two aspects of “the whole work of the Spirit within the elect?”

Total Depravity Apart from the Spirit

5. “If men [were] *only partly* depraved,” why would the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit *not* be necessary?
6. a. List the Scripture references and the key point of each verse given, which support the doctrine of *total depravity*.

- b. If man is totally depraved, why is the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation absolutely necessary?
7. In His preaching in the Gospels, the Lord Jesus declares that:
- Narrow is the way that leadeth unto Life; few find it; it is not smooth and easy to find.
 - He delivers His people from self-pleasing, worldliness, and indulging in the lusts of the flesh.
 - He bestows upon His people a desire to live for God's glory and to please Him in all ways.
- Are these things that a person can, of his own will and desire, choose and follow? Explain your answer.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

Objections to Total Depravity Proved False

8. What is the author's response to the objection that "no such hatred of God...exists in the hearts of the great majority" of people, because most of mankind is "friendly disposed to God," partaking in some form of religion?
- b. Do you agree? Explain your answer.
9. a. What is the author's response to the objection that "the great majority of people *do* desire to be saved, and make more or less endeavor after their salvation?"
- b. Is it possible to desire "to be delivered from the wrath to come," and still maintain the greatest love to sin? Why?
 - c. Do you agree with the author? Briefly explain.
10. a. What is the distinction in heart attitude between 1) wanting to escape the everlasting burnings with a "fire-escape," and 2) longing for deliverance from self and sin, and for the impartation of Christ's holiness?
- b. Please write out and memorize Matthew 11:29. Note when you have done so on your answer sheet.
 - c. What is your heart attitude toward your sin?

"Remember, the instinct of self-preservation is strong enough to move flocks of people to pursue all sorts of 'works' in order to escape the ravages of Hell. This is done by many who still hate the Savior and reject completely salvation which He brings. These people are willing to receive Christ as their savior from Hell, but are completely unwilling to surrender to Him as their Lord. They refuse the Christ of God."

"Now this whole evil frame is cured by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit in the rectifying and renovation of our natures. He gives a new understanding, a new heart, new affections, renewing the whole soul into the image of God (Eph 3:23-24, Col 3:10). In the second place, it is the blood of Christ which is the

meritorious procuring, and so the effective cause that immediately purges us from our sins, by an especial application of it unto our souls by the Holy Spirit (1Jo 1:7)."

—John Owen (1616-1683).

Lesson 7 The Holy Spirit Regenerating

First please read chapter 10 in the book.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."—John 1:12-13

RESPONSE

Self-Regeneration Is Impossible

1. a. Why is regeneration by the Holy Spirit necessary in order for a person to be converted to God?
b. What is the key point of Romans 8:7?
2. From John 1:12-13, what are the three causes given, which are *not* causes for the regeneration of fallen men?

Regeneration Is the Sole Work of the Spirit

3. Describe the person's work and the Spirit's work in regeneration of one of God's elect.
4. In the last paragraph of this section (which includes the quotation by John Owen), many characteristics of regeneration are described. List as many of these as you can identify.

Regeneration of Existing (Not New) Faculties

5. "After regeneration things appear in an altogether new light..." Please list as many characteristics of the regenerated person as you can find in this paragraph.

Manifestations of Regeneration

6. a. What is "the main and ultimate birth brought forth in regeneration?"
b. What is the key point of Ephesians 4:24?
7. How does regeneration display God's *power*?
8. How does regeneration manifest the Spirit's *love*?

Please pause in your study just now and express your own personal gratitude toward God for the Holy Spirit's undeserved and unconditional love-work in regeneration.

Summary

9. In your own words, explain the parallels of the “one act” of Christ and the “one act” of the Holy Spirit.
10. “The effect of the new birth is that the man born again loves spiritual things *as spiritual* and values spiritual blessings on account of their being purely spiritual. The spring of life from Christ enters into him, and is the spring of all his spiritual life, the root of all his graces, the perpetual source of every divine principle within him. So says Christ: “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (Joh 4:14). This regeneration introduces the elect into a capacity for the enjoyments which are peculiar to the spiritual world, and makes the one alteration in their state before God which lasts forever. *All* our meetness [suitability] for the heavenly state is wrought at our regeneration (Col 1:12-13). Regeneration is one and the same in all saints. It admits of no increase or diminution. All grace and holiness are then imparted by the Spirit: His subsequent work is but to draw it forth into exercise and act.”
 - a. What is the effect of the new birth (write a brief summary in your own words of this paragraph)?
 - b. What does this mean to you personally?

Lesson 8 The Spirit Quickening

First please read chapter 11 in the book.

“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth [wills], and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

—John 3:5-8

RESPONSE

Quickening Is the Initial Operation of the Spirit

1. Explain the spiritual parallel to the physical 1) beginning of life and 2) actual birth.
2. In what way does the Holy Spirit “operate upon the soul” in the work of quickening?

Quickening Imparts Life

3. What is the key point of the quotation from W. T. Shedd (the last two paragraphs of this section)?

First the Work of the Spirit, Then the Word

4. How does the parable of the Sower (Mat 13:3-8, 18-23) explain the relationship in regeneration between the Word and the work of the Spirit?

Characteristics of Quickening

5. "In this work, the Spirit acts as *sovereign*." Explain what this means in your own words.
6. Briefly explain what is meant by each of the other characteristics of "quickening:"
 - a. an act of amazing grace
 - b. instantaneous
 - c. unperceived
 - d. we are passive
 - e. uniform

"The Lord is that Spirit; that is, of all truths and of all persons, to give life and quickening to them. The first Adam was a living soul; the last Adam was a quickening Spirit (1Co 15:45). He (Christ) quickened Himself when He was dead, and He quickens all His members too. First, He receives the Spirit Himself, and the same Spirit that filled and sanctified His human nature, the same Spirit sanctifies His church, which He loves even as Himself."

—Richard Sibbes (1577-1635)

Lesson 9 The Spirit Enlightening

First please read chapter 12 in the book.

"The people which sat in darkness saw a great light."—Matthew 4:16

RESPONSE

Inward Darkness: Active Opposition to God

1. Is the natural man's state of spiritual darkness *active* or *passive*? How is this manifested?

Enlightenment Presupposes Turning from Self

2. What kind of love might a carnal man have for God?
3.
 - a. "There is no spiritual love for the true God until *self* be hated." Why?
 - b. How is this illustrated in the attitudes of the Pharisees?

Enlightenment Follows Quickening

4. Of what does *spiritual illumination* consist?
5. “Once the soul is made the recipient of spiritual life, all its faculties are made alive unto spiritual exercise.”
 - a. How is this manifested in the understanding, conscience, affections, and will?
 - b. What does this mean to you personally?

Manifestations of Enlightenment

6. The “anointing” of enlightenment enables the quickened soul to perceive the true nature of sin (opposition to God) expressed through self-pleasing.” What six things is the quickened soul enabled to perceive?
7. Define “Divine illumination.”

Characteristics of Enlightenment

8. What are three characteristics of Divine enlightenment? Briefly describe each, and include the Scripture references where provided.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

9. To what degree have you personally experienced each of these three characteristics of Divine enlightenment?

“The expulsion of spiritual darkness out of our minds, and the introduction of spiritual light into them; a work so great that they who were ‘darkness’ and whose ‘light was darkness,’ are made ‘light in the Lord’ thereby, is an effect of the immediate power of the Spirit of God.”—John Owen

Lesson 10 The Spirit Convicting

First please read chapter 13 in the book.

“The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart.”—Deuteronomy 30:6

RESPONSE

1.
 - a. Explain the term “conviction of sin.”
 - b. How does this compare with what men will experience on the Day of Judgment? (Include the Scripture reference.)

Not “Conviction of Sin”

2.
 - a. Describe some characteristics of “conviction of sin” without Holy Spirit quickening.
 - b. What is the motive when people seek to escape the torments of hell and take up ‘religion’ (without Holy Spirit quickening)?

- c. What vital element is missing when people look to Christ as a “fire escape” solution?
3. The author asserts that “receiving Christ as your personal Savior,” because “God loves you,” may lead to a *false peace*.
 - a. What is the *basis* for such false peace?
 - b. Why is it termed a *false peace*?
 - c. Have you ever personally prayed to “receive Christ” in order to escape punishment for sin in hell? Please give your personal experience with and response to this concept of *false peace*.

Note: the author states that many are in hell who “look to Christ merely as a *fire escape*, who never—from a supernatural work of the Spirit in their hearts—surrendered to Christ as *Lord*.” This is a view called *Lordship Salvation*.

Opponents to *Lordship Salvation* say that it adds a *work*, “repentance from sin,” to salvation by faith alone. Salvation is entirely by faith, with no added conditions beforehand. They say that *Lordship Salvation* is unbiblical, because they say it adds repentance as a condition for salvation.

But please notice carefully what is said here about *Lordship Salvation*. The author says clearly that the surrendering “to Christ as Lord” is “a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.” It is not the person’s work, but the Holy Spirit’s work. He gives the grace and desire to do it.

There are many unbelievers who profess Christianity, but have sought Christ only as a savior from sin’s penalty (a *fire escape*), but not as personal Savior and Lord of every aspect of their lives. *Lordship Salvation* asserts that there is no such thing as a permanent state of carnal Christianity, where one can continue to live a sinful lifestyle which is in love with the world, while assuming to be saved from hell (at the end of one’s life) on the basis of a “decision to receive Christ.” God grants repentance as an integral part of saving faith; repentance will be manifested after salvation by a real turning away from sin (as one continually turns to Christ), in a motive of love for God (not to earn His favor, or to avoid His wrath).

4. a. What is meant by an “honest” heart?
- b. Do you have an “honest” heart? Explain.

Characteristics of the Spirit’s True Conviction

5. “The ‘honest’ heart will say...how am I to ascertain whether *my* convictions have been of a different kind from theirs (those with false peace)?” What is the answer to this important question?
6. “The Holy Spirit fixes the mind of a convicted and enlightened soul upon the due consideration of sin.” List the Scripture references that communicate this truth, and the key point of each.

7. The Holy Spirit directs the quickened soul to three objects in due consideration of sin. Briefly describe each one, i.e., how this Holy Spirit conviction appears or manifests itself.
 - a. “The exceeding *sinfulness of sin*.”
 - b. “The *multitude of his sins*.”
 - c. “The *character and claims of God*.”
8. “Now it is that the soul is made to realize how it has treated God with the basest ingratitude, abusing His goodness, perverting His mercies, scorning his best Friend. Reader, has this been your experience?” Please respond with your own thoughts: how does this apply to you personally?

Summary of Differences in “Conviction”

9. Please *briefly* summarize the differences between “conviction of sin” in unregenerate people and in true believers.

The Means of the Spirit’s Convicting: Use of the Law

10. “The great instrument which the Holy Spirit uses in this special work of conviction is *the law*.” In your own words, write the key point in this regard for each of the verses.
 - a. Rom 3:20
 - b. Rom 7:7
 - c. Rom 5:20
11. “The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart” (Deu 30:6). How is this verse fulfilled by the Holy Spirit (through His work in convicting of sin)?

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12. “Of ourselves we could never be truly convicted of our wretched state, for ‘the heart is deceitful above all things,’ and God alone can search it (Jer 17:9). Oh the amazing grace of the Holy Spirit that He should rake into such foul and filthy hearts, amid the dunghill of putrid lusts, of enmity against God, of wickedness unspeakable! What a loathsome work it must be for the *Holy* Spirit to perform! If God the Son humbled Himself to enter the virgin’s womb and be born in Bethlehem’s manger, does not God the Spirit humble Himself to enter our depraved hearts and stir up their vile contents in order that we may be made conscious thereof! And if praise is due unto the One for the immeasurable humiliation which He endured on our behalf, is not distinctive praise equally due unto the Other for His amazing condescension in undertaking to convict us of *sin*? Thanksgiving, honor and glory forever be ascribed unto Him who operates as ‘the Spirit of judgment’ and ‘the Spirit of burning’ (Isa 4:4).”

Will you surrender to the work of the Spirit’s conviction and be obedient to His leading in your life? Please pray about this. It is an

opportunity to examine your own thoughts, to experience the convictions of the Spirit, and to repent in surrender at the foot of the Cross.

Please write your own personal response to this.

“In whomsoever the Spirit of Christ is a Spirit of sanctification, to that man or woman, He hath been more or less a Spirit of conviction and humiliation. John 16:8-9 says, ‘And when he [the Spirit] is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin because they believe not on me.’ Not only is thy conscience terrified and affrighted with this or that more notorious act of sin, but it is also fully convinced of the state of sin that thou art in by reason of thy unbelief.”—John Flavel

Lesson 11 The Spirit Comforting

First please read chapter 14 in the book.

“Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.”—Matthew 11:28

RESPONSE

Several Sequential Steps

1. “The saving work of the Spirit in the heart of God’s elect is a gradual and progressive one, conducting the soul step-by-step in the due method and order of the Gospel to Christ.” Briefly describe what is meant by (what takes place in) each of the sequential steps.
 - a. quickening
 - b. illumination
 - c. conviction
 - d. compunction (godly sorrow)
 - e. faith

Weaned from the World

2. Why does Holy Spirit conviction of sin “wean” the believer from satisfaction in the things of the world?

The Nature of the Spirit’s Comforting in Suffering

3. God brings all His children “to see light in His light: to know and feel that there can be no salvation for them but in the Lord alone.”
What three things are true believers specifically illumined to see?
4. God leads his children, ultimately, to His mercy. In your own words, please list the five steps to God’s mercy derived from Hosea 2:6-15 (as mentioned in the reading), and include the verse reference. (Notice that the steps are not easy!)

Hosea 2:6 “Therefore, behold, I will **hedge up thy way with thorns**, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

2:7-9 “And she shall follow after her lovers, but **she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them**: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now. For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

2:10-13 “And now will I **discover her lewdness** in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also **cause all her mirth to cease**, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. And I will visit upon her the days of Baalum, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.

2:14-15 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and **bring her into the wilderness**, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor [‘trouble’] for a **door of hope**: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.”

5. Why does the Lord allow delays in the lives of true believers before delivering them from suffering, just as He delayed the deliverance of the Hebrews in Egypt?
6. We are assured that “the Holy Spirit does not desert the convicted soul, even in it’s darkest hour.” However, before deliverance is experienced, what is the quickened soul “made to feel?”

No Place for a “Decision” to Be Saved

7. a. What attitude blocks the sinner “from seeing the glory of divine grace?”
b. Why?
8. a. What exactly is true saving “faith?”
b. Who imparts it?
Include Scripture references.

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9. “Ah, my reader, when GOD truly takes a soul in hand, He brings him to *the end of himself*. He not only convicts him of the *worthlessness of his own works*, but He convinces him of the impotence of his will. He not only strips him of the filthy rags of his own self-righteousness, but He empties him of all *self-sufficiency*. He not only enables him to perceive that there is “no good thing” in him (Rom 7:18), but he also

makes him feel he is “*without strength*” (Rom 5:6). Instead of concluding that he is the man whom God will save, he now fears that he is the man who must be lost forever. He is now brought down into the very dust, and made to feel that he is no more able to savingly believe in Christ than he can climb up to Heaven.

“But blessed be His name, the Spirit does not desert the soul when His work is only half done: He who is “the Spirit of life” (Rom 8:2) to quicken the dead, He who is “the Spirit of truth” (Joh 16:13) to instruct the ignorant, is also “the Spirit of faith” (2Co 4:13) to enable us to savingly believe.

The quickened one “is now made conscious of the fact that if ever he is to be saved, the same God who invites him to believe (Isa 45:22), yea, who *commands* him to believe (1Jo 3:23), must also *impart* faith to him (Eph 6:23).”

Have you, or are you now, experiencing this most holy journey with the Spirit? Take a moment to pray and thank Him for His tender mercy and leading in your life. How have you responded to the moving of the Spirit within your own heart? Please write your own personal response to this.

10. What would happen if convicted sinners were left to themselves after conviction? Why?

How the Spirit Comforts

11. a. After a time of suffering under the weight of sin, “how does the Spirit work faith in the convicted sinner’s heart,” i.e., how does the Spirit comfort the quickened child of God? Write a brief summary.
- b. Have you been a “convicted sinner?” If so, in what ways has the Spirit worked these things in your own life?

“The Holy Spirit commends His love to us, that when we grieve Him, by His consolations He recovers us for those ways wherewith He is grieved. This therefore is... an important principle in this part of the mystery of God, that the principle foundation... of this office of a Comforter by the Holy Spirit is His own peculiar... love.”—John Owen

Lesson 12 The Spirit Drawing

First please read chapter 15 in the book.

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”—John 6:44

RESPONSE

Reasons for Ignorance of the Spirit's Drawing

1. “The religion of the vast majority of people today consists merely in an *outward show*, having a name to live among men, but being spiritually dead toward God.” Why - what is missing?
2.
 - a. What fact is almost universally ignored in Christendom today?
 - b. Why do people object to it?
3. “With others the supernatural agency of the Spirit is effectually shut out by the belief that *Truth will prevail*: that if the Word of God be faithfully preached, souls *will be* truly saved.”
 - a. What truly renews the soul?
 - b. What does not renew the soul? *Briefly* explain why.
4.
 - a. What keeps Truth from prevailing on its own?
 - b. Will Truth ultimately prevail in the hearts of men? How and why?

It Is the Spirit Who Draws

5. How do we get ahead of the Spirit in our efforts to serve God?
6. Explain how the Holy Spirit so marvelously “exercises Himself with our sins and holds them up to the eyes of our understanding.”

The Natural Man Rejects God

7. Explain how the “natural man is so completely enslaved by sin... that he is unable to take the first step toward Christ.”
8.
 - a. Prior to deliverance, the sinner rejects God's requirements. Why?
 - b. Write the reference and key point of Luke 14:18.
9. How does the Spirit draw a man unto Himself? Include the Scripture references and key points. (*Note: Jeremiah 31:10 is listed in the book, but should be Jeremiah 31:3.*)

The Spirit's Drawing the Elect

10. *Briefly* explain how the Holy Spirit works in God's elect for each of the following:
 - a. faith
 - b. grace
 - c. supplications
 - d. opening Calvary's fountain of cleansing
 - e. the Father's justification

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11. “Ah, dear reader, it was nothing but the secret and invincible operations of the blessed Spirit which caused you—a wandering prodigal—to seek out Him, whom before you dreaded as a ‘consuming fire.’ Yes, it was none other than the Third Person of the Holy Trinity who drew you with the bands of love, and taught you to call God, “Father” (Rom 8:15)!”

Please write your personal response to this.

“Let us consider the marvelous way and manner in which the Lord draws the souls of poor sinners to Jesus Christ. This blessed work is carried on by the Spirit gradually; bringing the soul step by step in the due method and order of the Gospel to Christ; illumination, conviction, compunction, prepare the way to Christ; and then faith unites the soul to him; without humiliation there can be no faith. Matthew 21:32: ‘ye repented not, that ye might believe.’”—John Flavel

“It is a dangerous grieving of the Spirit, when, instead of drawing us to the Spirit, we will labor to draw the Spirit to ourselves.”—Richard Sibbes

Lesson 13 The Spirit Working Faith

First please read chapter 16 in the book.

*“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”
—Romans 15:13*

RESPONSE

1. a. What is necessary, on our part, to complete the mutual union between Christ and His people?
- b. Is this a “natural act?” Explain your answer.

What Is “Saving Faith”

2. a. Define “faith” as used in ordinary conversation.
- b. Define “saving faith” as given in this section.

Saving Faith Is the Work of the Spirit

3. How does the Holy Spirit show the following:
 - a. That the Scriptures are in fact the Word of God?
 - b. That Christ is the living, personal Word?

How the Spirit Works Saving Faith

4. How does the Spirit work saving faith?

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5. “To God the Holy Spirit be the glory of His sovereign grace in working faith in the heart of the writer and of each Christian reader. You have attained peace and joy in believing, but have you thanked that peace-bringer—‘the Holy Spirit’ (Rom 15:13)? All that ‘joy unspeakable and full of glory’ (1Pe 1:8) and that peace which ‘passeth all understanding’ (Phi 4:7)—to whom is it ascribed? The *Holy Spirit*. It is particularly appropriated to Him: ‘peace and joy in *the Holy Spirit*’ (Rom 14:17 and cf. 1Th 1:6). Then render unto Him the praise which is His due.”

Please write your own personal response to this. How has God changed your understanding of the Holy Spirit as a result of taking this course? Take some time to review all the lessons of this study, *The Holy Spirit, Part 1*.

6. What changes in your own heart have occurred through the work of the Holy Spirit while studying this course?

“The is the whole of what we would assert, and nothing else. ‘That the God our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of glory of his inheritance in this saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe’ Ephesians 1:17-19. And if men would acquiesce by faith in what is here declared, we [would] need to plead this cause no farther, for the words and expressions of the truth here used are more emphatic unto a spiritual understanding than any others we can find”—John Owen.

Now that you have completed this course, it is important to put into practice the new insights which the Lord has given you during your study. Spend some quiet time to think through the course, perhaps in re-reading the main headings and your notes. Because we all tend to forget what we do not review, we suggest to review these main lessons daily for the next week, and at least once per week for the following month. In this way the key spiritual principles can begin to become a part of your life and practice.

This has been Part 1 of the study for the book The Holy Spirit by A. W. Pink. Part 2 (course HS2) covers the remaining chapters in the book, 17-31, including topics which focus on the Spirit's work in sanctification: His indwelling, cleansing (mortification of sin), leading (guidance in decisions), and interceding. Please request this or any of our other courses to continue your study.

*Thank you for taking this course.
May you be encouraged to continue
your studies of God's Word.*

Appendix One: Detailed Course Instructions

If more detail is helpful, please read the following instructions before you begin. These will explain the method of study and guidelines to use toward the completion of this course. Please follow these instructions carefully.

If you have any questions that the instructions do not answer, please contact your local coordinator (or Mount Zion Bible Institute).

1. *Procedure for Taking the Course*

- a. The *reading material* for this course consists of the book provided with this study guide.
- b. Before you begin a lesson, please read completely the corresponding chapter in the related book.
- c. After reading the appropriate chapter, answer the related questions for that lesson in this study guide. The lessons in this course are “open book” exercises. This method of study often enhances learning by removing unnecessary pressure.

In addition, some questions ask for a *personal response*, where the answer will not be found in the reading material. In this case, we ask only for your honesty and best effort.

- d. The questions are designed to be carefully contemplated and thought through. Several of the questions are sensitive; they have to do with your heart relationship with God. So please don't rush through the answers or you will be defeating the purpose of the course! Answer all of the questions as candidly and honestly as you can. The answers are confidential.
- e. Don't go to the next question until you have answered the previous one.

2. *Answer pages*

Try to be concise and as clear as possible in your answers. Please write or type your answers on regular 8.5 x 11 inch (A4 metric) paper, or on the preprinted answer sheets if provided. Please write clearly and neatly, and if possible print. After completion, please store your answer sheets with these booklets for your future reference.

3. *Supplies*

Paper, pen, and Bible are needed to complete your assignments. Usually the King James version is quoted, but you may use another version if you like.

4. *Spiritual Preparation*

Before you begin, it is important that you pray and ask God to reveal the truths that are taught in the lesson. Since you are studying spiritual principles, you need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you understand and obey what you learn (1Co 2:10-14).

5. *Completion of Assignments*

- If you are taking this course with a local coordinator, please follow their instructions.
- If you are taking this course as individual independent study (non-graded), we recommend that you save your answer sheets for future reference. *(Please skip the below instructions numbered 6 and 7).*
- If you are taking this course as a correspondence course, you will be mailing your answer sheets to your course coordinator. Four months are allotted for the completion of this course. You may be granted an extension by contacting your course coordinator.

6. *Only if Correspondent Study*

Mail your answer sheets to your course coordinator: once after completing lessons 1 to 6, and again after lessons 7 to 13. Your lessons will be reviewed and returned as soon as possible. Only mail the answer sheets, not the questions. They will be graded and returned to you by regular mail. ***Please make sure you write your name, student number, course title, and lesson number on each answer sheet.*** *Please see the sample page after the Table of Contents at front.*

Headings should be in the following format:

Your name student number course HS1 lesson number.

7. *Grading System (only if correspondent study)*

Spiritual success is not measured by obtaining a high grade point average, but by growth in grace, a holy life, obedience, and Christ-likeness to the glory of God alone. Therefore, the prime motivation in taking this course is to please God alone, by the actual change for good produced in one's life. There are no letter or number grades such as "A" or "100" to be earned. The grader will offer comments, suggestions, or direction from scripture in response to the answers. Some answers will have no comments because the answer is correct or is of a personal nature and therefore has no "right" or "wrong" answer. (Other courses may be graded by a different method than described here.)