

**LESSON 162**

**Egermeier's Story:**

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**Memory Verse:** I Corinthians 15:4 "...and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...." NASB

**Scripture:** Acts 1:15-2:47

**Teaching Resource:**

New Testament Overview Section 6 The Holy Spirit & The Early Church  
Bible Study Guide for All Ages Lessons 112-113

**Doctrinal Emphasis:** The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

**Key Theme:** *The third person of the Trinity is God in every sense and a person to which every believer relates.*

The Holy Spirit is God in the fullest sense and is a personality, not an influence; He is represented by many symbols and has a unique role in the universe, in salvation, and in the life of the believer.

The doctrine of the Holy Spirit covers much and cannot be exhausted in a small presentation. The person of the Holy Spirit is deeply involved in all that God designs. He was present at creation, for He "was moving over the surface of the waters(Genesis 1:2)." He was present in the Old Testament—in Psalm 139:7, David declares that he cannot escape the presence of the Spirit. He is evident in salvation, for it is by the Spirit that we are sealed (II Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30). The Holy Spirit was present at the baptism of Jesus (John 1:32-33). He was intermittently present with Old Testament believers but permanently present in New Testament church age believers. (Compare Psalm 51:11 with John 14:17, 26; 15:26; 16:13). The Spirit teaches us (I Corinthians 2:13), gives us gifts of wisdom or knowledge or faith (I Corinthians 12:7-9), and it is by the Spirit that we are "baptized into one body," regardless of national origin or station in life (I Corinthians 12:13).

The Holy Spirit is represented by many symbols in Scripture. He is represented by wind in John 3:8, as a dove in Luke 3:22, as water in John 7:37-39, as a seal or signet ring impression in II Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30. He is

the “pledge” or guarantee of our inheritance in Ephesians 1:14, represented as oil in Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38, as fire in Acts 2:2-4, and as clothing in Luke 24:49.

There are many books written on the subject of the Holy Spirit. One of the most comprehensive yet concise is the booklet entitled *The Holy Spirit* written by Chester A. McCalley. It is strongly suggested that this book be read and reread, studied in detail in preparation to teach the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. The book covers all aspects of the Spirit and His character, personality, and work, especially in the believer’s life and relationship to God. It is available through Word of Truth and in the book rack at Beth Haven Church.