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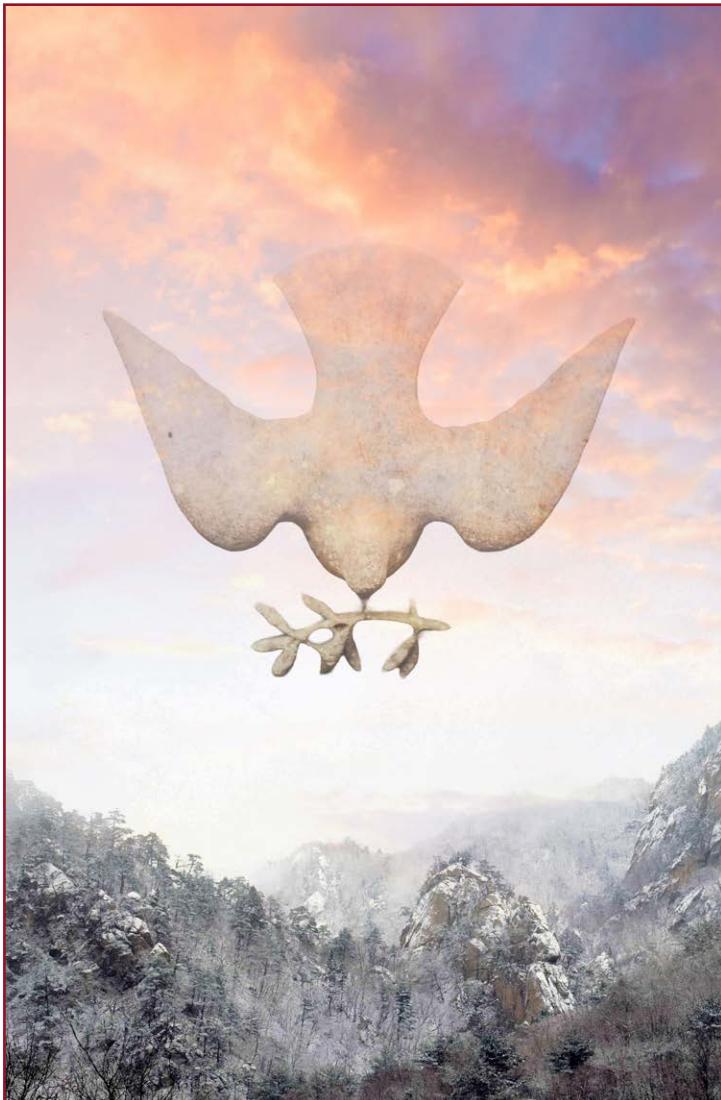


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## The Political Leaders Weekly Bible Study

*Elected in Eternity: BASIC BIBLE STUDIES FOR NEW BELIEVERS — PART 4 OF 12*

# The Holy Spirit



In your constantly over-demanding life in the Capitol, you surely have times when you feel dry and depleted. During these times of drought, Satan tempts us in our weakest areas, and we are apt to sin.

Find your strength in God and His Word every day. The one remedy for a parched spirit is to drink from the well of the Word and find your solace in Him. The Capitol culture creates much autonomy, so if you need a confidant and/or some encouragement, feel free to reach out to your Ministry Leader. He struggles like you at times, and it's likely he can relate to your needs.

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**Lizarella Valiente**  
National Senator, Paraguay



*Senator Lizarella Valiente at the launch of Capitol Ministries Paraguay:*

“It was an honor to have been part of the launch of Capitol Ministries, at this historic moment, where faith and leadership come together to transform nations. We are deeply grateful for Capitol Ministries, former U.S. Secretary of Labor Alex Acosta, Director for Latin America Oscar Zamora, Pastor Miguel Ortigoza, and all the authorities and leaders who joined this movement of God.

“Why is this call crucial? Because God is calling for courageous leaders who bring biblical principles to the public sphere, transformed authorities who govern with divine wisdom, and agents of change who impact societies from places of decision-making.”

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Holy Spirit is God. The Bible identifies Him as one of three Persons existing as one God, that is, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This lesson will focus on who the Holy Spirit is, as well as His presence and ministry in the believer’s life.

**II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON**

**A. RECOGNIZED AS A PERSON**

Personal pronouns like “He” or “Him” are used to refer to the Holy Spirit rather than “it.” *That is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you* (John 14:17).

List the number of times “He” or “Him” is used in John 14:17 to refer to the Holy Spirit:

**B. ATTRIBUTE OF PERSONALITY: INTELLECT**

The Holy Spirit possesses the ability to know and understand reality. *And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God* (Romans 8:27).

The Holy Spirit has a \_\_\_\_\_.

*For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God* (1 Corinthians 2:10).

The Holy Spirit searches \_\_\_\_\_.

*For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God* (1 Corinthians 2:11).

The Holy Spirit knows \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. ATTRIBUTE OF PERSONALITY: EMOTION**

The Holy Spirit possesses the ability to experience emotion. *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption* (Ephesians 4:30).



What emotion is attributed to the Holy Spirit?

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## John 14:16

*"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever."*

### D. ATTRIBUTE OF PERSONALITY: VOLITION

The Holy Spirit possesses the ability to determine or act decisively. In the following three passages, identify the decision or judgment that demonstrates the Holy Spirit's attribute of volition.

*But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ... But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills* (1 Corinthians 12:7, 11).

*While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them"* (Acts 13:2).

*"For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell"* (Acts 15:28–29).

## III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

### A. ATTRIBUTES

#### The Holy Spirit: Attributes of Deity

- **Omniscient**—All-knowing (Isaiah 40:13–14)
- **Omnipresent**—Present everywhere (Psalm 139:7)
- **Eternal**—Without beginning or end (Hebrews 9:14)
- **Truth**—Veracity; integrity (1 John 5:7, John 16:13)



Thankful for the  
Holy Spirit's presence  
in our lives!





## MINISTRY LEADER PROFILE

## Julian Robert Kivori

Director, South Pacific  
Ministry Leader,  
Papua New Guinea



Dr. Julian Robert Kivori, a seminary-trained senior pastor who has a deep background in ministry, preaching, evangelism, counseling, and church planting, has been named CapMin's Director for the South Pacific.

In this position, Dr. Kivori, who speaks four languages, is responsible for growing Capitol Ministries in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Samoa, Tonga, and many other island nations and territories.

Dr. Kivori is a resident of Papua New Guinea, which, on March 12, 2025, was declared a Christian nation through a constitutional amendment. With 98 percent of the population identifying as Christian, many political public servants know about Jesus Christ, having learned about Him in childhood, but as Dr. Kivori notes, they do not walk in His ways.

"I have not heard of any other

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### B. STATEMENTS OF DEITY

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty* (2 Corinthians 3:17).

What key statement shows that the Holy Spirit is God? *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God"* (Acts 5:3–4).

To what can lying to the Holy Spirit be compared?

### IV. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the following passages, how is the Holy Spirit active?

*You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;  
And You renew the face of the ground* (Psalm 104:30).

*But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God* (2 Peter 1:20–21).

### The Holy Spirit Bears Witness of Christ

- Attests that Jesus is the Christ (John 15:26)
- Will disclose or reveal Christ (John 16:14)
- Will not speak of Himself (John 16:13)

### V. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SALVATION

One of the most important areas of the Spirit's work is with respect to God's plan of salvation. What special work does the Holy Spirit do? *"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come*



*to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:7–8).*

By whom are sinners born into God’s kingdom? *Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and 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. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:5–8).*

What work does the Spirit do when a person is saved? *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 3:5–6).*

*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13).*

**The baptism by the Spirit  
occurs only once—  
at the time of salvation.**

How does the Holy Spirit guarantee a believer’s salvation? *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:13–14).*

An explanation about the sealing of the Holy Spirit is in order. A seal was an ancient device, usually a signet ring or a cylinder seal engraved with the owner’s name or with a particular design. This device was used to seal goods, demonstrate ownership, attest to a document’s authenticity, or physically impress upon something an early form of a

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ministry that focuses on national leaders and senior public servants,” Dr. Kivori said. “I am grateful to God for being introduced to Capitol Ministries which has a focused mission mandate to political leaders in every nation.

“Capitol Ministries drives home the knowledge of Jesus Christ from the head to the heart so that the heart can be transformed to make better and godly decisions for the people.”

Dr. Kivori has also been named Papua New Guinea Ministry Leader and in that role, will be establishing weekly Bible studies to members of the national government in Port Moresby where he lives and pastors.

One of Dr. Kivori’s visions for his home nation is to establish weekly Bible studies in the government’s 25 departments. “This can be achieved through reaching out to the secretaries of those individual departments and propose to them to start a Bible Study. My immediate task is to identify the insiders whilst preparing the outsiders for the task of leading Bible Studies.”

Gifted in leadership and administration, Dr. Kivori has more than 20 years of experience in cultivating and shepherding the church community. He began a career in automotive electrical in 1990, but soon shifted his interest and educational pursuits to theology.

“I gave my life to the Lord on the 22nd of August 1990,” he said. “In 1993, I left my job as an auto

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electrical apprentice and went into missionary training.”

In 1994, he served in pastoral and church planting ministries at a Papua New Guinea-Indonesia border village. Two years later, he was sent as a student tent-maker missionary to Indonesia where he also studied theology via a seminary associated with Dallas Theological Seminary. Ministry in Indonesia consisted of student ministry, prayer drives, one-to-one evangelism, and church planting projects among certain unreached people groups.

Returning to Papua New Guinea in 2009, he was appointed as the youth pastor at Boroko Baptist Church and rose to the senior pastor role in 2019. He left the church in 2021. He earned a bachelor’s degree in theology (BTh) in 2001 from the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Indonesia in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He pursued Indonesian language education in preparation of earning a master’s degree from the Ganesha State University of Singaraja, Bali in 2008.

In 2013 he pursued a doctorate degree through a Pacific Cohort Program with Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. Instruction was provided through Fuller’s School of Intercultural Studies (formerly Missiology, School of World Missions). He graduated in 2020 with a Doctorate in Intercultural Studies (DIS) which today is a Doctor of Global Leadership (DGL).

Dr. Kivori met his wife, Rachel,

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trademark. The seal indicated ownership and security. Here in Ephesians, the seal represents the guarantee of future blessings. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is God’s promise of our inheritance in the future! What a wonderful assurance!

## VI. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER’S LIFE

What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the believer? *However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him* (Romans 8:9).

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Is it possible to be a Christian and not be indwelled by the Holy Spirit?

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What is another ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer? *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words* (1 Corinthians 2:12–13).

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What caution is given to all believers in regard to the Spirit? *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption* (Ephesians 4:30).

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*Do not quench the Spirit* (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

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*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit* (Ephesians 5:18).

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Colossians 3:16 records the same attributes listed in Ephesians 5:18. What, however, is the command in this passage? *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God* (Colossians 3:16).

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Accordingly, are *being filled with the Spirit* and *letting the Word of Christ dwell in you richly* the same concept?

How does a Christian keep from sinning? *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh* (Galatians 5:16).

When a believer is filled with the Holy Spirit, he will exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law*” (Galatians 5:22–23). List these nine qualities:

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Are you exhibiting those qualities in your own life?

## VII. APPLICATION

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19–20: *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*

What significance does this passage have for you?

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What do you need to do to glorify God in your body?

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May God bless your daily study of His Word. Develop the habit; there is no more important one in all of life.

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at the same Bible seminary in Indonesia, her home country. Dr. Kivori describes his wife as “a natural bridge-builder in relationships and a great recruiter for ministry with a giftedness in evangelism.” Rachel helps in church ministry as well as running events for Ellel Ministries. The couple has a son, Jathniel Raja.

Dr. Kivori currently serves as the senior pastor of Tokarara Christian Fellowship, an energetic evangelical congregation based in Port Moresby that is affiliated with the Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea. His people and those in the church network affectionately call him Pastor Julian.

While maintaining a full schedule, Dr. Kivori is eager to add the responsibilities involved in increasing ministries to public servants in the South Pacific Island nations.

“My prayer is for God, through His Holy Spirit, to convict our national leaders and public servants to see their need of an in-depth study of the Word of God which will help and guide their decision making,” he said.

“Generally, our knowledge of God is still shallow; it is still head knowledge; we need an experiential knowledge of God which comes through an in-depth study of His Word which transforms the heart.”



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