

Introduction: Why study the Holy Spirit?

- Our culture demands it.
- The Church requires it.

1. What did Jesus teach about the Holy Spirit?

- The context – John 14:1-6,18
- Jesus' promise – John 14:16-17, 23-26
- Jesus' rationale – John 16:7, 12-15
- Jesus command – Acts 1:4-8

Summary: The promise of the Holy Spirit is that all believers would receive the indwelling presence and resurrection power of the glorified Christ within us forever!

2. Who, then, exactly is the Holy Spirit?

1. He is a _____ not an influence.
Evidenced by...

- Intelligence – 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
- Feelings – Ephesians 4:30
- A Will – 1 Corinthians 12:11

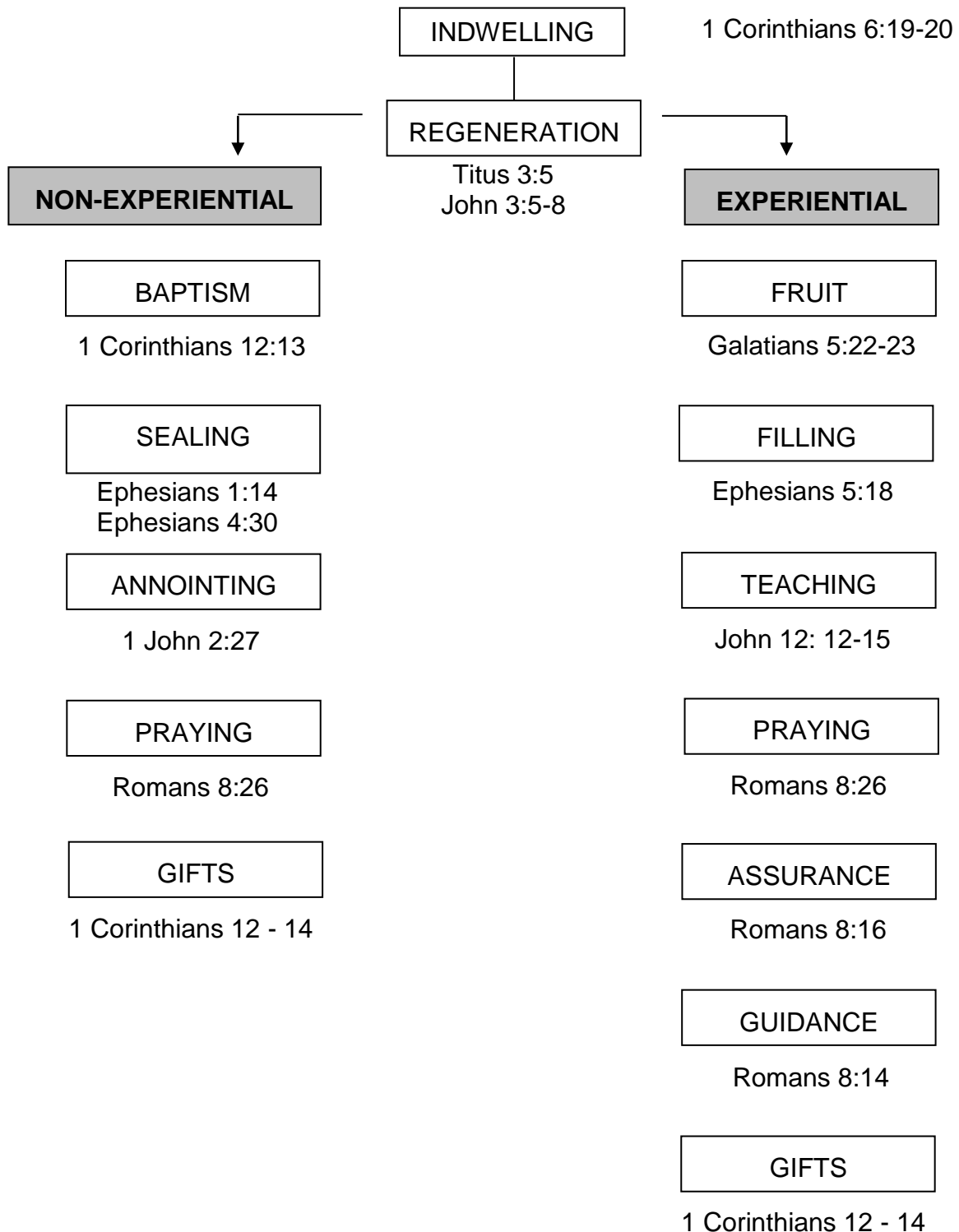
2. He possesses the _____ of God.

- Omnipotent – Genesis 1
- All-Knowing – 1 Corinthians 2
- Omnipresent – Psalm 139
- The Truth – 1 John 4

3. He is _____. Co-Equal, Co-Existent, and Co-Eternal
with the Father and Son.

Acts 5:3-4
2 Corinthians 3:17

3. What exactly does the Holy Spirit do in a believer's life?



4. When and how does someone receive the Holy Spirit today?

- At _____ – John 3:5-8
- All _____ have the Holy Spirit – Romans 8:9

Note: Compare the transitional, irregular, pattern of receiving the Holy Spirit in Acts 2, 8, 10, 19 with the consistent instruction of the Epistles. Reference: *Baptism and Fullness: The Work of the Holy Spirit Today* by John Stott

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit?
2. Why is it possible for us to have a more intimate relationship with Jesus than the early disciples?
3. Who has the Holy Spirit and for how long?
4. How could recognizing, moment by moment, WHO dwells within you impact your life? Attitudes? Worries? Fear? Relationships? Prayers? Self-image?