



# Walking with the Spirit through the Book of Acts

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# Schedule

April 7	The Holy Spirit
April 14	Acts 1
April 21	Acts 2
April 28	Acts 3
May 5	Acts 4
May 12	BREAK (Mother's Day)
May 19	Acts 5



# Who is the Holy Spirit?

## I. The 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 proceeds 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; NASB)

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in **the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**” (Matt 28:19; NASB)

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

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## 2. The Spirit is advocate

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; the Helper 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 remains with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17; NASB)

“These things I have spoken to you while remaining with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.” (John 14:25; NASB)

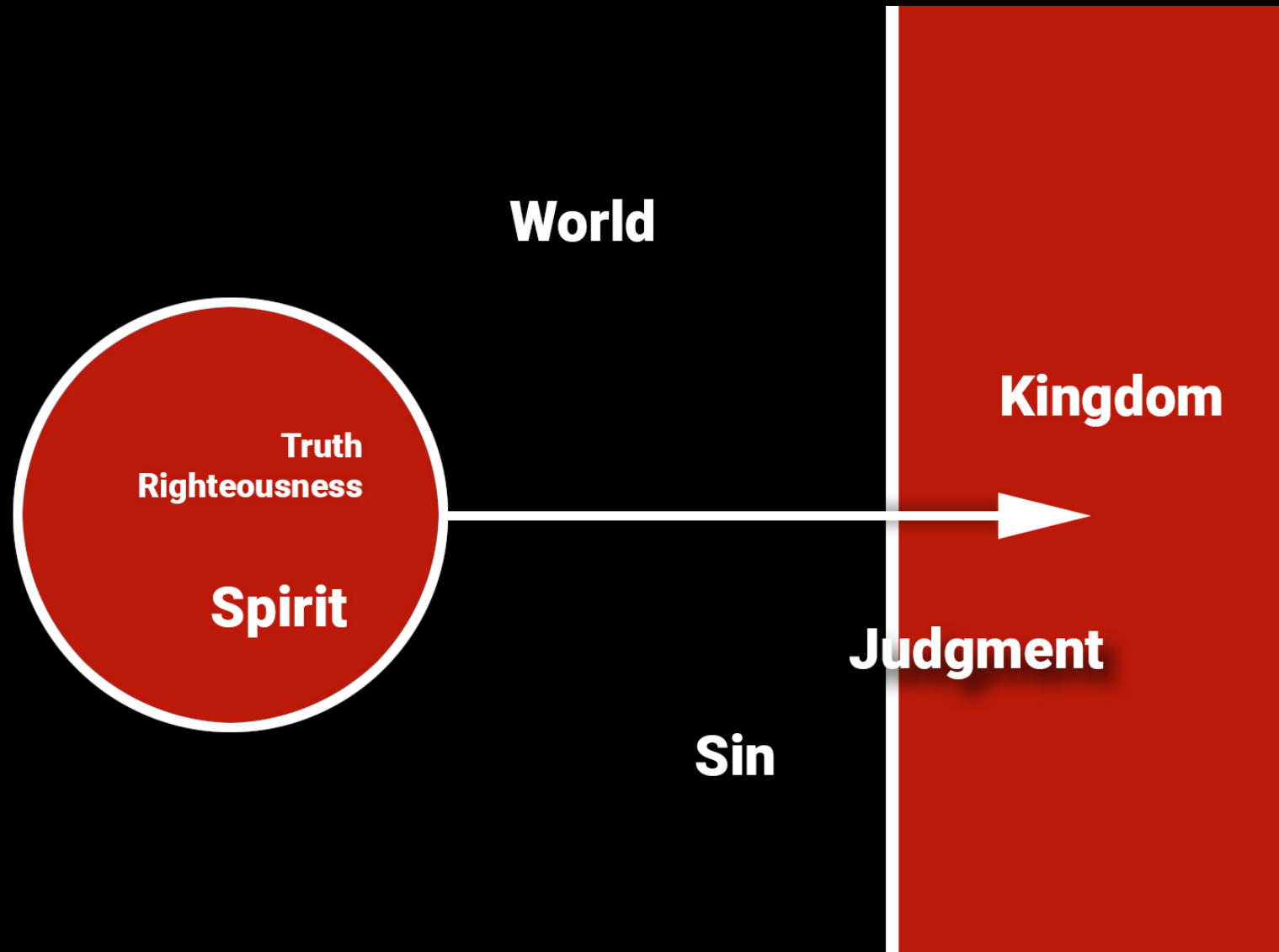


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But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment: regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer are going to see Me; and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them at the present time. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose it to you. (John 16:7-15; NASB)

# The Holy Spirit in the World



# Who is the Holy Spirit?

## 3. The Spirit is our guide through the journey of life

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want. . . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit as well. (Gal 5:16-25; NASB)



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But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

(2 Cor 3:18; NASB)

They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, after being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. (Acts 16:6; NASB)





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3. The Spirit is our guide through the journey of life

And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that chains and afflictions await me. (Acts 20:22-23; NASB)

After looking up the disciples, we stayed there for seven days; and they kept telling Paul, through the Spirit, not to set foot in Jerusalem. (Acts 21:4; NASB)



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4. The Spirit is a source of power for His purposes

So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? (Gal 3:5; NASB)

and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. (1 Cor 2:4; NASB)

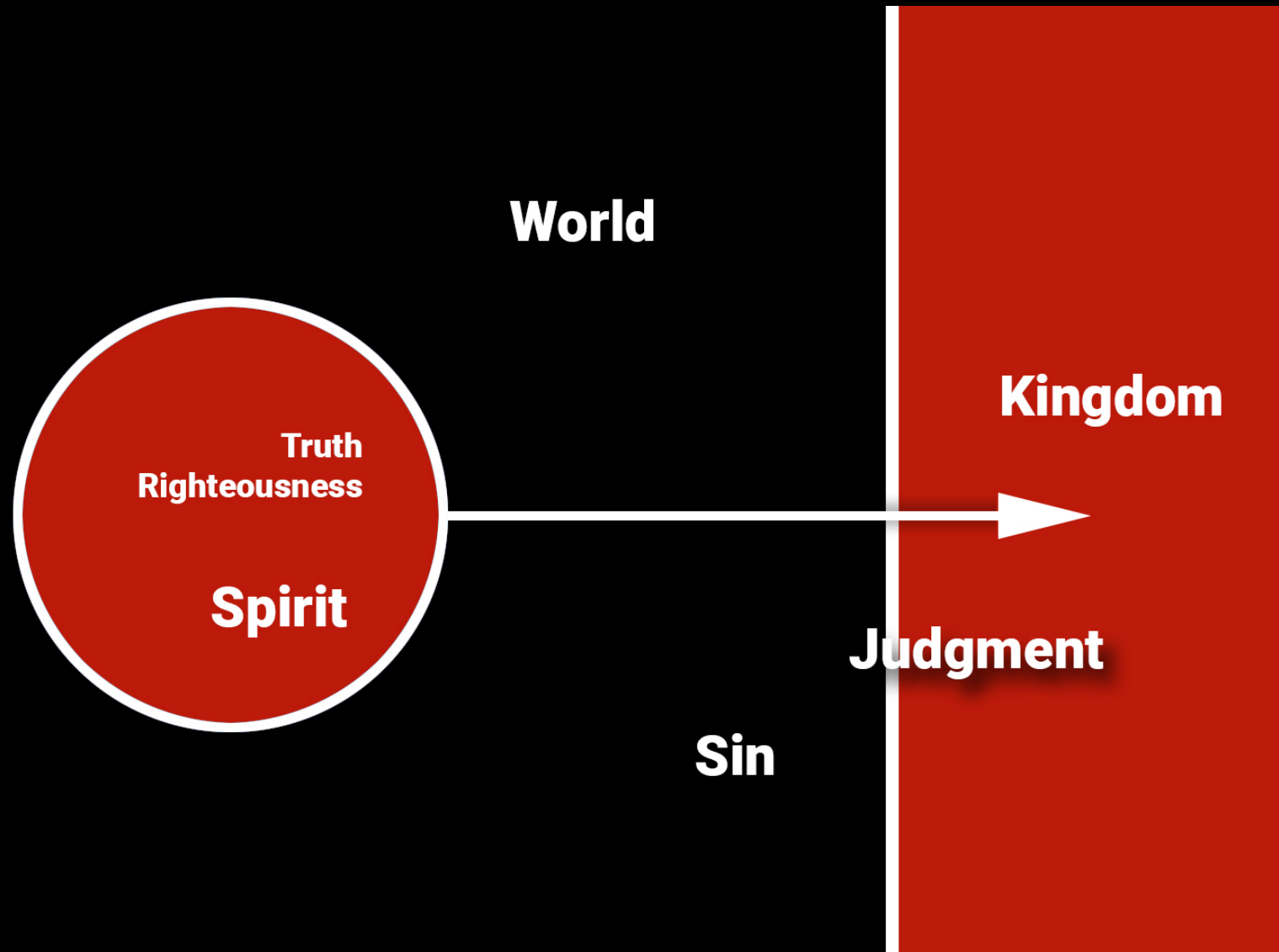


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Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. (1 Cor 12:4-11; NASB)

# The Holy Spirit in Today's World





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1. Conviction about sin / virtual spaces and flexible morality
2. Focus on the material (bodily comfort) / detachment from the true self (spiritual)
3. Focus on the moment (pleasure) / detachment from judgment (destiny)

