

Illustrations of the Holy Spirit

1. Clothing - _____ - Luke 24:29

Application:

We are clothed with God's omnipotent power.

That one who has suffered defeat in the service of God, whose enemies crucified and mocked him, one who out of the depths of dereliction cried aloud to God, could reveal the almighty power of God—what human understanding, or what human imagination, would have conceived such an idea? Emil Brunner

A Spirit filled follower of Jesus means to have _____ to omnipotent power.

2. _____ - Peace and Immutability

The Holy Spirit who is invisible manifested himself in a way that looked like a dove.

A dove is a symbol of 2 things in Scripture.

1. _____ – remember the story of Noah.
2. Genuineness or purity. – Matt. 10:16

Application:

1. _____ within you, as a believer is a God of peace.

God does not cause confusion, disorder, dismay, catastrophic hopelessness but is intimately active in well-ordered, fully controlled actions in all events with perfect wisdom, knowledge and power.

2. God is _____.

A Spirit filled follower of Jesus means to have peace and a real communion with God.

3. Seal and _____ - Faithful

2 Corinthians 1:21–22 , Ephesians 1:13–14

Pledge – the first installment at the time of purchase with the guarantee of complete payment later.

Seal – To mark or _____

Application:

I need to focus on His incredible faithfulness to me in the past, present and in the future. God has never quit on me, He has never left me nor forsaken me – even in my darkest moments. He has promised to carry me all the way to the completion of my salvation. It is always been His work and His way.

A Spirit filled follower of Jesus means to sense the _____ that the Holy Spirit's faithfulness brings.

4. _____ - Holiness - Acts 2:2-3

God showed Himself many times in the OT in fire.

Application:

It is because of the holiness of God that the sacrifice of Jesus was so incredible and the indwelling of the Spirit so necessary. The work of our Savior and the Spirit allows us as broken people who were once damned to an eternal hell to come before God and have the ability to kneel before His throne and worship Him forever.

A Spirit filled follower of Jesus senses the roaring blaze of the Spirit within and are compelled with _____ to live holy lives.

5. _____ – Providence - Zechariah 4:1-6

The Holy Spirit will accomplish His will in all humanity for the purpose of the glory of God. He is intimately involved in all things moving them forward, without doubt and yet not interfering with the will of man. In the end, all things will happen as God wills and nothing man can do will stop it.

Application:

Your life and this world while seemingly feels like it is out of _____ is never beyond the controlling hand of God.

A Spirit filled follower of Jesus never forgets their responsibility to live holy but also live knowing of the providential work of God.

6. _____ – Eternality - John 7:37-39

Symbol of Eternal life – John 4:14

Application:

The Holy Spirit of God will never cease to exist therefore His sustaining, providential control over all things and events is guaranteed. He stands above all time and someday will make an end to time and yet we will never lose our security or awe of God.

A Spiritual filled follower of Jesus will live on God's _____ and timetable.

7. _____ - Sovereignty - John 3:8

Since the word, "spirit" can be translated wind or spirit, it seems natural to have it as an illustration.

The English word *pneumatic* comes from the Greek word *pneuma*.

Application:

The Sovereign rule of God

Neither the willful malicious acts nor the unintended mistakes of people can thwart God's purpose for us.

God never makes mistakes and He has no regrets.

God has a purpose and plan for you and has the power to carry it out.

A Spirit filled follower of Jesus knows that God never _____ pain.

Finally:

Don't you love how God uses objects that we understand and know to explain Himself, who is beyond comprehension?

We need to be constantly reminded of the Holy Spirit's work as we live our day.

When we put on our clothes – are we clothed with His power?

When you wash your hands – am I trusting in His timetable?

When you sign a document – He has never broken a promise and never will

When you feel the wind – God is has never lost nor ever will lose control.

The incredibly wonderful doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

He indwells every believer.

You were baptized in the Spirit at the moment of salvation and placed into the body of Christ.

We are to be under His control and filled so that we can be led by the Spirit.

Then He produces the fruit of the Spirit demonstrated through the gifts of the Spirit.