

**Supernatural Someone:
Who is He?**

May 15-May 21, 2006

Scripture: I Corinthians 2:10-16, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Acts 5

Engage

Connecting Scripture with Everyday Life

CORE COMPETENCIES

Core Beliefs

- **Trinity**

"I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

- Salvation by Grace
- Authority of Bible
- Personal God
- Identity in Christ
- Church
- Humanity
- Compassion
- Eternity
- Stewardship

Core Practices

- Worship
- Prayer
- Bible Study
- Single-Mindedness
- Biblical Community
- Spiritual Gifts
- Giving Away My Time
- Giving Away My Money
- Giving Away My Faith
- Giving Away My Life

Core Virtues

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness/Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control
- Hope
- Humility

Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! What is it? No, not Superman, Batman, or any other comic book hero. We're talking about the Holy Spirit—the 3rd member of the Trinity—God Himself! Often cloaked in mystery and frequently clouded by confusing teaching, the Holy Spirit has been an obscure figure for many of us. But who He is and what He offers to us is so remarkable and transforming that we simply can't afford to be hazy about the Spirit. I pray that as we dig in to God's Word and look at the remarkable things that the Holy Spirit does and desires to do in our lives, we'll be not only inspired but deeply transformed. Let's fall in love together with the often neglected member of the God-head—the Holy Spirit!

In Him,

Richard Gotthardt, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Monday

As we begin an in-depth look at the Holy Spirit, begin by praying that you would have a deeper understanding who the Spirit truly is and the role that He plays in our lives.

Write a brief statement describing your current understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what His role is.

How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your daily life?

What is hard for you to grasp about the Holy Spirit or His work?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:14. This is a short closing verse at the end of 2 Corinthians, but it teaches us several important truths about the Holy Spirit. Reread the verse and list these truths.

Close your time by asking God to help you notice the Holy Spirit's work in your life today.

Tuesday

How did you see the Holy Spirit's work in your life yesterday?

For the next two days, we will look at I Corinthians 2 to gain a deeper understanding of the Spirit. In the first few chapters of 1 Corinthians, Paul is chiding the church for allowing their devotion to individual teachers to create division among them. He reminds them that they were all sinners called by God to follow Him. Keep this in mind as you read chapter 2

Read I Corinthians 2. Underline all of the times the word *Spirit* is used.

Reread verses 4-5. How did Paul present the message to the Corinthians?

How did this affect the faith of the Corinthian believers?

How is your life, lived through the power of the Holy Spirit, causing those around you to believe in God's power in their own lives?

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Today we will focus on verses 10-16. Reread these verses.

What role does the Spirit play in our relationship with God the Father?

Spend some time thanking the Spirit for His role demonstrated in the following ways in your life:

The Holy Spirit enables you to...

- comprehend the truth of salvation found in Christ (vs. 12)
- understand and submit to God's plans and purposes that are beyond our own understanding (vs. 11)
- understand spiritual truths found in God's Word. (vs. 13)

Because of the Holy Spirit's role, we can rely on Him to bring understanding in confusion. Describe an area of your life in which you are experiencing confusion or disappointment regarding God's purposes or plans?

Close your time by asking the Spirit to help you understand the mind of Christ in regard to your life circumstances today.

Thursday

Today we will look at another role that the Holy Spirit plays in our lives.

Read Acts 5:1-10.

Briefly summarize the events described in this section of scripture.

What sin did Ananias and Sapphira commit?

It wasn't wrong for them to keep some of the money for the land, but they lied to the other believers about it and in doing so lied to the Spirit. What did this lie demonstrate about the state of Ananias and Sapphira's hearts?

Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any areas of your heart or life in which you are withholding from Him. Confess these to God and ask Him for forgiveness.

What actions might the Spirit ask you to take in order to demonstrate a heart that is fully devoted to God?

Friday

Reread 2 Corinthians 13:14.

Paul's last words in this letter to the church at Corinth are a reminder of the reality of the full nature of the Godhead. He asks that they experience the unmerited grace of Jesus, the deep love of God, the almighty Father and the close intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Reflect back on the last week. List several specific ways you saw the Spirit at work in your life—helping you to understand the work of God, words of Scripture, convicting your heart of sin.

Thank the Spirit for the intimate fellowship that is available in Him. Pray, asking God to open you up to a fuller understanding and experience of the Spirit's power in your life as we enter into this new series, *Supernatural*.