

Session One  
(Lesson 1)

**The Two Spirits**

Scripture reading: John 3:6; 4:24; Rom. 8:16; Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 1:10; 3:9-11;  
John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Zech 12:1; John 20:22; 14:17

**I The Bible reveals to us two distinct “spirits”—the divine Spirit and the human spirit-John 3:6; 4:24; Rom. 8:16.**

**II. God has an eternal purpose-Gen. 1:26-27; Eph, 3:10-11:**

- A. He created man in His image-for His expression.
- B. He gave man His dominion-for His representation, thus dealing with His enemy.

**III. God's economy is the way God fulfills His eternal purpose-Eph, 1:10; 3:8-9; 1 Tim. 1:4:**

- A. God's economy (*oikonomia*) is God's household administration, His plan, His arrangement to distribute the food to the members of His household.
- B. In God's economy, He dispenses Himself as life, as life supply, and as everything to them.
- C. Out of His economy, many believers are being produced to be the components of the Body of God's Son for a full expression of the triune God.

**IV. God's way to dispense Himself into us is by:**

- A. Passing through a process to become the life-giving Spirit-John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
- B. Creating a human spirit within man-Zech 12:1:
  - 1. By believing into Christ we receive Him as the life-giving Spirit into our human spirit, thus regenerating us, making our spirit the mingled spirit-John 3:6; 4:24; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17.
  - 2. From this mingled spirit, God carries out His organic salvation in us-Rom. 5:10.
  - 3. In this way we will fulfill God's eternal economy.

**FOCUS:** The major burdens in this lesson are (1) to impress the young people that everything begins and issues out of God's eternal purpose, and (2) to help the young people see that the two spirits-the Holy Spirit of God and the human spirit of man-are the key to every experience of Christ as life and to the accomplishment of God's eternal purpose.

**SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSES:**

John 3:6; 4:24; Rom. 8:16; Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 3:9-11