

The Holy Spirit
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The Holy Spirit is a real person
 He is the third person of the Godhead.
 We see Holy Spirit has a role in creation
 Genesis 1:2

The earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

We see Holy Spirit and a role in the creation of man.
 Genesis 2:7 Then Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The word “breath” in Hebrew also means spirit.

Throughout the Old Testament you can see presence of Holy Spirit when He came upon people like Samson, Gideon, David.

When Jesus comes to earth we see the Holy Spirit is with him. In Luke 3:21 Jesus is baptized and the Holy Spirit comes as a dove. Right after that in Luke 4:1 Jesus being filled with the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the Wilderness.

Jesus was constantly talking about how He had the father where one, and how he did not do anything unless he saw His Father do it.

John 14:16

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

John 16:7-8

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

John 14:12

12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

Mark 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature

Luke 24:49

49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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Acts 2

The Holy Spirit was given the special responsibility of

1. Taking the place of Jesus on the earth
2. Revealing and showing Jesus to the World
3. Demonstrating and doing the works Jesus did

In John chapters 14, 15, and 16 the Holy Spirit is called “parakletos” by Jesus meaning Comforter, standby, advocate, intercessor, teacher, friend, guide, counselor, strengthener, leader, helper, and partner.

Holy Spirit has the qualities of a person:

He has a mind	Romans 8:27
He has a will	1 Cor 12:11
He has emotions	Rom 15:30
He speaks	Acts 13:2
He bears witness and testifies	John 15:26; Rom 8:16
He prays and makes intercession	Rom 8:26

The Holy Spirit has the feelings of person

He can be grieved	Eph 4:30
He can be insulted	Heb 10:29
He can be lied to	Acts 5:3
He can be blasphemed	Matt. 12:31, 32
He can be resisted	Acts 7:51
He can be vexed	Is. 63:10
He can be quenched	1 Thess 5:19

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person indwelling the Christian, and working within him to fulfill the will of God.

One of the greatest things we need is to understand and possess is a personal relationship with the Third Person of the trinity- God, the Holy Spirit.

To really know Him.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

Water- Life giving flow	John 7:38, 39; Is. 44.3
Fire-Holiness of God	Matt 3:11; Is.4:4; Acts 2:3
Wind or Breath- new life, revival, renewal inspiration	Acts 2:2; John 3:8; Job 32:8
Oil- anointing	Ps. 23:5; Ps. 92:10; Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38

Dove- nature of purity, peace etc Matt. 3:16; Luke 3:22
 The Finger of God- power, specific areas Luke 11:20; Matthew 12:28

The ministry of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit draws people to Jesus	John 16:8-11, 14
Regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit	Titus 3:5; John 3:3-5
The Holy Spirit dwells with every believer	1 Cor. 6:19; Rom 8:9
The Holy Spirit seals the believer	Eph. 1:13, 14; Eph 4:30
A seal is an insigne of possession. Possessed by Holy Spirit	
The spirit infills the believer	Eph. 5:18; Acts 2:4
Believers are guided by the Holy Spirit	Rom 8:14; Gal. 5:16
The Holy Spirit empowers the believer	Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit wants to aid you, assist you, help you, guide you, lead you, give you revelation of scripture, release his gifts through you, give you boldness, teach you, strengthen you, refresh you, empower you, anoint you, protect you, fellowship with you, help you pray, give you rest, give you wisdom, reveal Jesus in your life, be your friend, and comfort you.

You can't: love God or walk in love without the Holy Spirit helping you. Rom 5:5
 Obey God 1 Peter 1:22
 Worship God Phil 3:3 John 4:24
 Pray effectively Rom.8:26 Jude 20
 Preach God's word with anointing 1 Pet. 1:12
 Witness for Jesus Christ and reach the lost Acts 1:8
 Cast out demons Matt. 12:28 have joy Rom 14:17
 Have victory over the flesh Gal. 5:16

The New Testament Commands us to:

Walk in the Spirit Be Filled with the Spirit Live in the Spirit Be led and
 guided by the Spirit Pray in the Spirit Minister under the anointing of the Spirit
 Operate in the Gifts of the Spirit Worship in the Spirit Manifest the Fruit of the
 Spirit Experience the communion of the spirit sing in the Spirit

If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit. How much more do we need Him?

The communion of the Holy Spirit. What does it mean?

It means presence- we are to experience and carry the presence of God upon our lives.

It means fellowship- this means spending time together.

It means sharing together- talking things over

It means partnership- participation with the Holy Spirit

It means intimacy- getting closer to God.

It means friendship- he is your loyal friend, sticking closer than a brother.

It means comradeship- (governor, commander, captain, and ruler) in the sense that he rules, directs, and governs your life.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a supernatural equipping with power from heaven to empower the Christian for effective witness and service.

Acts 2:1-4

2:1 And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 1:8

8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit will give you the Endowment of power to do the works of Jesus on earth.

It will give you the anointing and the spiritual enablement to move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Through the baptism in the Holy Spirit we receive God's power to:

Heal the sick, cast out demons, do supernatural miracles, witness and win the lost, boldly preach the gospel, flow in the supernatural gifts of the spirit.

Acts 1:8 says "You shall receive power"

We need to be clothed in this power.

Religion cannot set our generation free from demon spirits or the works of the devil- we need Holy Spirit power!

Reasons why God wants us to flow in His power

To show forth His great love and compassion in meeting the needs of suffering humanity- the sick, the lost, the possessed, the oppressed, the afflicted, and the hopeless.

To evangelize the world, and reach the unreached.

To destroy the works of the devil, and set people free from bondage and demonic forces.

To supernaturally build up, strengthen, and edify the church.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate and subsequent experience following salvation. Acts 8:12-17

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. **13** Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed. **14** Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized [a]in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a free gift available for every Christian and is received by faith. Luke 11:13; Acts 2:38-39

The Lord Jesus Christ is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. Matt. 3:11
Jesus promised all believers rivers of living water- the Bible experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. John 7:38

Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the believer speaking in tongues. Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6

What the New Testament Teaches

On the day of Pentecost, the 120 believers were filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues. Acts 2:4

Eight years after Pentecost, the new converts in Samaria received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Acts 8:12-19

The believers at Samaria received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. Although “tongues” is not mentioned, we know that Simon “saw” supernatural evidence that the new converts had received the Holy Spirit.

At Damascus, three days after being born again, Paul revived the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Acts 9:17

Paul received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands, and although tongues in not mentioned, we know clearly from scripture that he did speak in tongues.

1 Cor 14:18

Ten years after Pentecost, Cornelius and the gentiles received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Acts 10:44-46

Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit by hearing the preaching of the Word of God.

Twenty years after Pentecost, the believers at Ephesus received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Acts 19:1-6

These disciples at Ephesus received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, spoke in tongues, and prophesied.

Seven benefits of speaking in tongues

Speaking in tongues is a supernatural means of direct communication with God.

1 Cor. 14:2 **2** For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Speaking in tongues enables us to intercede effectively for ourselves and for others, according to the will of God. Rom. 8:26-27 **26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us[**a**] with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Speaking in tongues gives us the ability to Worship the Lord in an unlimited way.

1 Cor 14:15-17; John 4:24; Acts 10:46

Speaking in tongues is a supernatural means of edifying and building up ourselves spiritually- it keeps our spirit strong in God. 1 Cor. 14:4; **4** He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself Jude 20 **20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

Speaking in tongues helps us to effectively resist temptation and overcome the flesh.

Gal 5:16; Gal 5:25

Speaking in tongues brings about spiritual refreshing, renewal, and rest for the weary. Is. 28:11-12

Speaking in tongues causes the gifts, power, and anointing of God to be released in your life. John 7:38; 1 Cor 12:1-11

Speaking in tongues unlocks and unleashes the rivers of supernatural power in the life of the believer.

Supernatural communication with God

Divine means of spiritual edification

Helps us to overcome the flesh

Gives us spiritual refreshing

Enables us to pray God's will

Releases unlimited flow of worship to God

Opens the door to Gifts of the Spirit

Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit

Acts 19:5-7

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

The word Baptized means:

Being immersed, being clothed with, being filled up to overflowing, being fully covered with. Being overwhelmed by, to be dipped in or dipped under.

Eph. 5:18 "Be filled with the Spirit"

This means to be filled so full that there is no empty place in the vessel. It also means to be continually filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit.

The promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for every born-again Christian.

Another aspect I want to focus on as well is being baptized with fire. Matthew 3:11 and Luke 3:16 says that we are baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire.

You will hear me say this a few times this week being baptized in the Holy Spirit is so much more than speaking in tongues.

We are not to be afraid of the whole package.

What we yield to is what we operate in.

Fire will change ungodly passions to Godly passions.

Cleanses, jealous love of God, passion, zeal.

1 cor 14:22

Purposes of the baptism in the Holy Spirit

Power to live an overcoming life, witness for Jesus, fulfill the great commission, heal the sick and cast out demons.

Results of the baptism in the Holy Spirit

We are supernaturally empowered to witness for Jesus. Acts 1:8

The bible becomes a living book, and Jesus becomes more real to us. Jn. 16:13-14

We are anointed with the "Divine Ability" to do the works of Jesus. Jn. 14:12 Lk. 4:18

Our prayer lives take on a new and deeper dimension. Rom. 8:26-27

We are equipped to flow in the supernatural gifts of the Spirit to tear down the kingdom of satan and build the kingdom of God. Mk. 16:17-20

How to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit

1. Jesus Christ in the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. Matt.3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33
2. Following salvation, God's gift for all believers is the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:13; John 7:37-39; Acts 2:38-39
3. When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we will receive the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. Acts 2:4
Speaking in tongues is you speaking out a language which you do not know. It is our spirit speaking in direct communication with God, bypassing the natural, carnal mind.
4. We must remove any barriers to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
Lack of knowledge or wrong doctrine. Pride. Fear. Previous involvement with the occult. Our natural mind can get in the way and become blockage.
Unbelief.

Steps in receiving

1. Repent and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

3. By faith, believe you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
4. As an act of your faith, open your mouth and start speaking out the new language- speak out in tongues what God gives you.

“Heavenly Father, I believe that your word is true. I’m just going to believe your words with childlike faith. You said in your word that if I ask for the Holy Spirit and just believe you at your word, then I have received Him. I am asking you to fill me with your Holy Spirit.

Jesus, your words say that you are the baptizer. Baptize me in the Holy Spirit. I believe I am receiving right now. The Holy Spirit is within me. By faith, I accept Him.”

Acts 13:51-52

52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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