

The Person, Work, and Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Key Verse: Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Introduction

God declares in the Bible that there is only one God (Isaiah 43:10-13, 1 Corinthians 8:4-6), the Father is God (Matthew 11:25, Galatians 1:1), the Son is God (John 1:1, Hebrews 1:8), and the Holy Spirit is God (see below).

Biblical evidence shows us three distinct persons of the Godhead, yet working as one. Some try to explain the Trinity using the egg – shell, white, and yoke. Some liken the Trinity to water in 3 stages – solid (ice), liquid, gas (steam). Remember, this is a walk of faith. There are some things our minds cannot grasp (1 Cor 2), they must be spiritually obtained by faith.

In the Godhead, the Holy Spirit plays a special role in equipping a believer to live a life that accomplishes God's will.

Personality of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has a personality. He is not an impersonal force or energy (such as electricity).

The Holy Spirit speaks.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly **says** that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit **said**, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit **said** to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”

The Holy Spirit can be lied to.

Acts 5:1-3 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?”

The Holy Spirit can be grieved.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit is God.

Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? You have not lied to men but to God.”

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

 **Is the Holy Spirit God?** ___ yes ___ no

Work of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit relates to Christians in four important ways.

1. He Lives in You

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

2 Timothy 1:14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

 **For a Christian, where does the Holy Spirit live?**

2. He Helps You

John 14:15-17 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 16:7-8 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. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

 **Why was it important for Jesus to go away?**

 **According to John 16:7-8, what three things does the Holy Spirit do for the world?**

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

3. He Teaches You

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:13-15 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

 **What does the Holy Spirit teach you?**

4. He Empowers You for Ministry

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive *power* when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with **boldness**.

Acts 13:52 joy / **Acts 19:6** prophesy / **Acts 10:45, 46** exalting God

Holy Spirit at Salvation

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Romans 8:9-11 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

2 Corinthians 1:22 ...who also **sealed** us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

Does the Holy Spirit live in you personally? yes no

Baptism with the Holy Spirit

As seen above, if you are a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit living in you. In addition to this, a believer can be “baptized with the Holy Spirit.” This separate work of the Spirit was received by many people in the Bible and is still available today for equipping believers to accomplish the Lord’s work.

Illustration: Water, Glass, Pitcher & Bowl – show the difference of being sealed and being filled to overflowing.

John 20:21-22 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-8 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

 **What did Jesus say we would receive when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit? Then what did Jesus say we would be?**

a. _____

b. _____

Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 10:44-47 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?"

Acts 19:2-6 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

 **From Acts 10:44-47 and 19:2-6 (above), what manifestations were evident when people were baptized in the Holy Spirit?**

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

 **Were some people in the Bible baptized in the Holy Spirit a day or longer after becoming Christians? yes no**

The Holy Spirit and Tongues – Baptism vs. Spiritual Gift

Acts 2:4 And they were *all* filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, *as the Spirit gave them utterance*.

“*as the Spirit gave them utterance*” – Example: if I spoke to someone in Swahili, that didn’t know Swahili and asked them to repeat what I was saying. They would have to trust that what I was telling them to say was ok and they themselves would have to open their mouth and make a choice to speak.

 Who spoke with other tongues? ___ Holy Spirit ___ Believers

 How many of the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues in Acts 2:4?

1 Corinthians 12:4 –11 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of *all*: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Mark 16:15-18 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Praying in the Spirit

Tongues should be used in your personal prayers.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Romans 8:26-27 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 with groanings which cannot be uttered. 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*.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Tongues and Interpretation

At times, the Lord may give you a message in tongues for the church. Such messages require interpretation so that the hearers will be edified by the message.

1 Corinthians 14:2-5 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. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies *is* greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Corinthians 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

Edification

Praying in tongues edifies the person praying. Edification is similar to charging a battery. The battery must be charged up so it can do the work for which it is designed. It is not charged primarily for its own benefit. Similarly, God’s people must be edified so they can accomplish the work for which He has called them.

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Jd 1:20 build yourselves up in your most holy faith & pray in the Holy Spirit.

Baptism – Acts 2	Spiritual Gift – 1 Cor 12
All Believers	As the Spirit Wills
Any Time	Under the Unction
Spirit to Spirit Communication	Spirit to Body/Church Communication
Building Yourself Up	Building the Body Up
No Interpretation Necessary	With Interpretation = Prophecy
Evidence of Holy Spirit Indwelling	Evidence of Holy Spirit Distributing Gifts

Receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is available to all who are born again.

Luke 11:9-13 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to **you** and to **your children**, and to **all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.**"

Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Response To Truth

 **Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the manifestation of tongues?**

Yes

No

 **If you answered "no" above, are you willing to let the Lord baptize you with the Holy Spirit and to receive the gift of tongues?**

Yes

No

 **If you answered that you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, do you regularly pray in the spirit (tongues)?**

Yes

No

yes; in you; so He would send the Helper; a) convicts of sin, b) convicts of righteousness, c) convicts of judgment; all things, all truth, the things of Jesus, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him, the things freely given to us by God; personal response; a) power, b) witnesses to all the earth; a) they spoke with tongues, b) they magnified God, c) they prophesied; yes; believers; all (120), personal response; personal response; personal response