



The Holy Spirit

Learning How to Walk in the Sanctifying Power of the Holy Spirit

“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”

Acts 1:8

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17

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PREFACE

This booklet addresses basic questions many people have about learning how to walk in more power of the Holy Spirit. You will also find many Scriptures describing what Jesus and the Apostles said about the Holy Spirit, as well as Scriptures that highlight the main characteristics of the Holy Spirit.

Why desire more of the Holy Spirit? Because Jesus said: “*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you*” (*Acts 1:8*). This power anoints us to live a victorious life in Christ, both inwardly and outwardly.

What is the secret to receiving more of the Holy Spirit?

Does your soul “panteth” after God (see Psalm 42:1)? Then you also hunger for more of Jesus, the only mediator between God and men (1 Tim 2:5). If you hunger for more of Jesus, you will get more of the Holy Spirit because He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit—provided you are willing to give yourself away to Him and accept what He asks you to do. Whom He appoints, He also anoints!

Our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit has changed down through church history. Thus, the teaching presented in this document may be contested by some denominations and church traditions. For that reason, the primary content of this outline is Scripture, itself—all of which the Bible teaches us “*is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives...*,” Paul wrote to Timothy. He continued by saying: “*It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.*” (2 Tim 3:16-17, NLT¹)

The selection of Scriptures about the Holy Spirit collected here is not exhaustive. Rather, our goal is simply to highlight key verses related to the Holy Spirit for your study. Be encouraged to dive deeper into the Word and let God’s Spirit speak to you directly about how to get to know Him better.

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¹ NLT = New Living Testament. Most Scriptures in this booklet are taken from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.



Understanding the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The early New Testament Church was exciting and powerful because the followers of Jesus experienced something very special in their relationship with God. Jesus told them to gather in Jerusalem and wait until they were “endued with power from on High”(Luke 24:49). “Endued” means to be “clothed with”, or “invested” with something. On the day of Pentecost that enduement came in the form of tongues of fire resting on the disciples who were supernaturally empowered to speak in different languages and to communicate the good news of Jesus’ resurrection to people from many nations. The Book of Acts describes these events, including how ordinary men were “filled with the Holy Spirit” and suddenly were able to proclaim healing and deliverance over the sick and oppressed in Jesus’ name, and see people immediately set free by God.

SUPERNATURAL WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE BEEN SEEN IN EVERY ERA OF REVIVAL DOWN THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY.² As early as the second century after Christ, spiritual revival movements began to occur from time to time within the church, which struggled almost from the beginning with a “spirit of religion” that sought to rationalize and institutionalize the spiritual experiences of the Apostles. In later times, the wandering friars of the thirteenth century spoke in tongues, as did Quakers, Methodists, and converts of the Great Awakening revivals that occurred in America in the mid-1700s, and again in the early 1800s and late 1800s. The Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles (1906-1915) sparked another major outpouring of God’s Spirit accompanied by signs and wonders that has continued to this day, touching even mainline churches through the charismatic movement of the late 20th century. Each of these revivals has been marked by people experiencing the “baptism of the Holy Spirit”, accompanied by speaking in tongues plus healing signs and wonders.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A SECOND ENCOUNTER WITH GOD, FOLLOWING CONVERSION. THROUGH IT CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS BEGIN TO RECEIVE THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THEIR LIVES. The purpose of this baptism is to equip Christians with more of God’s power to live a victorious life and to serve God better. It is correct to refer to this second encounter with God as a “baptism” because the Bible calls it that. In Acts 1:4-5, Jesus says: “For John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” The importance of this baptism is seen in the fact that Jesus expressly forbade his disciples to begin their ministry until they had received it (Luke 24:49).

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION, BUT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL BELIEVERS WHO WANT TO GROW IN SERVICE TO THE LORD. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a *saving* experience for a non-Christian; it is an *empowering* experience for someone who has already made a decision to follow Christ. Salvation, or conversion, is generally a separate and prior

² This introduction is based directly on Don Basham’s *Handbook on Holy Spirit Baptism*, Whitaker House, 1969.



experience that occurs when someone makes a decision to accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior of their life. (The Bible records at least one experience where conversion and baptism of the Spirit occurred simultaneously.)

The Holy Spirit is present when someone is born again because “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:3). Yet, the Apostle Paul asked the Ephesians (Acts 19:2): “Did you *receive* the Holy Spirit when you believed?” “Receiving” the Holy Spirit involves actively inviting God’s Spirit to manifest more powerfully in your life, and committing to a life of obedience to the leading of the Spirit.

HOW CAN I BECOME WORTHY TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? You can’t! The gift of the Holy Spirit cannot be earned. It can only be received by faith. It is not bestowed like a prize or handed out as wages earned. The power of God is not ours by *trying*, but by *trusting* God. At the same time, waiting passively for God to give you the Holy Spirit in fuller measure is not good either. You may wait a very long time! Baptism of the Holy Spirit is immediately available to all who humbly and sincerely ask God for it in faith and who trust Him to give it.

There *are* hindrances to receiving the Holy Spirit, such as unconfessed sin, unchristian attitudes or practices, involvement with other religions or spiritual practices, denying the divinity of Christ, fear and unforgiveness. If you are burdened by any of these issues, you need to confess these things to the Lord. Apart from these spiritual obstacles or strongholds, the two main hindrances to receiving the Holy Spirit are *scriptural ignorance* and *fear of what others might say*. This booklet addresses the first of these concerns. Regarding the second, each person must search his own heart. Remember, “He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: ‘The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

The Scriptures make it clear that in seeking the blessings of the Lord, *how* we ask is as important as *what* we ask for. The Holy Spirit, some like to say, is a “perfect gentleman”, meaning He will not intrude where He is not sincerely welcome. It is appropriate to ask for instruction regarding how to receive the Holy Spirit because the Scriptures show that Jesus, Himself, taught the disciples about the coming of the Spirit. Note that the *location* where you receive the Holy Spirit is not important. It is your spiritual *state* that is important. People have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit while driving, in their showers, and lying in bed, but most experience it in a group setting with other believers after laying on of hands by someone who has already received the Spirit of God.

DO I NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE LAY HANDS ON ME TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? Of the five instances of the baptism of the Spirit recorded in the book of Acts, three involved laying on of hands. Twice (at Pentecost and in Acts 10 where Cornelius’ household received it), the Spirit seems to have simply manifested as a result of the prayers of the faithful. Thus, it is possible to experience it without laying on of hands, but it is relatively rare.



HOW CAN I RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? There is no single way, nor even a single *best* way to receive the baptism of the Spirit. But there are some definite things you can do, including:

- You must accept Jesus as your personal Savior and be born again.
- Read the Scriptures where the Holy Spirit is promised and described, including: Isaiah 44:3. Joel 2:28-29. Mark 16:17. Luke 11:11-13, 24:49. John 1:33, 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-8, 16:12-14. Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4, 8:14-17, 9:17, 10:44-46, 19:1-6. Many of these and other related scriptures are spelled out later in this booklet.
- If you are alone, find a time and place to be quiet and focus on the Lord. If it seems better to pray with a group, find a meeting where believers are present who have been previously baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray, praising and thanking God for the blessings He has already given you. Watch and wait for God's presence.
- Pray, inviting Jesus to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Remember, God will do it for His purposes, not just because you want it. You must be yielded to His purposes in your life.
- Receive with faith the Holy Spirit within you. Claim your answer! Consciously surrender to Jesus and let Him have control of your body, mind and spirit. You will find that you also retain a spirit of self-control. God does not take away our identity. By His Spirit He makes us more alive to our true selves in Christ, even as He amplifies His purposes through us.
- He makes our true selves more vivid and alive, and amplifies His purposes through us.
- Receive and speak the language the Holy Spirit gives you. Acts 2:4 says "...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began to speak* in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." In other words, *you* have to open your mouth and speak out of the fullness of the Spirit within you. Your faith and trust must resolve themselves in action. You can't walk on water if you don't step out of the boat!
- Continue speaking in faith! Satan may attack you by trying to convince your conscious mind to reject the experience. But Satan is a liar (John 10:10). Don't listen to him. Keep on praying and speaking in your new prayer language. Isaiah said: "With stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people" (Isaiah 28:11-12)—a passage quoted by Paul when he discusses tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:21. Paul said further: "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful." In other words, you are not supposed to understand what you're praying when praying in tongues unless the Lord also gives the gift of interpretation of tongues!



HOW DO I KNOW I HAVE RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? Occasionally (but rarely) God baptizes someone in the Holy Spirit without their knowing it. The testimonies where this has occurred consistently report that the person began speaking in tongues without knowing what was happening. Later they attended a service where others spoke in tongues and then realized what happened. There are also Christians who have never spoken in tongues who wonder whether they've experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the answer is almost certainly, no. A third group includes those who have actively sought the baptism of the Holy Spirit and prayed to receive it, who have experienced an imbuelement of power and even spoken a few words in an unknown tongue, but who still doubt they have received it. These people almost certainly *have* received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but the devil is trying to convince them they have not. If you are in this last group, you should doubt your doubts, and believe your beliefs. Trust in Jesus to show you the Way.

WHAT DOES THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCOMPLISH IN PEOPLE? This encounter with God among other things brings: (1) a stronger assurance of salvation; (2) a deeper crucifixion of the "old person" in believers and more release of the "new man in Christ Jesus; (3) the Scriptures come more alive; (4) makes God's guidance possible in new and more powerful ways; (5) makes prayers more powerful ("for we do not know how to pray as we ought," Romans 8:26); (6) opens our eyes to the reality of Satan and his works; (7) increases our concern for the salvation of others; (8) glorifies Jesus Christ; and (9) reveals the great depths of God's love for us.

HAVE YOU BEEN TAUGHT THAT THE AGE OF SPIRITUAL MIRACLES IS PAST OR THAT SPEAKING IN TONGUES AND OPERATING IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IS NOT FOR TODAY? Such teaching is called "Dispensationalism" referring to the belief that God only "dispensed" miracles during the time when Jesus and His first disciples walked on earth (or possibly up until the New Testament was canonized, around 350 AD). But Hebrews 13:8 says clearly: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." The miracles of the early church occurred because the Spirit of Christ was extremely active in those first believers. "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit," said Jesus (John 15:5). The tremendous growth of the early church is attributed even by secular historians to the testimonies about miracles that accompanied the spread of the Gospel.

Jesus told His followers (Mark 16:17-18):

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."

If the age of miracles ended centuries ago as dispensationalists claim, how do they explain the thousands of testimonies heard today about God's healing miracles? Remember, even Jesus faced strongholds of unbelief during his walk on earth. Why should we expect anything different?



IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT A SIGN THAT SOMEONE HAS ACHIEVED GREATER HOLINESS? No. Baptism of the Holy Spirit opens the way to experience many wonderful gifts of the Spirit, but it does not provide instant holiness or perfection. Holiness is a reflection of the *fruit* of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), not the *gifts* of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-11). The fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) are evidence of being born again, but they are not always quick to appear in new Christians. Like fruit on a tree, the fruit of the Spirit often take time to mature in an individual believer before that person becomes more outwardly recognizable as holy, or “set apart” for Jesus. In contrast, the gifts of the Spirit are present and available immediately *whenever* God pours out His Spiritual anointing.

People can be mature in Christ and manifest the fruit of the Spirit in their lives, yet still not operate visibly in the gifts of the Spirit. Likewise, people can operate under the anointing of God’s Spirit and later exhibit ungodly personal behavior. The Christian ideal is to have *both*: to grow in Godly character and to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit and be able to operate in the gifts of the Spirit.

HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THAT CHARISMATIC MANIFESTATIONS ARE FROM GOD? Three good tests will help you determine if someone’s behavior is a manifestation of God’s Spirit. If something is really of God, the answer to each of these questions will be “yes”:

1. ***Does it conform to Scripture?*** Any behavior that claims to be of God but which cannot be supported by Scripture is suspect. Anything the Spirit does has a precedent in the life of Christ because the Bible says the fullness of God dwelled in Jesus (Colossians 1:19).
2. ***Does it bear Godly fruit?*** Are people better morally and spiritually than they were before the manifestation of the Spirit? Are they stronger Christians? Is God more real to them? Are they better witnesses to Jesus Christ?
3. ***Does it glorify Jesus?*** Is Jesus occupying a more central position in the lives of those involved? If it is really of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, it will exalt Jesus Christ.

WHY ISN’T EVERYONE HEALED WHO GETS PRAYED FOR IN JESUS NAME? Praying for healing in Jesus’ name is not magic, nor does God automatically do what every praying person asks. Just as every person is potentially *able* to be saved, yet not all are saved, so too every sick person who believes in faith that Jesus can heal them is *able* to be healed. Yet not everyone gets healed. Sometimes God withholds healing due to lack of faith. Sometimes people have plenty of faith, but still no outward healing occurs. Sometimes He has other purposes in mind than someone’s immediate healing. Sometimes God is establishing a powerful testimony in His faithful followers when He does not immediately heal them. Sometimes He is building our patience. Sometimes He is testing our faith. But we know that God is able to do exceedingly more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). All we can do is ask and continue to trust in Him. *Remember. The primary purpose of God’s granting us the power of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus. As long as you are praising Him, you’ll do well.*



SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT



FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
John 4:24

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. *1 John 5:7*

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the face of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. *Genesis 1:2*

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. *Joel 2:28*

And the angel of God...said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. *Luke 1:35*

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. *John 7:38-39*

Now 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.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. *1 Cor 12:7*

The Holy Spirit was present with God at the creation of the world and is recognized in Christian tradition as the third "person" of the Holy Trinity, one in essence with the unity of God. The centrality of the Holy Spirit "in the beginning", during Jesus' time, and now—for every believer—is clearly affirmed throughout Scripture.

Every attribute we know about the Holy Spirit was evident in Jesus. The Holy Spirit came upon Mary and Jesus, the Son of God, was begotten. Jesus was anointed by the Spirit, lived by the Spirit, taught on the Spirit, and poured out the Spirit on His followers at Pentecost. In the Epistles, Paul affirmed that the Spirit is available to each and every believer for the profit of all.

It is not easy to summarize the Holy Spirit, which Jesus described as being like the wind (John 3:8). The manifest power of the Holy Spirit is compared to fire in Scripture. When the Holy Spirit is poured out in great measure upon believers, they are said to be "baptized" in the Spirit. Such believers testify consistently that they acquire new inner power to actively live out the teachings of Jesus. Bible reading comes alive, prayer is invigorated, sharing the Gospel becomes easier, and the gifts and fruit of the Spirit manifest more fully in our faith walk when we have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Our lives take on new Godly purpose.

If you want to receive the Holy Spirit in this powerful way to serve God better, humble yourself and ask in Jesus' name. He will be faithful to pour out his Spirit upon you anew!



Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Jesus was anointed by and taught often on the Holy Spirit. He clearly said that re-birth in the Spirit is *essential* for every believer who wishes to enter the kingdom of God. The only requirement for this rebirth is to truly believe in Him (John 6:47).

† The Holy Spirit in the Words of Jesus

- Luke 4:17-19 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:
- "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me***, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."
- John 3:5-6 Jesus answered, ***"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- John 3:8-9 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. *So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*
- John 4:23-24 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*
- John 6:63-64 *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*
- Luke 11:13 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!"*
- John 14:16-17 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 14:26 But *the Helper (Comforter), 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 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.*
- Mark 3:28-30 "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; but *he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"--* because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."
- Mark 13:11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But *whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.*
- Luke 23:46-47 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, *"Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'"* Having said this, He breathed His last.



John 20:20-23 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. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

Rev 2:7 *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."*

† **Jesus told the disciples that it was necessary that He, Himself, return to the Father before the Holy Spirit could come to them:**

John 7:37-39 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*" But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 16:7-15 ***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: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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.*

Luke 24:49 Behold, *I send the Promise of My Father* upon you: but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with *power from on high*.

Acts 1:4-5 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.*"

Acts 1:7-8 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."*

† **Writers of the Gospels and Epistles often described Christ's relationship to the Holy Spirit:**

The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Spirit, led by the Spirit, walked and rejoiced in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit flows from believers like rivers of living waters, without measure. The Spirit speaks, gives liberty and is at the heart of the communion—or unity—of the believers.

Mark 1:10 And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the *Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.*

Luke 4:1-2 Then *Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit*, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...

Luke 4:14 Then *Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit* to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.



- Luke 10:21 In that hour *Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit* and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.
- John 3:34-36 For *He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure*. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.
- Acts 1:1-2 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after *He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen...*
- 1 Cor 15:45-46 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." *The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.*
- 2 Cor 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*
- 2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and *the communion of the Holy Spirit* be with you all. Amen.

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Believers

On Resurrection Sunday, Jesus appeared to the disciples, breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). Seven weeks later, Pentecost Sunday occurred, when they were "all with one accord in one place" and were filled with the Holy Spirit, which came with tongues of fire that "filled the whole house" (Acts 2). The first of these impartations came from the *resurrected* Christ and imparted *life* (says John); while the second came from the *ascended* Christ and imparted *power*, as described in Acts.

It might be said that we receive the Holy Spirit inwardly as a trickle of new life within us when we are first born again, but the more dramatic baptism (immersion) experience usually, but not always, comes later. When this occurs, so much of God's Spirit flows that the inner trickle becomes an outward overflowing of the Spirit—like rivers of living water coming from deep within us.

† The working of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers, according to the writers of the Epistles:

- 1 Cor 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and *no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*
- Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, *who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*
- Rom 8:2-3 For the *law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus* has made me free from the law of sin and death.
- Rom 8:11 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.*
- Rom 8:13-14,16 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For *as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...*



- Rom 8:26 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 with groanings which cannot be uttered. [...with groanings that cannot be expressed in words" NLT]*
- 1 Cor 2:4-5 *And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power*, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
- 1 Cor 2:10-12 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*.
- 1 Cor 2:13-14 But *the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God*, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- 1 Cor 3:16-17 Do you not know that *you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*
- 1 Cor 6:8-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. ...But *you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God*.
- 1 Cor 12:13-14 For *by[in] 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*.
- 2 Cor 1:21-23 Now *He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee*.
- 2 Cor 3:3 ...clearly *you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God*, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.
- 2 Cor 3:5-6 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for *the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life*.
- Gal 3:2-3 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? *Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?*
- Gal 4:5-7 And because you are sons, *God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"* Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
- Eph 1:13-14 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, *you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession*, to the praise of His glory.
- 1 Thess 1:5 *For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance*, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.
- 1 Thess 4:7-8 *Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit*.



Titus 3:4-7 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but *according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit*, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

2 Peter 1:21 *...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The first immersion experience of the Holy Spirit found in Scripture occurred (once only) in the Old Testament, when God poured out His Spirit on 70 elders of Israel at Sinai (Numbers 11:16, 24-26). This event is a shadow or type of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus, seen in earnest on the Day of Pentecost when 120 followers were filled with the Spirit in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' ascension.

Elsewhere in the New Testament, the special spiritual outpouring known as the baptism of the Holy Spirit is mentioned explicitly seven times, as cited below. In addition, three times people are reported in the New Testament as receiving the Holy Spirit in an usually powerful way, describable as an "immersion" or "baptism."

Only once do New Testament Scriptures indicate that new believers received the Holy Spirit at the *same time* that they first believed the Gospel (at the conversion of Cornelius, Acts 11:15-17). Otherwise, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is always shown coming *after* someone—including the disciples, themselves—first accepted Jesus as their Savior. Each of these events are consistent in describing the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a distinct experience following conversion to faith in Christ—accompanied by the evidence that afterward the believers spoke in tongues.

Summarizing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit may occur before water baptism (e.g., Cornelius), at the same time as water baptism (e.g., Jesus, Himself) or later (most other instances found in Scripture).

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is described both as coming from the Father (John 14:16) and from Jesus (John 15:26). However, noted Greek scholar, author and minister Derek Prince has emphasized that Jesus, alone, is the One who confers the baptism of the Holy Spirit—i.e., the Holy Spirit does not baptize in His own name. This baptism, like water baptism, is an outward seal of an inward spiritual condition marked by humility and readiness to accept the things of God through placing our faith in Jesus.

The seven mentions of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament are:

- † **Matt 3:11**: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. *He will baptize you with (in) the Holy Spirit and fire.*
- † **Mark 1:8** - I indeed have baptized you with water: but *he shall baptize you with (in) the Holy Ghost.*
- † **Luke 3:16** - John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. *He will baptize you with (in) the Holy Spirit and fire.*
- † **John 1:33** - I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, *this is He who baptizes with (in) the Holy Spirit.*' (34) And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."



- † **Acts 1:4-5** – (Jesus speaking before His ascension) 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 (in) the Holy Spirit not many days from now.*
- † **Acts 11: 15-16** – And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but *you shall be baptized with (in) the Holy Spirit.*'
- † **1 Cor 12:13** –For *by (in) 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.

The three other New Testament mentions of people receiving a baptism-like experience of the Holy Spirit include:

- † Peter and John lay hands on believers taught by Philip in Samaria and they receive the Holy Spirit in such a powerful way that Simon the Sorcerer asks for it (Acts 8:12-17),
- † Peter preaches in the house of Cornelius and those present believe and begin to speak in tongues (Acts 10:34-48).
- † Paul lays hands on believers in Ephesus who had only heard of the baptism of John the Baptist, and they begin to speak in tongues and prophesy (Acts 19: 2-5).

The Gifts of the Spirit

There are nine gifts of the spirit, given freely to those who ask and who receive the Holy Spirit. The *gifts* of the Spirit may occur instantly upon asking for them, whereas the *fruit* of the Spirit (described later below) take time to manifest, reflecting growth of character in a believer who has been filled with the Spirit over time.

The ability to operate in the gifts is usually conveyed through laying on of hands. Sometimes it is said that the gifts of the Spirit are “caught,” not “taught.” Teaching on how to receive and operate in the gifts of the Spirit could take up a whole book in itself, but the essential point in this summary is that these gifts are given to all who ask according to *God’s will, not our own will*. Entering obediently into the flow of God’s presence and work, and giving Him all the glory for their manifestation, is the surest way to learn to operate in His gifts. As we experience God’s presence, the Spirit moves and we begin to function in the gifts of the Spirit. In other words, there is no “one way” or even “best way” to learn to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. But a consistent thread is to be around others who know how to function in the gifts.

One common question is whether any believer can operate in *any* of the gifts, or whether certain believers are chosen by God to specialize in one or two of the gifts. The consensus answer of Spirit-filled believers is that *all faithful followers of Christ can operate in any of the gifts, but some individuals may have special leadings and abilities to function more often in certain of the gifts.*

Apart from the actual enumeration of the gifts found in 1 Corinthians 12:6-11, other scriptural evidence for how the gifts work is found scattered throughout Scripture—too numerous to list here.

1 Cor 12:4-5 There are *diversities of gifts*, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

- 1 Cor 12:6-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:
1. for to one is given the word of **wisdom** through the Spirit,
 2. to another the word of **knowledge** through the same Spirit,
 3. to another **faith** by the same Spirit,



4. to another gifts of **healings** by the same Spirit,
5. to another the **working of miracles**,
6. to another **prophecy**,
7. to another **discerning of spirits**,
8. to another **different kinds of tongues**,
9. to another the **interpretation of tongues**.

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Speaking in Tongues

Paul asked in 1 Cor 12:30, “Do all speak in tongues?”—which has led some to conclude that not all do. Derek Prince, the noted 20th century Greek scholar and evangelist, argued that a careful reading of this text reveals Paul’s own answer to the question is “yes.” This implies that the immersion experience, or baptism of the Spirit, differs to some degree from the fundamental indwelling of the Spirit that occurs when first repenting and receiving Christ into our hearts. Being born again does not usually lead to new believers speaking immediately in tongues, whereas being baptized in the Holy Spirit usually does.

Some believers hold that speaking in tongues *always* accompanies the baptism of the Holy Spirit, while others say it is not a necessary sign. Either way, speaking in tongues is not the only or even the most important sign of the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but it is a powerful thing for those who receive it—often providing ways to pray that go beyond everyday words.

Mark 16:16-17 *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues...*

Acts 2:3-4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 10:45-46 *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.*

Acts 19:6 *And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.*

1 Cor 14:2-3 *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.*

1 Cor 14:14-16 *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. Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?*

1 Cor 13:7-8 *Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.*

1 Cor 14:5 *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 Cor 14:18-19 *I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; 19 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.*
- 1 Cor 14:22 Therefore *tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers*; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.
- 1 Cor 14:23-25 Therefore *if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues*, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.
- 1 Cor 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and *do not forbid to speak with tongues*.

The Fruit of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit are anticipated by Jesus in John 15 as something that comes from *abiding*, or *remaining*, in Him. Jesus pointed both toward *outer* fruit (works, specifically the work of making new disciples) and *inner* fruit (character traits). In Galatians 5:22, Paul describes the fruit of the Spirit as nine character traits. These are traits that Christians may try, but sometimes fail, to cultivate. The Apostle Paul, himself, struggled with doing things he didn't want to do, lacking power in himself to change until the Spirit of God brought forth the fruit of change (*see Romans 7:15 through Romans 8:17*).

Given by grace, and distinguished from “gifts” of the spirit, the fruit of the Spirit are the result of experiencing the presence of God and His anointing power *over time*. The effort to acquire the fruit is really an effort to abide in Christ, as testified by Jesus in John 15. This effort, sometimes referred to as “sanctification”, is differentiated from “repentance” that leads to salvation, conversion and faith (Luke 24: 47, Acts 20:20-21, 2 Cor 7:10). To be sure, we are saved by faith, and that not of ourselves (Eph 2:8). But the maturing work of the Spirit in the inner person confers the actual power to become new creatures in Christ (2 Cor 5:17, Gal 6:15).

The fruit of the Spirit may appear without having experienced the distinctive “baptism of the Holy Spirit”, which is why believers in non-Pentecostal churches often exhibit lives that reflect great Godly character—i.e., evidence of the maturing work of the Spirit within them. Conversely, charismatic or Pentecostal believers who have been anointed by the Holy Spirit sometimes live lives that lack Godly character.

To focus on the gifts without focusing on the fruit is to risk losing the benefit of the Spirit's work in our inner lives, but to focus on the fruit of the Spirit without recognizing the operation of Spiritual gifts is to risk the loss of opportunities for God to divinely and supernaturally intercede redemptively in His creation and our lives. The Biblical example of the first followers reflects a balanced living out of both functions of the Holy Spirit in their lives that serves as the best model for our lives today.

John 15:4-5 [Jesus speaking:] “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. *He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*”

Gal 5:16-26 I say then: *walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which



I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is [1] love, [2] joy, [3] peace, [4] longsuffering, [5] kindness, [6] goodness, [7] faithfulness, [8] gentleness, [9] self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Gal 6:7-9 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but *he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

Eph 3:14-21 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, *to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; *that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, *according to the power that works in us,* to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The "Personality" of the Holy Spirit

Jesus speaks of the "Spirit of God" (Matt 12:28) not as if it were an impersonal force, power or influence, but rather as God, Himself, manifesting Himself to His people spiritually. Scripture clearly reveals the Holy Spirit as being very much alive, as if He had a "personality", if that is a correct term to apply to an aspect of God.

The Holy Spirit cannot be manipulated or controlled. Jesus compares it to the coming and going of the wind in this respect (John 3:8). Rather, the Holy Spirit is to be understood, respected and honored as God, Himself. This was emphasized by Jesus who said the only unforgivable sin is blaspheming the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31).

To receive the Holy Spirit, it is necessary to enter into the flow of the Spirit coming from God. Many people try and fail to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit because they do not really have a vital relationship in Christ with God. It is essential to come to a place in our lives where we humbly and sincerely realize that Jesus lives, God loves us, and the Holy Spirit is waiting to be poured out upon us. Only then can we experience this outpouring and receive the power and all the benefits that come from a living relationship with our Creator.

Consider these "personality traits" of the Holy Spirit:

He has a mind Now He who searches the hearts knows what the *mind of the spirit* is... Rom 8:27

He has emotions And do not *grieve the Holy Spirit of God*... Eph 4:30

I beg of you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, through *the love of the Spirit*, that you strive together with me in your prayers for me. Rom 15:30

He has a will One and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as *He wills*. 1 Cor 12:11

Can be quenched Do not *quench the Spirit!* 1 Thes 5:19



Can be afflicted But they rebelled and *vexed the Holy Spirit*, therefore He turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them. [Vex = wear down, trouble, afflict, all “qualities” of a person] Isa 63:10

Attributes of the Holy Spirit

The following list of characteristics or attributes extends the preceding idea that the Holy Spirit can be described as having personality traits. This list is adapted from Australian evangelist Steve Smith's unpublished treatise: *"Fellowship with the Holy Spirit."*

The Holy Spirit is or has these attributes:

- Omnipresent** **He can be everywhere at the same time:** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. Ps 139:7-10
- Omnipotent** **All powerful:** And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35
- Omniscient** **All knowing:** 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. 1 Cor 2:11-12
- Holy** **We cannot be Holy without power from the Holy Spirit:** ...and the Spirit of Holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God, by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord Rom 1:4
- Of Christ** **We can't know Jesus without the Holy Spirit:** Therefore I make known to you that no one ... say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 12:3
If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Rom 8:9
- Of Adoption** **The right to approach our Father, who loves us:** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." Rom 8:15
- Intercession** **The Source of effective prayer life:** And He who searches our hearts know the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Rom 8:27
- Love** **We know and give God's love by the power of the Spirit:** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Rom 5:4-5
- Life** **The Holy Spirit makes us able and gives the ability to bring life:** Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Cor 3:4-6



- Liberty** **Our only true freedom is in the Spirit:** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. 2 Cor 3:17
- Power** **The Spirit lifts our proclaiming Christ to the level of signs and wonders:** ...by the power of signs and wonders through the power of the Spirit. Rom 15:19
- Faith** **Relationship with the Holy Spirit ignites faith, turns the written Word (logos) into the revelation Word (rhema)** ...with that same Spirit of Faith we also believe and therefore speak.... 2 Cor 4:13
- Wisdom & Revelation** **The Holy Spirit gives wisdom for everyday living and revelation of the meaning of God's word:** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. Eph 1:17
- Promise** **The Holy Spirit seals, or guarantees, our inheritance in Christ:** In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. Eph 1:13-14
- Unity** **True unity in Christ comes by yielding to the Holy Spirit:** endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Eph 4:3-6
- Sanctification** **The Holy Spirit purifies us as we serve Jesus, working on our character:** But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess 2:13-15
- Truth** **The Spirit speaks truth directly into our hearts:** And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 1 John 5:6-7
- Grace** The Spirit gives us the ability to forgive, love, see people as God sees them: Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? Heb 10:28-30
- Glory** **Glory rests upon us through the Spirit, even when we suffer for Christ:** If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 1 Peter 4:14
- Righteousness
Peace, Joy** **Power over sin (righteousness, or right standing with God), peace (no condemnation) and joy (no hindrances, freedom in Christ) come from the Holy Spirit:** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Rom 14:17



Summary of the Benefits of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

There is no denying that Jesus considered the baptism of the Holy Spirit to be supremely important. There is no one list of things that *always* happens to people who receive this experience, but the Bible shows that the church was born only *after* people were filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

Being filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit is not something you “achieve” but something God does to you. It is usually accompanied by external signs and great joy.

Author and noted healer Francis MacNutt points out that different parts of our being are touched when we are immersed in the Spirit:

- Our *minds* are enlightened. Reading Scripture that was once a chore is now a delight. Passages that were dense are opened up.
- We often receive *guidance* about what to do or not to do.
- We notice a difference within our *spirit*: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit come and live within us in ways that are directly recognizable, often moving us to deep emotions and wisdom beyond our ordinary experience.
- We are *protected* from the evil one (see John 17:15)
- Jesus’ *love, joy and peace* are in us, along with other *fruit of the Spirit*, including patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control.
- We may experience one or more of the *gifts of the Spirit* operating in our lives: supernatural wisdom, special knowledge, faith, healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues.
- We *pray with newfound fervor*, and our prayers become more effective.
- *Spiritual warfare may become a vivid reality* to us, as our spiritual eye discerns the truth of the Scripture that we “wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” *Eph 6:12*
- We gain *boldness in sharing* our testimonies and the truths of the Gospel.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. *Eph 3:20-21*