



THE PRECIOUS HOLY SPIRIT PART 1 WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

4. He gives you spiritual gifts: "...so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,..." (1 Corinthians 1:7).

5. He will produce God-like qualities within you, and cause you to act like the child of God whom you have become. The Holy Spirit wants to be your source of direction, strength and comfort. He wants to fill your life with the abundance of all that God has for you.

WHY YOU NEED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus Needed Him. Jesus' ministry on earth did not begin until after his baptism by the dove of the Holy Spirit, which is recorded in Luke 3. After His baptism, He ministered in power: "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38).

Jesus brought God's light into the lives of those who needed miracles. He healed the sick, and all who were oppressed by the devil, when they were willing to receive Him. He performed these miracles because He was anointed by the Holy Spirit to accomplish the will of God. We share His anointing because we are members of His Body.

The Disciples Needed Him. Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them. This was after He had breathed on them and told them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." They already had the Holy Spirit, and now they were going to be baptized in the Holy Spirit—immersed from head to toe with the Spirit of God!

The disciples were given no assignments until they were equipped with power from on high: "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

The Early Christian Church Needed Him

After the day of Pentecost when those who obeyed Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit, tremendous revival happened. The believers who lived in Samaria were baptized in water in the name of Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands on them and they received the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Believers at Cornelius' house (all of whom were Gentiles, not Jews) listened to Peter preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ when suddenly the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them. They were baptized with the Holy Spirit and began speaking with other tongues! Twenty years after the Pentecost, Paul laid his hands on the believers who lived at Ephesus after they received the teaching of the Holy Spirit:

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

And they said to him, No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. And he said, Into what then were you baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism. And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus...And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying" (Acts 19:2-6).

You Need Him.

The Holy Spirit in your life is your Well of Living Water that Jesus spoke about in John 7:38. He said, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. (But this He spoke of the Spirit.)" The Holy Spirit wants to be a River of Living Water to your innermost being. He wants to refresh you spiritually:

"But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water spring up to eternal life" (John 4:14). You are not "less saved" if you aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit; neither are you "more saved" if you are. God wants you to be baptized with the Holy Spirit so that He can empower you spiritually, just as Jesus was empowered spiritually. You were already given the Holy Spirit when you were born again. Now you just have to receive His baptism. By doing so you are receiving His fullness into every area of your life, into every "room" of your being. It is God's will for you to be born again, water baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. It's up to you! The baptism of the Holy Spirit is God's miracles to bring His character and power into your life so that you can be a bold witness for Him:

"That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16).



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WE NEED TO KNOW WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit has all of the attributes of God because He is God. He is equal with the Father and the “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

His personality is described through all of the New Testament. Here are some of His characteristics:

1. He can be grieved. Ephesians 4:30 says, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”
2. He can be resisted, according to Acts 7:51 which says, “You men who are stiffnecked...are always resisting the Holy Spirit...”
3. Acts 9:31 tells us that He desires to comfort all believers, personally: “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit...”
4. The Holy Spirit creates and gives life, just as He created new spiritual life within you when you were born again. Job recognized this fact: “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life” (Job 33:4).
5. He dwells with you. “...that is the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because he abides with you, and will be in you” (John 14:17).
6. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would not glorify Himself, but that He would glorify Christ: “He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you” (John 16:14). Now that you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit wants to glorify Christ in your life. He wants to confirm the truth of God’s Word to you and give you power for Christian service.

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

When you were born again by receiving Christ as your Savior, you received the Person of the Holy Spirit. Without Him there could be no indwelling of God. This explains the freedom and joy that you received at the new birth, for the Holy Spirit gave you peace with God. This same experience happened to the disciples in John 20:22: “And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.” This was not Pentecost, but it was a new spiritual beginning. The same word for “breathed” is used in Genesis 2:7 when God “formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostril the breath of life.”

Earthly life began for Adam with the breath of God. Spiritual life began for you with the breath of God: the Spirit of God Himself!

THREE BAPTISMS

Baptism Into Christ’s Body

Three baptisms take place in the believer. You were baptized in the Body of Christ when you were born again:

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, and whether slaves or free, and we were made to drink of one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13).

The candidate for baptism is the believer who is repenting of sin and accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Baptizer is the Holy Spirit Himself, and the medium for baptism is the Body of Jesus Christ. It was at this time that you were indwelt by the Holy Spirit:

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you” (Romans 8:11).

In simple terms, the Holy Spirit lives in you to give you God’s life and presence. At the same time, you are baptized (introduced) into the Body of Christ to find your place among the other members.

Water Baptism See Pamphlet on Water Baptism.

Baptism With The Holy Spirit

Receiving the promised gift of the Holy Spirit for power is the third type of baptism which believers can receive. The candidate for being baptized with the Holy Spirit is the water-baptized believer. Some individuals are baptized in the Holy Spirit before being baptized in water (Acts 10:44–48), but you can only receive this baptism if you are a born-again child of God. The Baptizer is Jesus Christ. Just as the Holy Spirit baptized you in the Body of Christ, now Jesus Christ wants to baptize you with the Holy Spirit Who is, of course, the baptismal Medium:

“I baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:8).

Just as you are physically flooded by water in the act of water baptism, so God wants to flood your life with His Own character through the baptism of the Holy Spirit: “...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has given to us” (Romans 5:5).

You receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit so that God can empower you to develop and express your

new life in Jesus Christ.

Recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit in your life is essential for proper Christian growth.

The three types of baptism (and three is a number of perfection) are clearly indicated in the account of Saul’s conversion (Acts 9:1–19) and in the salvation of the Gentiles who were at the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:44–48). Look these up in your Bible and study them closely.

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES IN YOU

He gives you authority to witness. Acts 1:8 says, “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.”

1. The Holy Spirit will cause you to worship God, for He glorifies God: “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).
2. He manifests power in your prayer life: “And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God” (Romans 8:26, 27).
3. He helps you understand the Scriptures: “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God” (1 Corinthians 2:12).

