

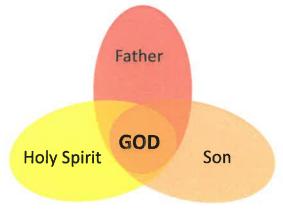
WELCOME HOLY SPIRIT

Activating the Holy Spirit in you

In the world we live in there is one God. The Creator and His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are the trinity. All three are actively working in the world we live in. God loved the human race enough to send His Son, Jesus, to live on earth and die on the cross to pay the price for our sins so we could put our trust and faith in Him and go to Heaven when we die. God knew we couldn't live a sinless life even after we accepted Jesus. God then sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in our bodies after we accept Jesus as our Saviour and teaches us what to do and not do so that we can be righteous children of God. Don't resist the Holy Spirit as He comes to help direct you in your choices in life. Pray that He would fill your life with His presence every day. Satan will come and try to get you to go down the wrong path by temptation. He did it with Eve in the garden of Eden and he will try it with you. Be sure to resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

THE TRINITY

One God, three persons.



God The Father

We were created by the Father.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God The Son

Salvation and forgiveness are possible through the Son Matthew 3:17

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

God The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit directs and empowers us. The Holy Spirit enters us at salvation.

Ephesians 1:13

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...

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own

Romans 8:9

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

PENTECOST

In the Bible Pentecost was even in the Old Testament. It was part of the annual 50 day harvest celebration. Big banquets of food would be prepared. Pentecost in the New Testament represents the empowerment of the believers by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to bring the supernatural works of God into their lives. Often, unbelievers would see God's Holy Spirit at work and welcome Jesus into their hearts and lives. Pentecost in the new Testament is when the Holy Spirit came down as tongues of fires on the believers and they spoke in tongues, or other languages. This was the gift of the promised Holy Spirit that Jesus had told them would come after he ascended into heaven. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide us and empower us to live for Him.

Acts 1:4-5

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKING THROUGH YOU

The Holy Spirit still does supernatural work in our world. Below are just some of the ways He can work through you.

Transformation

Titus 3:4-6

Regenerated spirit

Titus 3:5

Growing in the fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

The leading of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:14

Speaking in tongues

Acts 2:4 & Mark 16:27

Testing the spirits

1 John 4:1

Convicts us of sin

John 16:7-8

The gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Teaching & reminding us

John 14:26

Helps us in our weakness

Romans 8:26-27

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, The Spirit of **counsel** and **might**, The Spirit of **knowledge** and of **the fear of the Lord**.

Wisdom

-the ability to discern the right way to do something or handle a situation

Understanding

-correctly perceiving situations

Counsel

-giving and receiving good, godly advice

Fortitude

-spiritual strength

Knowledge

-the Holy Spirit can teach you or reveal things to you

Fear of the Lord

-reverence and awe for the Lord

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

New Testament Gifts of the Holy Spirit

From 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Wisdom

-the ability to discern the right way to do something or handle a situation

Knowledge

-the Holy Spirit can teach you or reveal things to you

Healing

-some people can have a special gift of seeing people healed when they pray for them

Miracles (or miraculous powers)

-the Holy Spirit doing miraculous wonders through you

Prophecy

-A word given to you by the Holy Spirit that proclaims truth or can be predictive of the future

Distinguishing between spirits

-the Holy Spirit showing you when something is from His Spirit or from a false or evil spirit

Tongues

-speaking in a new language you have never learned, earthly language or heavenly language

Interpretation of Tongues

-spiritual gift to interpret a word spoken in tongues into English

People who have these above gifts should share what they feel from the Lord with church leaders who will discern how to proceed.

PRAYER

Lord I come to You and ask for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Empower me to do the work You want me to do. Give me the spiritual giftedness to see Your supernatural gifts flow for Your glory. May spiritual tongues be released in me like a mighty river. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

HOLY SPIRIT DEVOTIONALS

10 Daily Devotionals on the Holy Spirit

DAY 1

Isaiah 44:3

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Question:

What can you pass down to your descendants?

DAY 2

Joel 2:28

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Question

What has the outpouring of the Holy Spirit empowered you to do?

DAY 3

Matthew 3:11

I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Question

What is the difference between water baptism and the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

DAY 4

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Question

What is the purpose of water baptism? Acts 2:38 & Matthew 3:11

DAY 5

John 16:7-8 (NKJV)

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

Question

What has the Holy Spirit come to do?

DAY 6

John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Question

What does the Holy Spirit teach you?

DAY 7

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Question

How does the Holy Spirit's baptism change your life?

DAY 8

Acts 2:1-4

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Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Question

Have you ever seen any of the Holy Spirits gifts through yourself or someone else?

DAY 9

Acts 2:32-33

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Question

How is the Holy Spirit helping you to change your life from old to new life in Christ?

DAY 10

Acts 2:38-39

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Question

How have you seen the Holy Spirit active in your life and changing you?

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