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Why don't Christians
spend much time
learning about
**the third Person in
the God-head: the
Holy Spirit?**



HOW DO WE - *finite, earthly
miniscule, flawed creations* -
TALK ABOUT AN INFINITE,
SPIRITUAL, ALMIGHTY, AND
PERFECT CREATOR?



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Even when we read the
Scriptures by faith...

Can We *fully*
Comprehend

The Holy Spirit?



Holy Spirit: a matter of FAITH

- Our limitations are based on what is revealed. Rom. 10:17
- Our limitations are also based on how we interpret Bible passages that reveal the indwelling and/or work of the Spirit.



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Ground Rules



...Quick to Listen (Jas. 1:19-20)

One of the best...hardly used tools of Bible study - truly listen, digest, what is being said/studied.



If Faith in an understudied subject is the goal, listening must be a prime virtue.

When Someone else speaks...

Give that person respect...
they want to learn or impart
what they know.



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Introducing the Holy Spirit of God!



In the beginning... (Gen. 1:2)

THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE

- The newly created earth was created but lifeless/uninhabitable.
- In it was God's creative, life-giving and powerful presence, ready to work.
- God gives His breath (Spirit) to give life where there is none. **Ps. 104:29-30; Gen. 2:7**
- SUMMARY: Closely connected to **LIFE** is God's Spirit. **Gen. 6:3 (cp. Jn. 6:33; Jn. 3:8)**



God's Spirit of Prophecy (Gen. 41:38)

- While it is likely Pharaoh did not know about the Holy Spirit he knew this much...
 - No man could know what Joseph knew. Gen. 41:15-16, 38-39
 - Joseph prophesied (“interpreted”) Joseph’s dream by way of God’s Holy Spirit. Cp. 2 Peter 1:20-21



O.T.: Filled with the Spirit of God

- **Joseph** (already noted). Gen. 41
- **Bezalel**. Exo. 31:30-33
- Judges:
 - **Othniel** (Judg. 3:10); **Gideon** (6:34);
 - **Jephthah** (11:29); **Samson** (14:6)
- **King Saul**. 1 Sam. 10:10; 16:14; 19:23
- **King David**. 1 Sam. 16:13
- Others (in notes)



Summarize O.T. Quick Survey

- When the Holy Spirit of God came on/in people:
 - They revealed divine knowledge.
 - They could do things that they could otherwise NOT do.
- This would not necessarily permanent.
- God's Spirit could also leave them.



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The Holy Spirit in the Gospels



Spirit's Presence in Jesus Birth

- John the Baptist. Lk. 1:15
- John's parents. Lk. 1:41, 67
- Mary (Jesus' mom). Lk. 1:35
(Matt. 1:18)
- Simeon. Lk. 2:25-27
- Anna (prophetess). Lk. 2:36 (2 Pet. 1:20-21)



Spirit's Presence in Jesus' Life

- His birth. **Lk. 1:35; Matt. 1:18**
- His baptism. **Matt. 3:16**
- His temptation. **Lk. 4:1, 14, 18**

Summary: Only through God's presence (His Spirit) can man - noted through the life of Jesus - make successfully through life's trials.



The Work of the Spirit in the Gospels

- He gives life:
 - Believer “born” of the Spirit. **Jn. 3:8** (cp. **Ezek. 36:25-27; Job 33:4**); **Jn. 7:38-39**
 - Believers baptized by Him. **Mk. 1:8** (**Acts 1:5**)
 - He is given to those who ask God. **Lk. 11:13**
- He gives power:
 - To speak God’s divine will. **Mk. 13:11**
 - *To do miraculous things. **Matt. 10:1** (**Matt. 12:28**)
- Rejecting His work. **Matt. 12:18-37**



The H.S. in the Book of Acts

Mentioned in 57 verses in Book of Acts

- “...He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments...” **1:2** (21:4)
- “...baptized with the H.S.” **1:5** (Joel 2:28)... “and receive power... to witness...” **V. 8, 16**
 - Fulfilled. **2:4, 17-21, 33** (Joel 2:28-32)
- “Receive the gift of the H.S.” **2:38**



“Filled” With the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts

Notice the difference in the result of being “filled” in these passages:

- Apostles* (disciples?). 2:1-4 (1:14?)
- Peter. 4:8
- Steven. 7:55
- Paul. 9:17, 13:9
- Disciples. 4:31; 6:3; 8:16 13:52
- Gentiles*. 11:15



Other Observations about the Holy Spirit in Acts

- He has authority. 1:2 (13:4; 16:6-7)
- Was lied to/tested. 5:3, 9
- He spoke through believers. 1:16 (2:4; 8:29; 10:19; 11:12)
- Given to those who obey God. 5:32 (15:8)
- Those “full” of the Spirit. 6:3, 5; 7:55; 11:24



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The Holy Spirit: Convicting the World



The Holy Spirit's Gift to the World (John 16:8-11)

Convicting the world:

- Of sin. V. 9
- Of righteousness. V. 10
- Of Judgment. V. 11



convict, convicted,
convicts

expose,
exposed

Convince,
convinced

tell ... his fault

rebuke, rebuked



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reprove; expose; convict

rebuke | 6 of 17

Lk 3:19 But Herod the tetrarch being rebuked by him concerning Herodias his brother Philip's wife and for all the evils which Herod had done

1 Ti 5:20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all that the rest also may fear

Tt 1:13 This testimony is true Therefore rebuke them sharply that they may be sound in the faith

Tt 2:15 Speak these things exhort and rebuke with all authority Let no one despise you

Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons My son do not despise the chastening of the LORD Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him

Re 3:19 As many as I love I rebuke and chasten Therefore be zealous and repent

convict | 5 of 17

Jn 8:9 Then those who heard it being convicted by their conscience went out one by one beginning with the oldest even to the last And Jesus was left alone and the woman standing in the midst

Jn 8:46 Which of you convicts Me of sin And if I tell the truth why do you not believe Me

Jn 16:8 And when He has come He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment

Tt 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convict those who contradict

Jas 2:9 but if you show partiality you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors

expose | 3 of 17

Jn 3:20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light lest his deeds should be exposed

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather expose them

Eph 5:13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light for whatever makes manifest is light

convince | 2 of 17

1 Co 14:24 But if all prophesy and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in he is convinced by all he is convicted by all

2 Ti 4:2 Preach the word Be ready in season and out of season Convince rebuke exhort with all longsuffering and teaching

tell... his fault | 1 of 17

Mt 18:15 Moreover if your brother sins against you go and tell him his fault between you and him alone if he hears you you have gained your brother

Convicting the world of...

SIN

- The goal of the Holy Spirit is to convict this ungodly world of unbelief... **that Jesus is the Son of God who came to save sinners.**
- Refusing the Spirit guarantees the loss pardon for their sin.

Matt. 12:24-31



Convicting the world of...

RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Jesus, judged to be unrighteous and crucified on a tree (**Gal. 3:13**), was vindicated by His righteousness (**Acts 3:14-15**).
- The Holy Spirit's role is to convict the world of this truth. **Cp. Acts 26:15-18; 2 Cor. 3:17**

Those who turn from this world to God, by believing Jesus to be the Christ, will not just be convicted of righteousness but live it out.

Rom. 8:6-16



Convicting the world of **JUDGMENT**

- The ruler of this world has already been judged. **Col. 2:15** (Lk. 10:18; Jn. 12:31)
- While judged Satan still works to take down as many as he can. **2 Pet. 5:8**
- The Holy Spirit convicts the world of their similar end should they reject His message. **Acts 17:30-31**

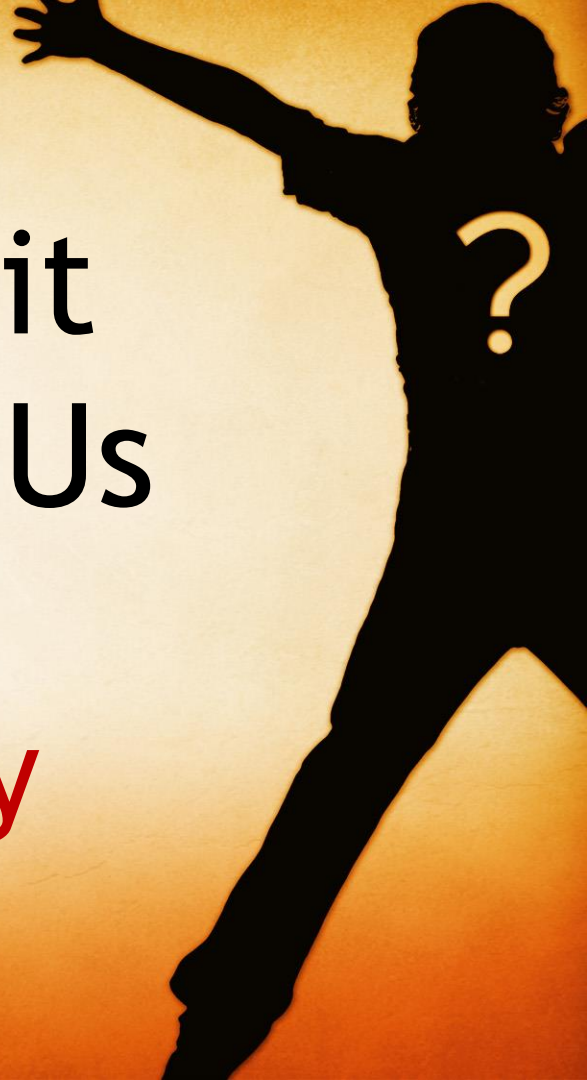


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The Holy Spirit Dwells Within Us

Literally Vs.
Metaphorically



Literal

- The Holy Spirit **Actually dwells** within us



Metaphoric

- The Holy Spirit **does not actually dwell** within us. He “metaphorically” dwells within us. **He dwells within us ONLY through God’s word.**

Literal

- The **person** of the Holy Spirit dwells within us.

Metaphoric

- The **presence** of the Holy Spirit dwells within us.



Literal

- The person of the Holy Spirit **imparts gifts to us (NOT ability to perform miracles).**



Metaphoric

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Arguments for a **Literal*** Dwelling

1. The Holy Spirit exists as a (divine) being.
Matt. 1:18, 20
2. Numerous places refer to the His *dwelling in us*.
Jas. 4:5; Rom. 8:9; 2 Tim. 1:14
3. Each person has a spirit dwelling within them.
1 Cor. 2:11
4. Other spirits have dwelt “literally” within humans.
Acts 16:18 (Matt. 10:1); or animals (Matt. 8:28-32)
5. Our bodies are said to be a temple (house) for the Holy Spirit to dwell within. **1 Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20**



Arguments for a **Metaphoric Dwelling**

1. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent: NOT limited by physical boundaries. **Psa. 139**
2. The word “dwell” does not always necessitate a literal indwelling but can mean to influence: sin (**Rom. 7:17**); truth (**2 Jn. 2**); God’s word (**Col. 3:16**)
3. Christians are told to “be filled with the Spirit”. **If the Holy Spirit is already in us...why do we need to be filled with Him?** (**Eph. 5:18**)

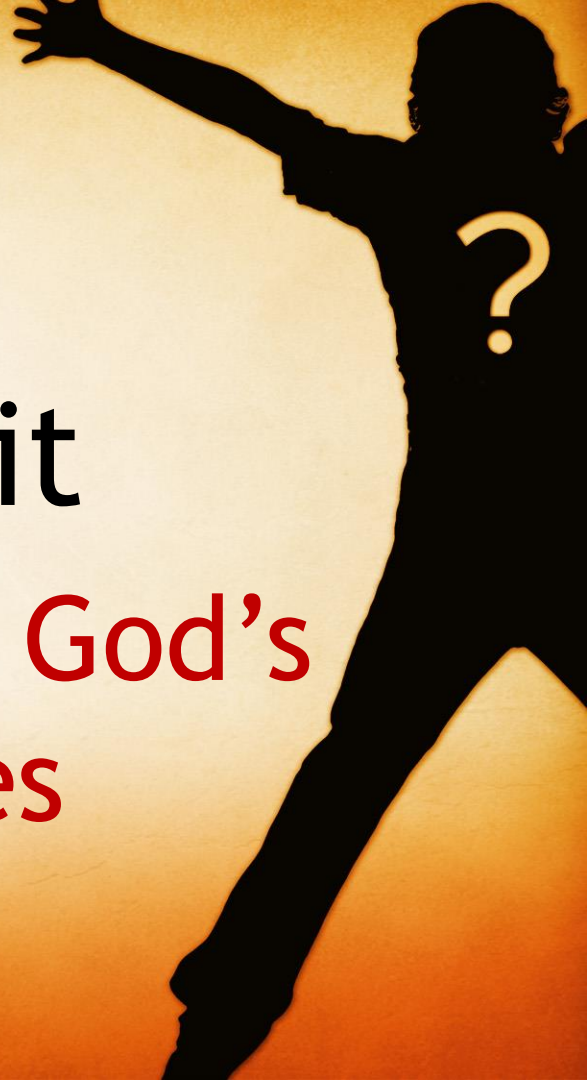


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Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Practical benefits of God's
Spirit in our lives



Gifts from the Holy Spirit

Rom. 12:6ff; 1 Cor. 12:4ff

- "Miraculous" gifts: **prop**hecy, wisdom*, knowledge*, faith*, healing, effects of miracles, distinguishing spirits*, tongues, interpreting tongues.
- "Non-miraculous" gifts: **serv**ing, teaching, exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy



Fruit (Evidence) of the Holy Spirit

- A transformed life is evidenced.
Matt. 12:33
- Evidence of God's Spirit manifested in the life of a believer. **Gal. 5:22ff**



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Word of God and the Holy Spirit



A Very Close Connection

- Men of God **spoke** as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. **2 Pet. 1:21**
- ...the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when **He testified** beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **1 Pet. 1:11**
- But **we speak** the wisdom of God in a mystery.... But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. **1 Cor. 2:7-10**



The Link Between the
Word of God and the Holy
Spirit...

The **Divine Revelation** of
Redemption



The Holy Spirit's Primary Work

- God wanted man to know the truth...
 - How he (man) came into existence
 - How sin came into the world
 - How He (God) would bring redemption to sinful man... through His Son.
- The Holy Spirit's work: to reveal these truths (aka 'the truth') to the world.



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 Corinthians 2:11-12



how that by revelation He made known
to me the mystery (as I have briefly
written already, by which, when you
read, you may understand my
knowledge in the mystery of Christ),
which in other ages was not made
known to the sons of men, as it has now
been revealed by the Spirit to His holy
apostles and prophets:

Ephesians 3:3-5



We Have The Spirit's Sword Now

- God's word is our means of sharing the truth (that the Holy Spirit provided through the holy apostles and prophets) to a world who needs redemption.
- The effective work we have is in sharing this revelation. **2 Cor. 5:14-20**





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