

# Northridge Baptist Church

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## The Holy Spirit

Yielding to the Holy Spirit and His purpose in our lives will empower change within us. Christians who understand His role in their lives will thrive themselves and become a fountain of spiritual power for others. The first step to enjoying the benefits of the Holy Spirit is learning about Him.

### Who is the Holy Spirit?

#### 1. He is a person.

He is the third part of the God head. In John 14:17 refers to the Holy Spirit as “Him.” In John 15:26 and 16:8 refer to the Holy Spirit as “He.” It is important to view the Holy Spirit as a person instead of a “force” or an “it.” When we view Him as a person, we can develop a close relationship with Him.

#### 2. He lives within us.

I Corinthians 6:19. In John 14:16-17 says, “*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*”

#### 3. The Holy Spirit has emotions.

We can grieve the Holy Spirit. In Ephesians 4:30 says, “*And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*” Grieve means “to make sorrowful.” In Isaiah 63:10 says, “*But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.*” In this verse means that the Holy Spirit was displeased.

### How does the Holy Spirit help me?

#### 1. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter. John 14:16, 26; 15:26

He is summoned, or called, to our side to aid and help us. The Holy Spirit is an aide, an assistant, a counselor, and someone we can talk to in our time of need.

#### 2. The Holy Spirit reproves us of our sins. In John 16:8 it says, “*And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment;*” Reprove means “to convict, to bring to light, or expose; the Holy Spirit is the One Who reveals our sins to us. Without His conviction we would be controlled by sin.

#### 3. The Holy Spirit empowers us. Ephesians 3:13-21

Here, Paul asks the Holy Spirit to provide inner strength for the believers. The challenges we face can seem overwhelming. The Holy Spirit gives us the power and ability to do what we cannot humanly do.

#### 4. The Holy Spirit will guide us to truth. John 16:13, Luke 12:12

We need help to understand God’s Word. The Holy Spirit teaches us God’s Word. The Holy Spirit teaches us God’s Word by revealing truth. As a light bulb illuminates a dark room, so the

Holy Spirit brings light to the Word of God. It teaches in John 14:26 says, “*He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*”

**5. The Holy Spirit is our Intercessor.** I Corinthians 2:10-11, Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit knows our weaknesses. He knows there are times we are so overcome by circumstances that we don’t know what we should pray. It is during these times that the Holy Spirit knows how our needs match God’s will before we do.

**6. The Holy Spirit is the giver of spiritual gifts and callings.** I Corinthians 12:7-11, Romans 12:6-8. At salvation Christian has the ability to pray for a need and the Holy Spirit will send you a gift and the Holy Spirit will call them to be a blessing to others believers by their calling. As the Christian matures he will find what his calling are.

**7. The Holy Spirit gives us a new nature.** II Corinthians 5:17

When the Holy Spirit comes within us, we receive a new nature (Gal. 4:6). This new nature is also our new identity. Our old sinful nature was crucified with Christ and its power has been broken (Rom. 6:6). Though we still experience and must fight with the sinful tendencies of the old nature. We are new creations in Christ and this work is done by Holy Spirit.

**8. The Holy Spirit gives us power over sin.** Romans 6:14

But to have daily power over sin we are to, “walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” Gal. 5:16. Through pray, bible and church you can walk in the spirit. This will give you power to have victory over sin.

**9. The Holy Spirit guides us.** John 16:13, Proverbs 12:15, Revelation 3:7

The Holy Spirit gives us direction and guidance. There are four ways the Holy Spirit guides.

- Inner Witness-An inner sense of peace about the direction of the Lord.
- Scripture-Holy Spirit may give us direction through scripture.
- Godly Counsel-The Holy Spirit uses the wise counsel of others to guide us.
- Circumstances-The Holy Spirit may arrange circumstances to show us God’s direction in our lives.

**What are the evidences of the Holy Spirit influence in my life?**

**1. The fruit of the Spirit is displayed.**

It says in Galatians 5:22-23, “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*”

The fruit of the Spirit is seen in three ways:

- INTERNALLY, I experience love, joy, and peace.
- TOWARD OTHERS, my relationships are filled with longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness.
- TOWARD GOD, I responded in faith, meekness, and temperance.

**2. There is a change in my behavior.** Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:5

It says in Ephesians 5:18, “*be filled with the Spirit;*” The connection between drunkenness and Spirit-fullness is that they both affect behavior. Drunkenness will cause uncontrolled behavior, while fullness of the Spirit will influence us to behave in a way that honors God.

**How Can I be filled with the Spirit of God?**

**1. Have a desire to be filled.**

In Psalms 63:1 it says, “*O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for*

*thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;*”

**2. You be yielded to the spirit.**

**3. Confess your sin.**

We must allow the Holy Spirit to search our hearts for sin and vain imaginations.

**4. Be Word-filled.** John 15:7. It says in Colossians 3:16, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*”

**5. Be patient and do not quench the Holy Spirit in your life.** I Thessalonians 5:19  
Being continually filled with the Spirit of God is a process of a lifetime, not a miracle of a moment. When we allow anger, bitterness, or any sin to control us, we grieve the Holy Spirit, thus limiting His work in our lives.

**6. Pray to be Spirit Filled** Luke 11:13