



Getting to Know the Holy Spirit

A short guide for new Christians

You do not have to follow Jesus in your own strength. God gives you His Holy Spirit to help you know Him, grow in love, and live with boldness.

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The explanations in this guide are simple summaries of Bible teaching. Scripture references are included so you can read each passage in your own Bible.

1. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

There is **one God**, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are three distinct persons, yet each is fully God. Christians call this the **Trinity**. They are not three gods or one person playing three roles.

The **Father** loves us and sent His Son. The **Son, Jesus Christ**, became human, died for our sins, and rose again. The **Holy Spirit** lives in believers and helps us follow Jesus.

We cannot fully explain everything about God, but we can trust what He has shown us in the Bible.

Matthew 28:19; John 1:1, 14; John 14:16-17; Acts 5:3-4

2. The Holy Spirit is your Helper

The Holy Spirit is a person, not an impersonal force. He teaches, guides, comforts, and helps us pray. He points us to Jesus and helps us understand and obey God's Word. You can speak to Him in prayer.

The Holy Spirit is God living in you. Through His Spirit, the Father and Jesus make their home in you. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct persons, yet one God. You are never alone - God is with you and within you.

John 14:16-17, 23, 26; John 16:13-14; Romans 8:9-11, 26-27

Remember: God has not left you to walk alone.

3. You belong to God

When you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you receive the Holy Spirit. You do not earn Him by becoming good enough.

The Bible says you are **sealed** with the Holy Spirit. A seal marks belonging: you belong to God. His Spirit is also God's promise of the inheritance still to come.

Receiving Christ is more than saying certain words. It means turning to Him and trusting Him to save you. We are saved by God's grace through faith.

Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 8:9

4. Welcome His help each day

The Spirit already lives in you, and the Bible also tells believers to **be filled with the Spirit**. Ask Him to keep shaping your heart and giving you strength to obey Jesus.

You are not asking an absent Spirit to arrive. You are welcoming the presence and help of the One God has already given you. You can pray: **"Holy Spirit, help me follow Jesus today. Fill me and lead me."**

His power helps us speak about Jesus with boldness and walk in God's purpose. You do not need a strong feeling to know He is with you.

Ephesians 5:18; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31; Galatians 5:16

5. What does His work look like?

As you follow His leading, the Spirit grows His **fruit** in your life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Growth takes time. When you sin, turn back to God, confess it, and receive His forgiveness. Keep taking the next step of obedience.

Galatians 5:22-25; 1 John 1:9

6. What about spiritual gifts?

The Holy Spirit gives believers power to follow Jesus and gifts to serve others. Speaking in tongues is one of these gifts, and Acts describes several occasions when people spoke in tongues as they received the Spirit.

Ask God to fill you and welcome His gifts. Remember, everyone who belongs to Jesus already has His Spirit, even if they have not spoken in tongues.

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:4; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:11, 30

7. How can I recognize His leading?

Read your Bible, pray, and ask wise Christians for help. Test what you hear. The Holy Spirit will not lead you against Scripture. A strong feeling alone is not proof that God is speaking. His leading honors Jesus and calls us toward truth and love.

John 16:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22; 1 John 4:1

A simple way to begin

Read: Start with John 14:16-27 and Galatians 5:16-25.

Pray: Talk honestly with God. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Obey: Take one small step today. Forgive someone, show kindness, or share your faith with love.

Connect: Grow with a Bible-teaching church. Ask a pastor about baptism and learning to follow Jesus.

A prayer for daily life

Father, thank You for loving me and saving me through Jesus.
Thank You that Your Holy Spirit lives in me.

Holy Spirit, fill me and help me follow Jesus. Help me understand the Bible, turn away from sin, and love others. Give me boldness to speak about Jesus and walk in the purpose You have for me. Help me recognize Your leading and obey You, one step at a time.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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You can take the next step with His help.

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