

Luke 11:10,13 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened... If ye...know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

What is the Holy Spirit?

As Christians, we believe God to be three persons in One: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. It is common to think mainly of God the Father and God the Son and neglect the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Yet the Holy Spirit is equally as instrumental and present in our lives as the other two persons of the Trinity.

In the Nicene Creed, we state that the Holy Spirit is the giver of life:

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.”

What does the Bible mean by the terms “born of the Spirit” and “baptized in the Holy Spirit”?

Born of the Spirit –

John 3:5-6 KJV Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- which is the work of the Holy Spirit to regenerate us, to change the disposition of our hearts and make us alive spiritually.
- Focuses on our relationship with the LORD, thru intimacy, and fellowship.
- Births us in the Spirit.
- We grow in the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 GNB But the *fruit of the Spirit* produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) humility, and self-control.

Baptism of the Spirit -

Acts 1:8 KJV But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- refers to being equipped or empowered by God’s Spirit to carry out the task that Jesus has given the church.
- Focuses on our work for the LORD, thru obedience, and authority.
- Empowers us with the Spirit.
- We grow in the gifts of the Spirit.

Acts 2:17-18 KJV And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (18) And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 KJV But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; (10) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: (11) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

PRAYER

Today, I ask you in Jesus's name to fill me with your Holy Spirit, to baptize me in his fire, and to clothe me in his power. According to the promise in your word, I believe that your answer is, "Yes," and that therefore by faith I have received your Holy Spirit into my life today.

I surrender my life to you. Come into my heart, be the Lord of my Life. Be my Savior and my King. Live in me and through me so that I can truly represent you in my service to others in your Name.

I desire to receive your Promise of the Holy Spirit to those who believe. Jesus, my Savior and King, baptize me in the Holy Spirit so that the power of your resurrection will work in me and transform me according to your will. Holy Spirit, empower me and fill me to overflowing. I hold nothing back from you. Work your gifts in me and through me, all of me, so that the Father's Kingdom may be manifested in and through my life. I ask this in Jesus' mighty Name. Amen!"

BORN OF THE SPIRIT BAPTIZED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*"If anyone thirsts,
let him come to Me
and drink.*

*He who believes in Me,
as the Scripture has said,
out of his heart will flow
rivers of living water."*

John 7:37-38