

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Key scriptures : Luke 3:16, John 7:37-39, Luke 11:9-13, Act 1:4-5

Jesus eagerly desires to baptize you with His Holy Spirit! He was excited to go back to the Father, so that He could send the promise of the Holy Spirit to all who believe. The Holy Spirit is for you, and you don't need to be afraid to ask Him to fill you.

If you are thirsty, come to Jesus and drink! Ask for the Holy Spirit, and He will fill you with rivers of living water flowing from your inner being.

1. Do you believe the Holy Spirit is for you, or just for others? Why do you believe this?

2. From reading the passage in Luke 11:9-13, what simple thing do you do to receive the Holy Spirit?

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Key Scriptures: Acts 2:38-39, Acts 2:1-4, Act 8:14-17, Acts 19:2-6

The promise of the Holy Spirit is for all those who are called, and that is you! Repentance and acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice is the first step, then in order to be filled you must have **expecting faith** that Jesus will fill you with His Spirit. One way people are filled, is by the laying on of hands. Those who have faith and are filled with the Holy Spirit release His power and infilling!

One evidence that you know someone has been filled with the Holy Spirit is that they speak in other tongues. This is a heavenly language that the natural mind does not understand, for it is spiritual. Other evidences are supernatural boldness, prophecy, and praising and magnifying God by His Spirit.

1. What were the signs following those who received the Holy Spirit?

2. Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? If not, would you like to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit now?

Prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit: *Father, I thank you for saving me through Your Son Jesus Christ. I come to you thirsty for the Holy Spirit. I want all that Jesus promised I can have in salvation. I ask you to baptize me, and thank you for filling me with Your precious Holy Spirit! I yield myself to the move of your presence and I receive Your wonderful gift with the evidences that follow. By faith in Jesus Name, I open my mouth and let rivers of living water flow from my inner most being!*

ENDUED WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Key scriptures: Act 1:8, John 14:16-17, John 16:12-15, 1 Cor 2:9-12

The purpose of the Holy Spirit is for you to be endued with HIS ability and power. Filled with Him, you will be a true witness to this world, in word and action. The Holy Spirit will also lead you into all truth, giving you understanding and ability to rightly divide God's Word. He will bring conviction to your life, and to those you minister to. He will work miracles through you!

God desires to reveal His heart and even future things to those who choose to live by the power of the Spirit. Press into Him, learn to daily follow His leading, and God will reveal great mysteries to you.

1. Discuss what it means to be a witness. In what ways do you desire to see the power of God manifest through your life?

2. Discuss what you want to know more in God's Word, and how you will let the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth.

PRAYING IN TONGUES

Key scriptures: Mark 16:17-18, 1 Cor. 14:14-15, 1 Cor. 14:39, Rom. 8:26-27, Jude 1:20

Tongues is not the Holy Spirit, but it's a prayer language given to you by Him. The reasons for speaking in tongues are to glorify God in a Heavenly language, and for your edification. As you give yourself to praying in the Spirit, you are built up and made spiritually strong. It is His will that you are continually filled!

You can pray in the Spirit and the understanding, and sing in the Spirit and the understanding. This is God's gift to you to use at anytime! The Holy Spirit also prays through you when you don't know what to pray, He helps you in your weakness. The more you yield to tongues, the deeper your prayer language will become. There are deep realms of prayer He wants to take you into. Continue to let go and yield to Him!

1. According to Jude 1:20, how do you build yourself up on your most holy faith?

2. Are you willing to continually yield to the Holy Spirit in tongues of prayer and singing? Are you willing to let Him lead you into deeper realms of prayer in the Spirit? Discuss.

NOW YOU CAN BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Key Scriptures : John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:16-25, Romans 8:2

Being filled with the Spirit means we get to bear His wonderful fruit in our lives! To bear fruit of the Spirit that remains, we must continue to abide in Jesus. He is our source of life, His life is the Spirit that flows through us and produces fruit. As you continue to abide in Him, the fruit you bear is the character and nature of God. It is HIS love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control living THROUGH you!

The “fruit” is how you respond to situations, how you treat others, and how you live out the Christian life on this earth. Your responses can be from God’s nature in you, or from the carnal nature (the way that seems right to a man). The choice is yours. Rather than focusing too much on trying to bear fruit, let your focus be on developing a strong relationship with Jesus. Through your strong relationship with Him, you will see the Fruit of the Spirit come forth and become a reality!

1. Discuss what habits you can develop in your life to help you **remain** in Jesus. (Remember it’s not out of duty but through relationship.)

2. What fruit do you want to see developed more in your life? How will you allow that to develop?
