

The Holy Spirit

Introduction

The Holy Spirit is NOT a third person in the Godhead as Trinitarians claim, but the only one true God Himself. If God is a spirit, then he cannot be an evil spirit but holy. **Romans 8:9, John 4:23, 24 2Corinthians 3:17, Luke 1:35**

The Holy Spirit is synonymous to Holy Ghost, and these two words are used interchangeably, **John 14:15-17 Acts 2:38**

What is Holy Spirit Baptism?

1. It is called the washing of regeneration- **Titus 3:5**
2. It is the infilling or indwelling of the spirit of God- **Ephesians 1:16-17, Acts 2:1-4, Luke 24:44-48**
3. It is part of the new birth process- **John 3:3-5**

Evidence of the Holy Spirit

1. Stammering lips and unknown tongue- **Isaiah 28:11-12**
2. Speaking of new tongue- **Mark 16:17-18**
3. You speak as the spirit gives utterance- **Acts 2:1-4, 10:44-48**

Biblical references

1. On Pentecost- **Acts 2:1-4**
2. Cornelius and his household- **Acts 10:44-48**
3. The church at Corinth- **Acts 19:1-6**

"why we need" the holy spirit

The Holy Spirit plays a prominent role in the life of the Christian, and error should not discourage us from seeking truth. With that in mind, we need the Holy Spirit...

I. because of the promise of the Holy Spirit

A. promised by Jesus...

To all who believe in Him - **Jn 7:37-39**

B. promised by peter...

To all who repent and are baptized - **Ac 2:38-39**

To those who obey God - **Ac 5:32**

C. promised by Paul...

To those who become children of God - [Ga 4:6](#); [Ro 8:14-16](#)

Indeed, one cannot be Christ's unless they have the Spirit dwelling in them - [Ro 8:9](#)

II. because of the work of the Holy Spirit

A. convicting the world...

Of sin, righteousness, and judgment - [Jn 16:7-11](#)

Done through the gospel of Christ

- a. The instrument designed to produce faith - [Ro 10:17](#)
- b. Which is God's power to save - [Ro 1:16-17](#)
- c. And determines who will be judged (condemned) - [2Th 1:7-9](#)

Through the Word, the Spirit convicts the world of sin

B. regenerating the sinner...

Saving those who respond through the washing of regeneration - [Tit 3:4-6](#)

- a. Being born again of water and the Spirit - [Jn 3:5](#)
- b. In which one's sins are washed away by the blood of Christ
- [Ac 22:16](#); [Ep 1:7](#)

Causing them to be reborn, in conjunction with the Word - [1 Pe 1:22-23,25](#)

When one obeys the Word, the Spirit regenerates the sinner

C. sanctifying the saved...

A process that begins when washed and justified - [1Co 6:11](#)

2. A process that continues with the aid of the Word

- a. We are sanctified by God's Word - [Jn 17:17](#)
- b. Which is the sword of the Spirit - [Ep 6:17](#)

-- **When one abides in the Word, the Spirit sanctifies the believer**

(cf. [Ro 15:16](#))

III. because of the blessings of the Holy Spirit

A. the indwelling of the spirit...

Indwelling the Christian - [Ro 8:9-11](#); cf. [1Co 6:19](#)

Enabling us to put to death the deeds of the body - [Ro 8:12-13](#)

Strengthening us in the inner man - [Ep 3:16,20](#); cf. [Php 2:12-13](#)

The Spirit is the Father's instrument to empower the Christian

B. the seal of the spirit...

A seal marking us as belonging to God - [Ep 1:13](#)

Looking forward to the day of our redemption - [Ep 4:30](#)

-- The Spirit is the Father's identifier that we belong to Him

C. the earnest of the spirit...

A guarantee or down payment of our inheritance - [Ep 1:13-14](#)

Given in our hearts as a guarantee of our redemption- [2 Co 1:22](#); [5:5](#)

-- The Spirit is the Father's insurance that He will deliver as promised

D. the fruit of the spirit...

Developing graces of Christ-like conduct - [Ga 5:22-26](#)

Engendering a deepening love for God as Father - [Ga 4:6](#); [Ro 8: 15-16](#)

Filling us with hope - [Ro 15:13](#)

-- The Spirit is the Father's instrument to bless the Christian

E. the intercession of the spirit...

Helping us in our weakness, even in our prayers - [Ro 8:26](#)

Making intercession for with groanings that cannot be uttered - [Ro 8:26-27](#)

-- The Spirit is the Father's interpreter to hear the Christian

F. the gifts of the spirit

Supernatural gifts for the profiting of the body of Christ and the individual-[1Corinthians 12:1](#)

Ministerial leadership gifts for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry and for the edifying of the body of Christ-[Ephesians 4:11-](#)