

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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The Character of the Holy Spirit

As we read verses about the Holy Spirit we can learn much about God. The Holy Spirit is in us. As we learn to give ourselves over to the Holy Spirit in us, we shall see God's character at work in us.

John 3:34, John 6:63, John 7:38-39, John 14:16,17, John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:8

What happens when the Holy Spirit comes in us?

The Holy Spirit wants to help you understand who Jesus Christ is. Sometimes it can be difficult to grasp who Jesus Christ really is. The Holy Spirit comes in us and will make Jesus Christ known to us.

John 15:26

Because the Holy Spirit inspired people to write books which are now in the Bible, the Holy Spirit can perfectly explain the Bible.

That's why you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand the words in the Bible.

The Spirit can suddenly bring certain texts to your mind. He does this in order to help you so that you can find the right way and make correct choices. Sometimes the texts are meant to encourage you but they can also provide a warning.

What does the anointing teach us?

John 14:23-26

1 John 2:27

By anointing it means the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit enters you then He shall help you to pray.

Sometimes it can be difficult to be close to God. The Holy Spirit helps you in this. He helps you to pray words which come from the heart of God. The words just come to you by themselves, if you are open to it.

Rom 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit can come into you like water. This water can give you a cleansing feeling from the depths of your soul. Some people suddenly experience a gust of wind, a burning fire inside them, a warmth or a deep peace.

What type of strange things happened in Jerusalem?

Acts 2:1-4, Acts 4:30,31

There are three things which stand out in this text.

1) The Holy Spirit came upon everyone who was in the room.

Everybody present from all different peoples could hear the gospel in their own language.

2) A clear effect of the Holy Spirit is the boldness and the spiritual power which the disciples have. First a flame of fire came on their head and then they had a fiery tongue in their mouth. The fear of talking about the Kingdom of God and King Jesus was gone. The fear of being laughed at or having to suffer also disappeared.

3) The Holy Spirit took the place of Jesus who ascended to heaven. After Jesus had been filled with the Spirit of God, He went around proclaiming the Kingdom. Immediately after having proclaimed the Kingdom Jesus demonstrated what that Kingdom means. Many miracles, healings and deliverances took place. Even the dead were raised.

After Jesus left the earth and went to God the Father, He gave His disciples the command to do what He had taught them and demonstrated for them. The disciples, who were called apostles after this event (this means the sent ones), go out in the power of the Holy Spirit which came upon them. They do exactly the same things that Jesus had shown them.

Prayer Language

1 Cor 14:1 Acts 10:44-46

Something special happens when the Holy Spirit comes to fill you up and that is speaking in a prayer language. This is also known as tongues. Tongues can be a language which is spoken somewhere else in the world. Or it is a language which only angels speak. You cannot understand the language with your mind. You can only receive it in faith. This language helps you to pray God's prayers. The more you speak in this prayer language, the easier it becomes to enter into God's presence. Praying in tongues prepares the way so that you can enter God's presence.

It builds up your faith.

What does the Holy Spirit talk to us about?

The Holy Spirit is given to us to help us. We have seen that when He comes in us, we receive the same power which entered Jesus. The Holy Spirit talks to us, just like He did with Jesus. He tells us who we are. He gives us gifts. He knows our purpose for living on this earth. He helps us to discover our calling and our spiritual gifts and how to use these.

What happened to Peter?

Acts 4:8-13

What did Philip have to do?

Acts 8:26-31,39

What happened to Saul and Barnabas?

Acts 13:2-4



EXERCISE:

Ask the Holy Spirit if He will lead you. It is just like an unknown city. You can buy a map, but you can also ask a guide to show you around. With a guide you get to see the best spots. The Holy Spirit wants to be a guide like this to you.

When you take time to pray, make sure you also take time to listen. If you ask the Holy Spirit to lead you then He will give you thoughts. Try and write these thoughts down. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will ask you to do something. Make sure you do what He says. The more you listen and do what He says, the more He will show you.

Discuss with your mentor being filled with the Holy Spirit. Ask for prayer and the laying on of hands if you long to be filled and this has not yet happened. When someone lays hands on you they release the power of God. Talk together about speaking in tongues. Tell them what you think about it and ask any questions to help anything that is still unclear. Pray together for this prayer language.

PRINCIPLE 12

The Holy Spirit is given to equip us with God's love, peace, and strength. Through His presence in our lives we are able to understand God's will for our lives to carry out the Kingdom of God.



TEXTS PRINCIPLE 12.2

John 3:34

34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

John 6:63

63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

John 7:38-39

38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 14:16-17

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:26

26 But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 15:26

26 "When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 16:8

8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.

John 14:23-26

23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

1 John 2:27

27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

Romans 8:26-27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot

express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Acts 2:1-4

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 4:30-31

30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

1 Corinthians 14:1

1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.

Acts 10:44-46

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 4:8-13

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." 13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 8:26-31,39

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip,

“Go to that chariot and stay near it.” 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. 31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 13:2-4

2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. 4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.