

I. Who Is the Holy Spirit?

II. What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Romans 8:15-16 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

A. Two major workings of the Holy Spirit

- Father/king
- Family/kingdom
- Child/servant
- Birth and growth/calling and ministry
- Who I am/what I do
- Character/purpose
- Becoming/Conquering

B. Application

- 1. Growth
- 2. Power

III. Birth/Family Work of the Holy Spirit

A. Salvation and the Holy Spirit

1 Cor. 12:3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and **no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.**

B. Salvation and the People of the Old Testament

Galatians 3:8-9 8 The Scripture **foresaw** that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and **announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."** 9 So those **who have faith** are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

IV. Empowering/Kingdom Work of the Holy Spirit

A. Old Testament empowerment

- 1. Moses and the elders
Numbers 11:17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

Numbers 11:24-25 24 So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

- 2. Saul and David
1 Sam. 16:13-14 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and **anointed** him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on **the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.** Samuel then went to Ramah. 14 Now **the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul,** and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

- 3. David
Psalm 51:10-11 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

B. New Testament empowerment: Jesus

Luke 3:21-23 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." 23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

C. New Testament empowerment: Luke's Holy Spirit

Luke 1:15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be **filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth.**

Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you,** and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and **Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Luke 1:67 His father Zechariah was filled with **the Holy Spirit** and prophesied:

Luke 2:25-26 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit** was upon him. 26 It had been revealed to him **by the Holy Spirit** that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 3:16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and with fire.

Luke 3:22 and **the Holy Spirit** descended **on him** in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 4:1 **Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,** returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert

Luke 11:13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 12:10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

Luke 12:12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

V. Our Empowerment

A. Who now?

Acts 2:33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father **the promised Holy Spirit** and has poured out what you now see and hear.

John 7:38-39 38 Whoever believes in me, as the 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.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive **power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Numbers 11:29 But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? **I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!**"

B. How?

Luke 11:13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

C. Why?

John 16:14 **He will bring glory to me** by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.