

The Holy Spirit Through Us

Session 3



The Holy Spirit has Personality...He is not just an abstract force or power.

The Holy Spirit:

Exercises the Attributes of Personality:

- **He has a MIND (Romans 8:27)**, “And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is in the mind of the Spirit...”
- **He has a WILL (1 Corinthians 12:11)**, “But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will”
- **He has FEELING (Ephesians 4:30)**, “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God...”

Personal Activities are Ascribed to Him:

- **He REVEALS (2 Peter 1:21)**, “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- **He TEACHES (John 14:26)**, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things...”
- **He WITNESSES (Galatians 4:6)**, “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father”
- **He INTERCEDES (Romans 8:26)**, “Likewise the Spirit itself also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”
- **He SPEAKS (Revelation 2:7)**, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches...”
- **He COMMANDS (Acts 16:6,7)**, “Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; but the Spirit suffered them not”
- **He TESTIFIES (John 15:26)**, “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me...”

Susceptible to Personal Treatment:

- **He May Be GRIEVED (Ephesians 4:30)**, “and grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption”
- **He May Be LIED TO (Acts 5:3)**, “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?”
- **He May BE Blasphemed (Matthew 12:31)**, “Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.”

The Holy Spirit Possesses Divine Attributes....

- **He is Eternal in Nature... (Hebrews 9:14)**, “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God....”
The word “eternal” here is the same word used in other places describing the duration of God and the Son of God. Eternal means “infinite duration, without beginning, end or limit; an ever-abiding presence.”
- **He is Omnipresent—everywhere present... (Psalm 139:7-10)**, “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there....”
- **He is Omnipotent—He has the ability to bring to pass everything God wills, without bounds or limitations (Luke 1:35)**, “and the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore, also that holy one which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”
- **He is Omniscient—He knows all things; He is absolutely perfect in knowledge (1 Corinthians 2:10, 11)**, “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

The Holy Spirit Performs Divine Works---

- **He Was Active in Creation (Genesis 1:2)**, “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”
- **He Imparts New Life In Regeneration (John 3:5-8)**, “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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again...”
- **He Quickens: Gives Life is the literal translation of Romans 8:11.**
He quickens our mortal bodies now and will ultimately raise them from mortality to immortality (1 Corinthians 15:53).
 - **He RESPONDS to Jesus command for the believer to be BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (the Holy Spirit gives evidence to the believer that he or she is baptized with the Holy Spirit). (Luke 3:16)**, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”
(Acts 1:4–5) “And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, ‘You heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:17-18 (NIV), “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”

The Azusa Street Revival...

In 1906, the Apostolic Faith Mission on Azusa Street in Los Angeles, California, erupted into a Spirit-filled revival, different in scope and fervor from previous revivals. People traveled as much as thousands of miles to experience this revival.

- *Some people rejoiced*
- *Some were curious, skeptical and critical*

Much like on the Day of Pentecost.

The Azusa Street Revival became the foundational event for most modern-day Pentecostal fellowships.

The Revival held many good services and invited many good preachers to the pulpit.

Ultimately, however, the revival was driven by:

- **An unquenchable hunger for God—to know Him and to hear His voice.**
- **A genuine love for others.**
- **An unwavering commitment to God’s Word.**
- **An understanding that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is not just for personal blessing—Its central purpose is for empowerment.**
 - ✓ **The baptism is for speaking with clarity as a witness for Christ.**
 - ✓ **The baptism is not just an experience to be flaunted, but one to be used for the glory of God.**

What does it mean to be baptized in the Spirit?

- **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a spiritual experience following salvation.**
- **The follower of Jesus is immersed in, or filled with, the Holy Spirit.**
- **The baptism in the Holy Spirit is initially evidenced by a sign called speaking in tongues. (God gives you a prayer language).**
 - ✓ **Worshipping God in a heavenly language.**
 - ✓ **The believers grow in their daily walk by reading the Word and doing the Word.**
 - ✓ **The believers can use the heavenly language in their prayer time. Praying in the Spirit is a privilege.**

The baptism is not a one-time “got it” experience, but the apostle Paul taught believers to keep on being filled. Ephesians 5:18-20, “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Being baptized in the Holy Spirit, you open yourself up to a fruitful and meaningful life.

The Baptism does not put you on a higher level with the Father; but, provides you with an empowerment to be an effective witness to God's saving power.

- ***If all you are using the gift of the Holy Spirit is for speaking in tongues, then you are being misled by another spirit.***
- ***The gift of the Holy Spirit (Baptism in the Holy Spirit) is to empower you to go beyond the realm of self-rule or self-exaltation.***
- ***The gift of the Holy Spirit is for you to promote salvation through Jesus' act on the cross (death, burial, and resurrection) and effectively witness to the sinner of the grace of God.***

HOW CAN WE EXPERIENCE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- ***Create an atmosphere of expectation by praising and expressing love to Jesus audibly.***
- ***Expect to experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. Be willing to not only seek, but to ask the Father for this precious gift.***
- ***Be willing to stop speaking in your normal language. You cannot speak two languages at the same time. We have to leave the known to receive the unknown.***
- ***Receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit just as you receive any other gift.***
- ***When you hear expressions, words, or syllables forming in your mind, speak them. Acts 2:4, "All of them were filled...and began to speak."***
- ***Speak, if it is only a few syllables. Your vocabulary will grow in this new language.***
- ***Realize that you control the flow of the Spirit through you. It is your choice to receive, your decision to act, and your mouth will be the one to praise in the unknown tongue.***
- ***Continue to pray in the Spirit every day. We are built up in our faith when we pray in the Spirit. Jude 1:20, "But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,"***

It is not the man that performs the miracles, it is the divine act of the Holy Spirit using man as the instrument to bring the miracle(s) to man.

Conclusion: If we do not receive these spiritual benefits and blessings, it is our own fault.

He is willing and anxious to seal, teach, guide, search us, comfort and intercede.

God help us to let Him use us!