

UNDERSTAND SERIES

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UNDERSTAND THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later^[a] times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ² through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NRSV)

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

2 Timothy 4:3–5 (NRSV)

If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference.

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The Holy Spirit shaped creation; he gave revelation and caused the Bible to be written; he renews hearts and transforms lives; he assures Christians of their eternal salvation, and he equips them to serve the Savior to whom he unites them.

You will note that we are saying “he,” not “it.” The Spirit who in the Old Testament represents himself as merely a divine force, potent but not personal, appears in the New Testament as a Helper and Counselor who speaks and teaches, who can be grieved and lied to, and who intercedes passionately for Christians on a regular basis. These things could only be said of a person, one who is as truly personal as are the Father and the Son.

The Spirit is the Third Person within the unity of the Godhead; that is why he is called “Holy,” as the Father and the Son are (see John 6:69; 17:11). “Holy” is the Bible word that points to the God-ness of God, to all that sets him apart from, and above, and sometimes against us, to all the greatness and purity, all the awesomeness and occasional fearsomeness, with which the Triune Yahweh confronts us.

Holiness has been described as the attribute of all God’s attributes, the distinctive quality of all that God is and does. So the church’s habit of referring to God as “the Holy

Trinity” is natural, right, and proper. Now the Holy Spirit is the executive agent of the holy God the Father and the holy God the Son in all the ongoing divine works of providence and grace. And as the Scriptures associate divine love primarily with the Father and the Son, so they associate divine power primarily with the Spirit. They link the Spirit particularly with the output of divine energy and movement, change and transformation.

The Spirit brings people into the kingdom of God by a work in them that Jesus described as being born again (i.e., born anew, or perhaps born from above), in a manner that involves faith in Jesus himself as the God-given Savior (John 3:3–15).

The Spirit in people’s lives will generate true worship of the Father (real worship that accords with God’s truth), so making them into the kind of worshippers that the Father seeks (John 4:23–24).

The Spirit will so work in those who came to Christ for the quenching of spiritual thirst that “rivers of living water” will flow out of their heart. Here we have a clear allusion to Ezekiel 47:1–12, the Christian being pictured as a temple in which God dwells, and in this image a clear portrayal of overflowing joy, peace, hope, and love. This would become a matter of personal experience,

John explains, only after Jesus had been glorified (John 7:37–39; see John 17:5). The Spirit will be given by the Father and the Son to Christ’s disciples to live within them as their Helper-Counselor-Supporter-Comforter-Encourager (no one English word renders the full meaning of *paraklētos* in the Greek).

The Spirit will stay with them permanently, and through his coming Christ and the Father will also come to indwell them permanently (John 14:16–17, 23). The Spirit’s ministry will be consistently and exclusively Christ-centered.

John 16:14 reads:

“He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you”

He will call attention to Christ, not to himself. It is the Spirit’s way to keep out of our direct view, like a shy child hiding behind a door. Think of his ministry as floodlight ministry: the floodlight, hid in a niche in the wall, is trained on what the observer is meant to see while remaining itself out of sight.

Or think of it this way: Christ stands before us, addressing us, calling us to himself, while the Spirit stands behind us shining his light over our shoulder so that we see Christ and know him to be real, and at the same time the Spirit whispers into the ear of our heart his own echo of the words that Christ speaks to us: Do you hear him saying, “Come to me . . . learn from me . . . you will find rest . . .”?

Go to him; he is saying these things to you. This is the formula, not only for personal conversion, but for our entire Christian life. Recognizing, approaching, trusting, loving, adoring, and serving the Lord Jesus is the essence of that life. Jesus Christ, not the Spirit, is our constant focus; but it is precisely through the Spirit that we are enabled to focus on him.

The Works of the Holy Spirit (LET'S GET SOME THINGS RIGHT ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT).

There are sixty-one things every Christian should know about the Holy Spirit. These sixty-one principles, summarize the things the Bible says about the Holy Spirit generally and what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit particularly.

1. The Holy Spirit Is God

- Gen. 1:2: "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- Acts 5:3-4 - When Ananias lied to the Holy Spirit, he lied to God. Peter said to him, "How is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit? . . . You have not lied to men but to God". As a consequence Ananias (and afterward his wife, Sapphira) were immediately struck dead.
- John 3:6: "Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. (**Compare**) 1 John 5:4: "because whatever has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith.
- Romans 15:19: "by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God..."
- 2 Cor. 3:18: "All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

(SIDE NOTE)

- Isaiah 42:8: "'I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not share my glory to another or my praise to idols."
- Isaiah 48:11: "For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

Holy Spirit has to be God because God does not share His Glory!

2. The Holy Spirit Is a Person

- "He" John 14:16; "¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and **he** will give you another Helper,^[a] to be with you forever,
- "He" John 16:8: "⁸ And when **he** comes, **he** will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

- "Spirit of Love" Rom. 15:30: "I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf," (Has a heart)
- "Mind of the Spirit" Rom. 8:27: "27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because^[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."
- "Wisdom of the Spirit" ! Cor. 2:10-11: "10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the **spirit of that person**, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the **Spirit of God**."
- "Will of the Spirit" 1 Cor. 12:11: "11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he **wills**."

The Holy Spirit is a real person.

3. The Holy Spirit Is Eternal

- Hebrews 9:14: "...through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without blemish to God..."

4. The Holy Spirit is Omniscient

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10: "9 But as it is written: What eye did not see and ear did not hear, and what never entered the human mind— God prepared this for those who love Him.^[a]10 Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

5. The Holy Spirit is Omnipresent

- Psalms 139:7-10: "Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

6. The Holy Spirit is Equal to the Father and the Son

- Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
- 2 Cor. 13:14: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

7. The Holy Spirit Access to God,

- Eph. 2:18; "For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father"

8. The Holy Spirit Was Involved in Creation

- Gen. 1:26: “Then God said, “Let us make mankind in OUR image, to be like us.^[a]Let them be masters over the fish in the ocean, the birds that fly,^[b] the livestock, everything that crawls on the earth, and over the earth itself!
- Gen. 1:2; ““The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- Job 33:4: “The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life

9. The Holy Spirit Comes at Salvation

- Romans 8:9-14 says: “_You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus^[a] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. ¹² So then, brothers,^[b] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons^[c] of God.
- Gal. 4:6: “And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”
- John 14:16: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,^[a] to be with you forever,

10. The Holy Spirit has a Threefold Ministry

Before Conversion:

- John 16:8: “And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.
- 1 Cor. 12:3: “Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.”

At Conversion:

- John 3:5-6: “⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”
- Rom. 8:9-10: “⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit

of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

- 1 Cor. 3:16: “¹⁶ Do you not know that you^[a] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
- Acts 2:38: “And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- 2 Cor. 1:21: “²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,
- Eph. 1:13: “¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

After Conversion:

- 1 Thess. 4:7-8: “⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.”
- Acts 2:38: “And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- 1 Cor. 6:19-20: “¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”
- John 16:30: “³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”
- Gal. 5:22-23: “²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”
- 1 Cor. 12:4-11: “⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”

11. The Holy Spirit Seals the Believer,

- Eph. 1:13-14; “¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee^[a] of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,^[b] to the praise of his glory.

- Eph. 4:30: “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

12. **The Holy Spirit Regenerates the Believer,**

- Titus 3:5: “he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

13. **The Holy Spirit Sanctifies the Believer,**

- Rom. 15:16: “to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

14. **We are commanded to be filled by the Holy Spirit and promised the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

- Ephesians 5:17-18; Therefore, do not be foolish (stupid), but understand what the **will of the Lord** is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be **filled with the Spirit,**
- Matthew 3:11: ““I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and fire.
- Luke 24:49: “And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with **power from on high.**”
- Acts 1:5, 8: “because John baptized with^[a] water, but you will be **baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit** a few days from now.” “But you’ll receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you’ll be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- Acts 2:4; And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance
- Acts 2:38: “And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the **gift of the Holy Spirit.**”
- Acts 4:8; Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit,** said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,
- Acts 4:31; And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
- Acts 9:17: So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be **filled with the Holy Spirit.**”
- Acts 10:44-46: “While Peter was still making this statement, the Holy Spirit fell on all the people who were listening to his message. ⁴⁵ Then the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed that **the gift**

of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the gentiles, too, ⁴⁶ because they heard them speaking in foreign languages^[a] and praising God...”

- Acts 11:15-16: “When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as he was first given to us. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with^[a] water, but you will be **baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.**’
- Acts 13:9; But Saul, who was also called Paul, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, looked intently at him
- Acts 13:52: And **the** disciples were **filled with** joy and **with the Holy Spirit.**
- Acts 19:4-7: “Then Paul said, “John baptized when they repented, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul laid his hands on them, the **Holy Spirit came on them**, and they began to speak in foreign languages^[a] and to prophesy. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

It is not about can you name it?

- baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire
- the gift of the Holy Spirit
- filled with the Holy Spirit
- Holy Spirit came on them
- power from on high

But do you have it?

15. The Holy Spirit does NOT come in measure

Jesus our example! Whatever Jesus received WE receive!

- John 3:34: “For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.
- Luke 4:1; “And Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness
- Acts 6:5; “And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man **full of faith and of the Holy Spirit...**”

We do not need more Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit needs to capture more of us. We need for the Holy Spirit to take control more of our lives.

16. Christ is our example and we shall do greater things because of the Holy Spirit

- John 14:12-14: “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me^[a] anything in my name, I will do it.

17. **The Holy Spirit Will bring Righteousness, Peace and Joy**

- Rom 14:17: *“for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”* (Rom 5:5)

18. **The Holy Spirit Places Love in our Hearts**

- Rom. 5:5: “and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

19. **The Holy Spirit Anoints for Service,**

- Luke 4:18: “The **Spirit of the Lord** is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
- 1 John 2:27: “But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

20. **The Holy Spirit Authors Scripture (Bible),**

- 2 Peter 1:20, 21: “First of all, you must understand this: No prophecy in Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever originated through a human decision. Instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
- 2 Timothy 3:16; “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

INSPIRED: (God took the initiative to make himself known)
 1). Doctrine: What is RIGHT
 2). Reproof: What is NOT RIGHT
 3). Correction: How to get RIGHT
 4). Righteousness: How to stay RIGHT

21. **The Holy Spirit Interprets Scripture,**

- 1 Cor. 2:1, 14; “And I, when I came to you, brothers,^[a] did not come proclaiming to you the testimony^[b] of God with lofty speech or wisdom. “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
- Eph. 1:17: “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

22. The Holy Spirit Testifies of Jesus,

- John 15:26 ²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

23. The Holy Spirit Directs People to Jesus and Makes Him Real

- Matthew 11:25–30;
- John 6:61–65;
- Romans 8:28–30;
- Ephesians 2:1–9

24. The Holy Spirit Is Our Teacher

- John 14:26 – But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- John 16:13 – But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come

25. The Holy Spirit Vindicates

- Genesis 41:16: ¹⁶“Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”
- Matthew 23:12; ¹²“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”
- 1 Corinthians 4:4–5; ⁴“For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.
- 1 Peter 5:6–10: ⁶“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

26. The Holy Spirit Glorifies Jesus Christ

- John 16:13-14 – ¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever

he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

- 1 Peter 4:10-11; “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
- 1 Peter 1:7-9: “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: ⁸ Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
- John 1:14: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(SIDE NOTE)

- Isaiah 42:8: “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not share my glory to another or my praise to idols.”
- Isaiah 48:11: “For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

Jesus has to be God because God does not share His Glory!

27. The Holy Spirit Gives Talent

- 1 Corinthians 4:6–7; “⁶ I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers,^[a] that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. ⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?
- James 1:17: “¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

28. The Holy Spirit Overrules

- Psalm 124:1-3; “If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say— ² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, ³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;”
- Daniel 6:20–22; “²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been

able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”

- Acts 9:4–9; “⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.”
- Ephesians 2:1–9: “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body^[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.^[b] ⁴ But^[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

29. The Holy Spirit Transfers Anointing

- Exodus 18:25–26; “Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.²⁶ And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves.”
- Numbers 11:16–17; : ¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ¹⁷ And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone.”

30. The Holy Spirit Gives Wisdom and Revelation

- Eph. 1:17: “I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father,^[a]would give you a spirit^[b] of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him”.

31. The Holy Spirit Prepares Us for Service

- 1 Samuel 24:4–7; “And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. ⁵ And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD's anointed.” ⁷ So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul...”
- 1 Samuel 26:8–11; “⁸ Then Abishai said to David, “God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.” ⁹ But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?” ¹⁰ And David said, “As the LORD lives, the LORD will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. ¹¹ The LORD forbid that I should put out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But take now the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go.”
- Isaiah 40:31; “but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”
- Matthew 20:20–28: “²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” ²² Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” ²³ He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,^[a] ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,^[b] ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (See Psalms 23; Psalms 136)

32. The Holy Spirit Speaks Through Us

- Acts 2:1–4; “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- Ephesians 6:18–20; “¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”
- 1 Peter 4:7–11: “⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (See Psalms 45)

33. The Holy Spirit Does Not Forsake Us

- 2 Samuel 12:11–14; “¹¹ Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.’ ¹² For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.” ¹³ David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD,^[a] the child who is born to you shall die.”
- Lamentations 3:22–23: “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;^[a] his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- (See Psalm 139; 1 John 1:7–2:2)

34. The Holy Spirit Can Be Provoked

- Numbers 20:6–13;
- Isaiah 63:7–10;
- 1 Corinthians 10:1–13;
- James 4:1–10

35. **The Holy Spirit Is the Spirit of Truth**

- John 16:13: “When the **Spirit of truth** comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come Malachi 2:5–8;
- John 14:6–17;
- John 17:17–19;
- Philippians 4:6–8.

36. **The Holy Spirit Convicts of sin,**

- John 16:8. 9, 14: “And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;... ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

37. **The Holy Spirit Gives Warnings**

- Lam. 3:22’ “*Through* the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.

38. **The Holy Spirit Can Be Grieved**

- Eph. 4:30: “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

39. **The Holy Spirit Can Be Quenched**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:19: “Do not quench the Spirit.

40. **The Holy Spirit Is Our Guide**

- Galatians 1:6–9;
- 1 John 4:1–6
- Psalm 119:30–48;
- Isaiah 58:11;

41. **The Holy Spirit Speaks Only What the Father Gives Him to Say**

- Exodus 13:19;
- John 3:8;
- Acts 8:26–39;
- Acts 13:2–4

42. **The Holy Spirit Will Predict the Future**

- Deuteronomy 18:15 (compare) Acts 3:22;
- Isaiah 53:7 (compare) Luke 23:9;
- Micah 5:2 (compare) Matthew 2:5;
- Zechariah 9:9 (compare) Matthew 21:4–5

43. The Holy Spirit Can Be Blasphemed

- Matthew 12:30-32: “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.
- Mark 3:28-30: “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”
- 1 Cor. 12:3: “Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.
- 1 John 5:16-17: “If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God^[a] will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

44. The Holy Spirit Provides Victory over the Flesh

- Rom. 8:2-4; “For the law of the Spirit of life has set you^[a] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,^[b] he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

45. The Holy Spirit Is Our Reminder

- Luke 22:14–23;
- Acts 11:15–17;
- 1 Corinthians 11:23–26;
- 2 Peter 1:12–15

46. The Holy Spirit Gives Power

- Luke 24:45–49;
- Acts 2:37–41;
- Acts 3:6–16;
- Acts 13:8–12

47. The Holy Spirit Empowers Believers,

- Luke 24:49: “And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

- 1 Thess. 1:5: “because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

48. **The Holy Spirit Works Supernaturally**

- Exodus 14:13–31;
- 2 Chronicles 20:5–23;
- John 6:63;
- 2 Corinthians 9:6–11

49. **The Holy Spirit Manifests Through Various Spiritual Gifts**

- 1 Cor. 12:8-11: “For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.
- 1 Cor. 12:29-31: “Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? Not all perform miracles, do they? ³⁰ Not all have the gift of healing, do they? Not all speak in foreign[□] languages, do they? Not all interpret, do they? ³¹ Keep on desiring[□] the better gifts. And now I will show you the best way of all.

50. **The Holy Spirit Strengthens,**

- Eph. 3:16;
- Acts 1:8;
- Acts 2:4;
- 1 Cor. 2:4

51. **The Holy Spirit Is Our Teacher**

- Exodus 33:7–23;
- Psalm 119:65–72;
- 2 Timothy 4:1–5;
- Hebrews 5:11–6:2

52. **The Holy Spirit Empowers for Prophecy**

- 1 Sam. 10:6: “Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

53. **The Holy Spirit Gives Dreams and Visions**

- Joel 2:28: ""And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.
- Acts 2:17: ""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."''

54. The Holy Spirit Manifests Through Various Fruit

- Matthew 7:16-20 says: ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruit. Grapes aren't gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into a fire. ²⁰ So by their fruit you will know them."

I am going to make a **BOLD** statement

The proof of the Holy Spirit is not the exercise of the gifts of the Spirit. Jesus is interested in people who are now able to walk in the Spirit and produce the fruits of the Spirit.

Jesus and NOT one writer in the New Testaments says or indicates by the spiritual gifts we will know someone! But by their fruits!

- Gal. 5:22-23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Look at this amazing description of who you are, filled with Him. You are:

- Loving
- Joyful
- Peaceful
- Patient
- Kind
- Good
- Faithful
- Gentle
- Self-controlled (Galatians 5:22)

55. The Holy Spirit Molds Character

- Gal. 5:22-23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

56. The Holy Spirit is a Worship helper,

- Phil. 3:3; ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit,^[a] rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh

57. The Holy Spirit Uses the Laying on of Hands

- Numbers 27:18: “So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.
- Acts 28:8: “It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him.
- James 5:13-14: “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
- Hebrews 6:1-3: “Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² and of instruction about washings,^[a] the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.³ And this we will do if God permits.

58. The Holy Spirit Liberates,

- Rom. 8:2; ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

59. The Holy Spirit Gives Resurrection Power

- Rom. 8:11; ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

60. The Holy Spirit Intercedes (helps) us in our Prayers

- Rom. 8:26: “ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” (Translation: “Words that can’t be heard.”)

61. The Holy Spirit Inspires Prayer

- Eph. 6:18; “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,
- Jude 20: “But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit

WARNING: This is not talking to ONLY those that have the ability to pray in tongues. Excluding those who DON'T speak in the gift of tongues.



FIRST, THE ISSUE HAS THE GIFTS CEASED?

Years ago, I worked with John Wimber on "Signs & Wonders" a class he taught at Fuller Seminary. My small part was answering John MacArthur's series of messages called: "What's Wrong with the Charismatic Movement."

John MacArthur first answer (in his early ministry) was that the completion of the Bible the gifts ceased. MacArthur's second answer was (later ministry) to show that the word "cease" was in the middle voice in Greek. The Middle Voice Greek definition John MacArthur used I could not find in any Greek Lexicon. Period! MacArthur said: "The middle voice acts on its own", or "is acting in relation to himself" or "itself in some way". That tongues ceasing on their own.

1 Corinthians 13:8 reads:

" Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will vanish."

- Prophecy - Done Away
- Tongues - Will Cease
- Knowledge - Will Vanish

First, let us test Dr. John MacArthur's Greek middle voice definition "The middle voice acts on its own", or "is acting in relation to himself" or "itself in some way".

Luke 8:24 reads: "The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked (gr. Middle Voice) the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm."

If the wind and sea cannot cease voluntarily or "on its own", why does Jesus *rebuke* them? And why do the disciples speak of the wind and sea as having *obeyed* Jesus? The elements are personified in Luke 8 and their ceasing from turbulence is therefore presented as volitional obedience to Jesus.

Dr. John MacArthur's argument fails.

The word Jesus used επαυσαντο verb - aorist middle indicative - third person pauo pow'-o: to stop, i.e. restrain, quit, desist, come to an end -- cease, leave, refrain.

Second these three descriptions are synonyms. Definition: 1. a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language,

WHEN WILL TONGUES CEASE?

- 1 Corinthians 13:10 reads: " but when the **perfect comes**, the partial will pass away."

- 1 Corinthians 1:7-8 reads: "so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will **sustain you to the end**, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Acts 2:17 reads: "In the **last days**, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.[a] Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams."
- 1 Cor. 12:11: "All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually as **He wills**."

These four passages read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit ending at the Second Coming (Last Days) as He wills! When the perfect has come (Last days).

ARE THERE SPIRITUAL GIFTS TODAY OR HAVE THEY CEASED?

Short answer, NO THE GIFTS HAVE NOT CEASED! The spiritual gifts are for TODAY!

Do not be short sighted concerning the Holy Spirit gifts. How many spiritual gifts can a Christian have? Some would say at least one spiritual gift. NO we have the giver of the gifts the Holy Spirit! If we have the giver of the gifts, we have every gift. But, here is the catch, we have gifts of the Holy Spirit as He determines!

- 1 Corinthians 12:11 reads: "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines"

Next, "We believe the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT empowers believers to live as witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, evidenced by His power working in us and through us."

It can take place at the moment you confess faith in Christ, as in the case of the first Gentile convert, Cornelius (Acts 10:44-46; Acts 11:15-16; Acts 19:2-7); but it has occurred sometime after the salvation experience (Acts 8:12-17; Two days later).

THE MEANING OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 (Baptism by the Holy Spirit)

What then does 1 Corinthians 12:13 mean—that "we were all baptized by one Spirit"? Being baptized by the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:13 certainly

- (1) refers to one's initial conversion;
- (2) describes every believer;
- (3) is what happens objectively to all Christians;
- (4) is unconscious;
- (5) is an event, not an experience.

There are many references to baptism with water, showing it to be one's first act of obedience after having believed (Acts 2:41; 8:12-13; 16:33; 9:18; 19:3-4, 5; 22:16;

1 Cor. 1:13–16). Paul therefore may be referring obliquely to their baptism by water and shows that the Spirit also immerses or drenches all who believe. Paul, in any case, is saying that all Christians have the Holy Spirit, as in Romans 8:9: “And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.” Indeed, all who have been baptized with water have the Holy Spirit, because they believed and repented first.

However, to superimpose Luke’s usage of the the Baptism in or with the Spirit upon 1 Corinthians 12:13 (Baptism by the Holy Spirit)—and to claim that all Christians automatically experience what the earliest church experienced—is incongruous.

Paul is not saying all Christians receive the the Baptism in or with the Spirit (as described by Luke in the Book of Acts) at conversion. Certainly, not. First Corinthians 12:13 is not describing an experience; it refers to an objective, unconscious event. It is therefore not a reference to the Baptism by the Holy Spirit as described in the Book of Acts. Neither is it a verse that says you get it all at conversion. And to those who would say that 1 Corinthians 12:13 shows you get it all at conversion and is supported by 1 Corinthians 1:7 (“You do not lack any spiritual gift”).

I would ask: Why does Paul urge the Corinthians in the same letter to covet the best spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:31)? It is surely a given that the disciples were regenerate prior to the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus said they were made “clean.” “You are clean, though not every one of you” (John 13:10), the latter part referring to Judas Iscariot who would betray Him. Again, “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you” (John 15:3). In the Upper Room on the day of His resurrection, Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22–23).

1). Baptism by the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12:13)

- The time? At conversion.
- The Subject? Penitent sinner.
- The Agent? Holy Spirit.
- The element? Body of Christ.

2). The Baptism in or with the Spirit. (see Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Acts 1:8; 2:4;

- The time? After conversion.
- The subject? Believers.
- The agent? Christ.
- The element? Holy Spirit.

DID THE DISCIPLES RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT BEFORE PENTECOST?

John 20:22 reads: “And when He had said this, He breathed on (Gr. enephusēsen) them and said to them, “Receive (Gr. labete) the Holy Spirit.”

Quick answer: YES

Some mighty fine Christian pastors say NO. They believe Jesus gave them a PROMISE of Pentecost.

How do I know they are WRONG?

First, thing to note is that the verb describing Jesus action (Gr. enephusēsen, “breath on,” or more literally, “ breathed into”) is wonderfully significant. It appears nowhere in the New Testament., but it is the verb used in Genesis description of the beginning of the human race. There it says that God “breathed” (Heb. vai-yip-pach) into Adam’s nostrils the breath of life and he became a living person (Genesis 2:7).

Second, the word “Receive” in Greek grammar is in the “2nd Aorist Imperative mood.” It’s a COMMAND! NOT a promise! Definition: When spoken by one in authority the command is obeyed immediately. Who was in authority? Jesus!

In a similar way the followers of Jesus, who have received “the Baptism in or with the Spirit, are thus anointed by God with the same Holy Spirit and so become contemporary “christs,” so that they might know the mind of God and authorize to carry out his will in this day and age (see 1 John 2:20, 27)

It may be assumed that the disciples were saved prior to Pentecost despite their lack of acute understanding. It was the baptism with the Holy Spirit that cleared everything up for them. My point is this. The disciples’ experience of the the Baptism in or with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

TERMS OF RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Water of Life Community Church

1. Repentance,
2. Asking – There must be hunger.
Keep asking
3. Invite leadership – (Laying of Hands)
4. Keep your heart filled with faith and anticipation.

Pastor Jack Hayford

1. Obedience: Wanting God’s Will
2. Humility: Wanting God’s Way
3. Purity: Wanting God’s Nature
4. Receptiveness: Wanting God’s Fullness

Dr. Randy Clark

1. Become aware of our personal inadequacy in our Christian life.
2. Must desire for our spiritual condition to change.

3. A desire within us that our lives honor God and that we be used in His service, for His glory.
4. Try to pursue holiness as a matter of conquering sin. (Having a holiness experience).
5. Receiving impartations is by faith.

Dr. Billy Graham – Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

1. Understand you cannot be a Christian without the Holy Spirit in you. (Born Again)
2. We must understand is that God commands us to be filled with the Spirit and that it is His will for us to do so. (“to refuse to be filled with the Spirit is to act contrary to the will of God”).
3. “Deal honestly and completely with every known sin” before we are filled.

R.A. Torrey

1. The first two steps are found in the word "repent." Change your mind about Christ,
2. Repent – Change your mind about sin.
3. Water Baptism
4. Obedience – total surrender to the will of God
5. Thirst – intense desire for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.
6. Ask – asking for a definite blessing.
7. Believe – Step of faith. Mark 11: 24. " Believe that ye have (already) received them, and ye shall have them."

Dr. Harold Lindsell's

1. The Spirit's fullness is the Christian's birthright and belongs to a person by way of promise in the covenant of redemption.
2. After Pentecost, the promise of the Spirit was available to all believers.
3. Believers are aware whether they have the Spirit's fullness. If one does not know for sure, then one does not have it.
4. It is evident from Scripture that no one can secure this fullness by his or her own efforts, nor can it be bought.
5. Whatever the price, each sincere believer should obtain the Spirit's fullness.
6. God always keeps His Word, so believers can be certain that if they meet the conditions set down for receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit, they are sure to receive it.

Dr. Jerry E. McKeehan

1. Faith (requirement)
2. Ask (requirement)

1. Thirsty (condition)

WHEN MAY I RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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HOW DO I GET THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Requirement's?

1. Faith
 - Gal. 3:2; "Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?"
2. Ask, seek, knock (All Synonyms)

First, once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior you just have to ask God to baptize you in the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says,

- Matthew 7:7-11: "7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 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 good gifts to those who ask him!"
- Luke 11:9; "Ask, and it shall be given to you"

God is more willing to give his Spirit to those that ask him, than your own father or mother would be to give you good things? The fact: God always keeps His Word, so believers can be certain that if they meet the condition set down for receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit, they are sure to receive it.

Condition?

1. Thirsty

- John 7:37-39: Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Listen to the words of Paul carefully in Galatians 5:16:

- “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh”.

I see these conditions listed (above) from these fine men of God. Some of these conditions should have been explained in the message of salvation. But now we have changed Galatians 5:16 to read wrongly: But I say, stop walking in the desires of the flesh and you will be able to walk in the Spirit. The change in the order of this passage is incredible. Imagine going to a doctor and you are sick. The doctor comes back with all his tests. He says, yes you are sick and when you get well I will give you medicine. That's nuts! Same way, the Holy Spirit takes you where you are to make you well. Every born-again believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling within him and is thereby saved. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is a different matter. Not all believers have received it-a reality not for salvation but that makes for a fuller Christian life and ministry.

HOW DO I KNOW I HAVE RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Bible is very clear:

- 2 Timothy 1:7: “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones says this about the baptism with the Holy Spirit:

1. It is conscious.
2. It is usually subsequent to a person having believed
3. It is the highest form of assurance.

Again, Highest form of assurance! Again, God always keeps His Word. You will know!

A.W. Tozer said this: “I can be dogmatic about this on the basis of deep study: No one was ever filled with the Holy Ghost didn't know that he had been so filled!”

A.W. Tozer: “Furthermore, none of the persons in the Bible and none that I can find in church history or biography was ever filled with the Holy Ghost who didn't know when he was filled. I cannot find that anyone was ever filled gradually”.

- **POWER**

Power is what Jesus promised to the disciples at Pentecost (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). One could argue that the first and foremost evidence of the Holy Spirit is power. The Greek word is *dunamis*, from which we get the word dynamite.

Peter's power at Pentecost consisted in two things:

First, the exact words to say. Clearly manifested that day was a fulfillment of Jesus's promise that we are to take no thought what to say but it will be "given" to us what to say; it will be the "spirit of your Father speaking through you" (Matt. 10:19–20).

Second, the Holy Spirit working effectually in His hearers. When Peter finished preaching, the crowds weren't arguing back. No one was scoffing. No one was laughing. They had one question: "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). They were prepared to do whatever Peter suggested. He told them what to do—"Repent and be baptized" (v. 38). Three thousand were converted on the same day (v. 41).

Acts 2:1-4 says:

Yet, when the Day of Pentecost came, those 120 did speak in tongues. The Scripture declares, "When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"

The noise they were making was such that a very large crowd gathered to see what it was all about. When that crowd gathered, maybe they came out of that upper room down on to the streets and began prophesying the words of the Lord Jesus? We are told that they were speaking in the languages of the different nationalities that were gathered there. The Holy Spirit so filled those disciples of Jesus that they were miraculously speaking in languages they had never learned – and those gathered could understand what they were saying. As the crowds were questioning what was happening, Peter stood up and declared,

Acts 2:14-21 says:

"This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My men servants and on My maid servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'"

I noticed that Joel's original prophecy only spoke of prophesying once, but Peter interpreting its fulfillment, repeated it twice, as to emphasize the importance of what the sign of the Holy Spirit's outpouring really is.

What many have taken to be that the tongues were given to speak in the languages of the gathered people for preaching purposes, Peter actually interprets it as prophesying – prophesying that present-tense “now” “rhema” Word of God.

- **LOVE**

Paul mentioned to Timothy is that God has given us the spirit of love, not a spirit of fear. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). As light makes darkness disappear, so love makes fear go away. According to Paul's list in Galatians, the first fruit of the Spirit is love (Gal. 5:22–23). I think a case can be made that if you truly have the unfeigned fruit of love, the other fruit will follow: joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

This is agape love, which is self-giving and unselfish, caring about others. It is described in beautiful detail in 1 Corinthians 13. This love goes right against nature. When we have been hurt, maligned, lied about, or treated unfairly, the most natural feeling in the world is to get even—to see the other person punished. Perfect love casts out fear; fear has to do with punishment (1 John 4:18). You want to throw the book at your offender. You pray that God will get that rascal. That is what the imprecatory psalms encourage us to do, do they not? But Jesus comes along and says, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (Luke 6:27–28).

Agape love is as alien to our nature as is dynamis power. When there is true agape love, however, it is proof of the Holy Spirit. The flesh can't demonstrate agape love. The heart is deceitful above all things and incurably wicked (Jer. 17:9). The devil can't manifest agape love. He is full of hate, a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). Only the Holy Spirit can love. And because we have the Holy Spirit, we can love. The onus is on us to prove it to those around us who are longing to see Christians behave like this.

- **SELF-CONTROL**

The Greek word translated “self-control” in 2 Timothy 1:7 is *sophronismou*. It is translated “sound mind” in the King James Version. There is a sense in which that is a reasonable translation. But the word is more aptly to be translated self-discipline or self-control. In the last (but not least) of his list of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:23 Paul uses the word *egkrates*—self-control or self-discipline. In the ancient Hellenistic world it referred to the power or lordship that one has over himself. It meant superiority over every desire, especially to food, sex, and the use of the tongue.

Like love—an act of the will—so too is self-control. God has given us not a spirit of fear but self-control. And because we have the Holy Spirit, we can demonstrate self-control. Indeed, the proof of the Holy Spirit is not the exercise of the gifts of the Spirit but self-control. Exercising the fruits of the spirits is a personal barometer. You really are a “new creature in Christ Jesus.” You are filled with the Holy Spirit. The qualities of His Spirit are resident in you

BOTTOM LINE

Walking in the Spirit we will encounter people to lead to our Lord and make them disciples. If your spiritual gifts cultivate fruit in your life? Praise God! God wants you to experience the Baptism in the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is for the purpose to make us Holy!

Praise God we do not have wait once a year for the festival of Pentecost for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Peter was very clear: Acts 2:38 reads: Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let me say it again, it can take place at the moment you confess faith in Christ, as in the case of the first Gentile convert, Cornelius (Acts 10:44-46; Acts 11:15-16; Acts 19:2-7); but it has occurred sometime after the salvation experience (Acts 8:12-17”: Two days later).

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Appendix:

31 SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. Prophecy - To receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance (1 Corinthians 12:10; Romans 12:6; 1 Thess. 5:20-21; Eph. 4:11)

2. Service - To identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals. (Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 16:15-16; Acts 6:1-7; 2 Tim. 1:16-18)
3. Teaching - To communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the Body and its members in such a way that others will learn Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11-14)
4. Exhortation - To minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped and healed
5. Giving - To contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness (Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 13:3; Acts 4:32-35)
6. Leadership - To set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God
7. Mercy - To feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals, both Christian and non-Christian, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds that reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering (Rom. 12:8; Luke 5:12-13)
8. Wisdom - To know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:8; Luke 6:9)
9. Knowledge - To discover, accumulate, analyze and clarify information and ideas that are pertinent to the growth and well-being of the Body (1 Cor. 12:8; Luke 18:22)
10. Faith - To discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for the future of His work (1 Cor. 12:9; Acts 3:6)
11. Healing - To serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means (1 Cor. 12:9, 28; Acts 28:1-10)
12. Miracles - To serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature (1 Cor. 12:10; Acts 6:8)
13. Discerning of Spirits - To know with assurance whether certain behavior purported to be of God is in reality divine, human or satanic (1 Cor. 12:10; Luke 8:29)
14. Tongues - (A) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (B) to receive and communicate an immediate prayer or praise of the Holy Spirit to His people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they have never learned (1 Cor. 12:10; Acts 19:6)
15. Interpretation of Tongues - To make known in the vernacular the prayer or praise from the Holy Spirit of one who speaks in tongues (1 Cor. 12:10; 14:13-33)
16. Apostle - To assume and exercise general leadership over a number of churches with an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters that is spontaneously recognized and appreciated by those churches (Eph. 4:11)

17. Helps - To invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the Body, thus enabling the person helped to increase the effectiveness of his or her spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:28)
18. Administration - To understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the Body of Christ and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals (1 Cor. 12:28; Acts 6:2-3)
19. Evangelist - To share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women become Jesus' disciples and responsible members of the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5)
20. Pastor - To assume a long term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers (Eph. 4:11)
21. Celibacy - Remaining single and enjoying it; to be unmarried and not suffer undue sexual temptations (1 Cor. 7:8)
22. Discerning of Spirits - To renounce material comfort and luxury and adopt a personal lifestyle equivalent to those living at the poverty level in a given society in order to serve God more effectively
23. Martyrdom - Suffering for the faith even to death while consistently displaying a joyous and victorious attitude that brings glory to God (1 Cor. 13:3)
24. Hospitality - Providing an open house and warm welcome for those in need of food and lodging (1 Pet. 4:9)
25. Missionary - To minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a second culture
26. Intercession - To pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian (1 Pet. 4:9)
27. Deliverance [Exorcism] - To cast out demons and evil spirits
28. Helping (1 Cor. 12:28)
29. Guidance (1 Cor. 12:28)
30. Encouragement (Heb. 10:24-25)
31. Intercession (Rom. 8:26-27)