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The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are always active. However, God the Father was prominent during Old Testament times, God the son (Jesus) was prominent during His time on earth and God the Holy Spirit is prominent here and now.

**“ I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 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. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you. ”**

John 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit leads us into relationship with Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus is the way to a relationship with God the Father. After His resurrection, Jesus spoke to His disciples, these are people who had salvation but they **NEEDED SOMETHING** else in order to be **EFFECTIVE**.

**“ Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. ”**

Acts 1:4-5 & 8

## SO WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

He is God. Just like the Father is God and Jesus the Son is God. He is God the Holy Spirit. God is One - yet three - this is called Trinity (this is called Trinitarian Theology, for those of you who like big words). Just as you have a mind, a body and a spirit yet are one person, so too is God one yet three. The Father is fully God. The Son, Jesus is fully God and the Holy Spirit is fully God too.

“ **Hear O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD** ”  
Deuteronomy 6:4

The Holy Spirit wants to give you **POWER** to live your faith in Christ with victory and courage. He is not a vapor, but He is as close to you as the air you breathe. He is not a dove, but He is gentle. He is not a wind, but He moves just like it. These are just some of the pictures that represent Him in scripture. He is described as a fire, as a river, a cloud and more. But those things are not who he is,

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON. THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

- ❖ Teaches (John 14:26)
- ❖ Counsels (John 14:26)
- ❖ Comforts (John 14:16)
- ❖ Convicts (John 16:8)
- ❖ Testifies (John 15:26)
- ❖ Leads (Romans 8:14)
- ❖ Reveals truth (John 16:13)
- ❖ Strengthens (Acts 9:31)
- ❖ Encourages (Acts 9:31)
- ❖ Helps us (Romans 8:26)
- ❖ Intercedes for us (Romans 8:26)
- ❖ Searches the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:11)
- ❖ Sanctifies us (Romans 15:16)

The Holy Spirit is also a gift - Jesus promised in John 14 that once he returned to Heaven that he would not leave us alone like orphans, but that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with us always. He described this as a gift.

## HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

### 1. ASK

“ **If you then . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!** ”

Luke 11:13

### 2. HAVE A SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVER LAY HANDS ON YOU

Throughout the book of Acts, when people first started to receive this amazing gift of the Holy Spirit, the most common way that it happened was when a Christian who already *had it* - laid their hands on people and then they *got it* too! Check out these Bible verses Acts 8:17, Acts 9:17 & Acts 19:6. Have a spirit-filled Christian lay hands on you and pray for you and you will receive the Holy Spirit.

## GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Once the Spirit of God lives inside you, there are gifts that He gives as He wills that he want to give you so you can use them for him. Sometimes these are things like 'God-given-talent' and you are already good at using them, but often, God wants to give you new talents, new abilities - He calls them, 'Spiritual Gifts'. There are many gifts mentioned in the Bible, here just some:

- ❖ Serving (Romans 12:7)
- ❖ Teaching (Romans 12:7)
- ❖ Encouraging (Romans 12:8)
- ❖ Giving (Romans 12:8)
- ❖ Leadership (Romans 12:8)
- ❖ Showing mercy (Romans 12:8)
- ❖ Ability to give wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8)
- ❖ Word of knowledge
- ❖ Faith (1 Corinthians 12:9)
- ❖ Gifts of healings (1 Corinthians 12:9)
- ❖ Working of miracles (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- ❖ Prophecy (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- ❖ Discernment (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- ❖ To speak in &/or interpret different kinds of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10)

There are lots of other gifts that The Holy Spirit may give you, like hospitality, administration, pastoring, intercession, worship, stewardship, and more...

**GOD GIVES THESE GIFTS** and he desires to see us **USE THEM FOR HIM**.

Check out these Bible verses to learn more: 2 Timothy 1:6 & 1 Peter 4:10.

There are many examples of receiving the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. In almost every example there is one common experience either stated, or implied. **When these early believers received the Holy Spirit they began to speak in tongues.** This is not just speaking garble and neither is it simply speaking a foreign language. The gift of tongues is what's called a 'prayer language' - it's your spirit praying in it's own kind of language, a language that helps you clear your mind and connect with God. As you pray in tongues, your spirit is speaking to God! **Occasionally people don't speak in tongues immediately, but everybody has the ability to do so.** If you do not speak in tongues immediately, don't be concerned. You have received the Holy Spirit. Just continue in your relationship with Him.

## WHY SPEAK IN TONGUES?

### TO EDIFY YOURSELF

**He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself**

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1 Corinthians 14:4

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**But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.**

Jude 20

Praying in tongues strengthens and builds your spirit. The way you look after your body is by eating well and exercising. One way to build your spirit is by speaking in tongues. It helps you hear more clearly from God. It helps shut out distractions. It brings peace and increases your faith.

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## PERSONAL INTERCESSION (Praying for yourself)

**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 through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.**

Romans 8:26 & 27

Speaking in tongues is the ability to make supernatural prayer on our own behalf. This is inspired language from the Spirit, through us, to God.

## DEVOTIONAL MINISTRY TO GOD

**For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.**

1 Corinthians 14:2

Our ability to worship God effectively is limited by our finite mind, speaking in tongues is a way to disengage the rational mind, which is by default in opposition to God, and instead, engage our spirit and the new mind we have received - the mind of Christ:

**The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit... But we [who are spirit filled] have the mind of Christ.**

2 Corinthians 2:14 & 16

**“ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth. ”**

John 4:23-24

Therefore, he has provided us with the ability to do so 'in the spirit'.

### **INTERCESSION FOR OTHERS**

**“ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. ”**

Ephesians 6:18

**“ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. ”**

Romans 8:26-27

No one knows God's will like the Holy Spirit. By praying in the spirit, we can be assured that we're praying for His kingdom to come and His will to be done.

**START TO DESIRE & ASK FOR  
THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**