

# THOROUGHLY DEFINING THE HOLY SPIRIT

**John 7:37-39** Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. (38) "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall 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.

## I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

✓ **“He” is a Person, not an “it”. Yes, “He” is a Person, not an “it”:**

### ❖ HE SPEAKS.

**1 Tim 4:1** But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

**Acts 8:29** And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot."

### ❖ HE DECIDES.

**Acts 16:6-7** And they passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; (7) and when they had come to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;

### ❖ HE TEACHES.

**John 14:2** "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

### ❖ HE WITNESSES.

**John 15:26** "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me,

### ❖ HE IS PERSONAL.

**John 16:7-8** "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. (8) "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

**John 16:13** "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

### ❖ HE COULD BE SEEN: (*Thanks to my cherished friend Bubba Smith for this insight*)

**Isa 11:2** And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

**Isa 42:1** "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

**Isa 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners;

**Matt. 3:16** And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, *and* coming upon Him,

**Luke 3:22** and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased." (See also Acts 10:38)

✓ **“He” is Divine:**

❖ **ETERNAL.**

**Psalm 90:2** Before the mountains were born, Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

**Heb 9:14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

❖ **ALL WISE.**

**1 Cor. 2:11** For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

❖ **ALL POWERFUL.**

**1 Cor. 2:4-5** And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

❖ **ALL PRESENT.**

*Psalm 139*

## II. How Can the Holy Spirit Help Me?

✓ **“He” Can Help in the Following Ways:**

❖ **OVERCOMING SIN.**

**Rom 8:12-13** So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- (13) for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

❖ **PRAYER.**

**1 Tim. 2:5** For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus,

❖ **FILLS US.**

**Eph 5:8** for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light  
**Acts 4:31-32** And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness. (32) And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one *of them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.

❖ **SEALS.**

**Eph 1:13-14** In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, (14) who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, 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.

❖ **BEARS WITNESS.**

**Rom 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

## III. Do All Christians Possess the Holy Spirit? Yes, certainly!

❖ **GIVEN WHEN?**

**Acts 2:38** And Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 8:14-18** Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, (15) who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. (16) For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (17) Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. (18) Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

**Acts 19:1-6** And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples, (2) and he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they *said* to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." (3) And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." (4) And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." (5) And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying.

❖ **LIVES WHERE?**

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

**1 Cor. 3:16** Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**1 Cor. 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

**Eph 2:20-22** having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, (21) in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; (22) in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

## IV. Should I be Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

### ✓ **What is the purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

❖ **SALVATION? NO!!! ABSOLUTELY NOT.**

**1 Cor. 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

❖ **WITNESS? YES!** (*See special section on the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" in this booklet*)

**Acts 1:1-8** The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, (2) until the day when He was taken up, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. (3) To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of forty days*, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. (4) And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me; (5) for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (6) And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" (7) He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; (8) but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

**Acts 2:1-4** And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. (2) And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house

where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

❖ **CONVINCE.**

**Acts 11:15-17** "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as *He did* upon us at the beginning. (16) "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' (17) "If God therefore gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

❖ **INFALLIBLE WORD.**

**Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

❖ **CONFIRMATION OF THE WORD.**

**Acts 2:42** And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

❖ **JUDGMENT FOR THE JEWS AS WELL AS THE GENTILES.**

**Matt 3:11-12** "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (12) "And His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

**Acts 10:44-45** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. (45) And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also.

## V. Should I Speak in Tongues?

✓ **What are the characteristics of the tongues?**

❖ **UNKNOWN? NO! THE KJV USES THE ITALIC "UNKNOWN".**

**1 Cor. 14:2** For he that speaketh in an *unknown (uninspired)* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. (KJV)

❖ **NEW.**

**Mark 16:17** "And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

❖ **SIGNS.**

**1 Cor. 14:22** So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but prophecy *is for a sign*, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.

❖ **TEACHING. ACTS 2:8,11,17**

**Acts 2:8** "And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?

**Acts 2:11** Cretans and Arabs--we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

**Acts 2:17** 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT UPON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

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