

# The Spirit Of Christmas

P3 - The Father's Gift

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God the Father has given His Son as a Gift to the World. **JOHN 3:16**, because the world needed a Savior, **MATTHEW 1:21**. Full salvation from sin includes being saved from the Penalty of Sin, Power of Sin and Presence of Sin.

## **JOHN 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

## **MATTHEW 1:21**

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

## NUMBER 1. The Promise

God has a gift for His children, those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior.

### **JOHN 1:12**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Jesus told his disciples after the resurrection to go and wait for the Promise of the Father to be given.

### **LUKE 24:49**

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

### **JOHN 14:15-18**

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

The Day of Fullfilment of the Promise.

### **ACTS 2:1-4**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord<sup>[a]</sup> in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty

wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### **ACTS 2:33**

Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

## NUMBER 2. The Purpose

Why do we need the Holy Spirit?

A. So we will never be alone.

### **JOHN 14:18**

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

### **HEBREWS 13:5-6**

*Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*  
<sup>6</sup> So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

B. So we would have the help we need. (struggle with self, sin, satan)

### **JOHN 14:16**

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever

### **1 JOHN 4:4**

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

C. So we would be able to fulfill our commission.

### **ACTS 1:8**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### **1 PETER 1:12**

To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us<sup>[a]</sup> they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those

who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven— things which angels desire to look into.

### NUMBER 3. The Possession

#### A. Separate experience from receiving Jesus as savior.

##### **ACTS 19:1-7**

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples <sup>2</sup>he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." <sup>5</sup>When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup>Now the men were about twelve in all.

#### B. Evidenced by speaking a new spiritual language.

##### **ACTS 2:4**

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

##### **ACTS 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. <sup>46</sup>For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

##### **ACTS 19:6**

And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

#### C. Received by laying on hands.

**ACTS 8:4-8**

Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. <sup>5</sup> Then Philip went down to the<sup>[a]</sup> city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. <sup>6</sup> And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. <sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> And there was great joy in that city.

**ACTS 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, <sup>15</sup> who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.