

The Holy Spirit and You: The Power returning back to the Believers 05102026

Key Concepts

1. The Holy Spirit is God.
2. The Holy Spirit is a Person, not a cloud or a force.
3. The Holy Spirit is the agent who brings about the New Birth as a reality in the present life of the believer.
4. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to bring about the New Birth.
5. The Holy Spirit reveals the Word of God to us and empowers our ministry of the Word.

Main Text:

John 10:27–28 (NKJV) ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

The Bible is very clear that God's Sheep hear His voice. It goes further and says that He (God) knows them, and they follow Him (His Word). In doing so, He will give them eternal life, and they shall never parish or shall anyone snatch them out of His hand.

In order for you to know the voice of God, you must have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd of the Triune Godhead: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us that He will give us a Helper and the Helper will guide us to all truth and remind us of what Jesus has said.

In order for this to happen, we have to understand the Holy Spirit, Who He is and what is His Purpose.

- I. The Scripture makes it clear that the Holy Spirit is God. He is as much God as Christ or the Father.
 - A. He is Jehovah of the Old Testament.
 1. Compare Isaiah 6:8-10 with Acts 28:25-27.
Note that Isaiah says the Lord, or Jehovah, spoke while Paul attributes it to the Holy Spirit. They are interchangeable.

Isaiah 6:8-10: Also, I heard the voice of the **Lord**, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

Lord: (Hebrew) Adonay – the proper name for God.

Acts 28:25-27: So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "**The Holy Spirit** spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, saying, 'GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY: "HEARING YOU WILL HEAR, AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE, AND NOT PERCEIVE; FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM." '

2. Compare Jeremiah 31:31-34 with Hebrews 10:15-17.

Jeremiah 31:31-34: (31) "Behold, the days are coming, says the **LORD**, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— (32) not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the **LORD**. (33) But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the **LORD**: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (34) No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Hebrews 10:15-17: (15) But the **Holy Spirit** also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, (16) "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR HEARTS, AND IN THEIR MINDS I WILL WRITE THEM," (17) then He adds, "THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

B. He is called God and Lord.

1. Acts 5:3-4 In verse 3 Peter says they lied to the Holy Ghost. In verse four he says they lied to God. Peter uses

the terms interchangeably.

Acts 5:3-4: (3) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the **Holy Spirit** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

(4) While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but **to God.**"

2. 2 Corinthians 3:18 calls the Spirit, "Lord"

a. 2 Corinthians 3:18 *"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the **Lord's** glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the **Lord**, who is the **Spirit.**" (NIV)*

b. 2 Corinthians 3:18 *"...even as from the Lord the Spirit." (ASV)*

c. Lit. *kuriou pneumatos. The Spirit of Christ (Jesus Christ)*

C. The Holy Spirit is the author of scripture and the giver of prophecies. Why? Genesis 1:3-31/Colossians 1:15 (Word Manifested- John 1:14)

1. 2 Peter 1:21 Compare 2 Timothy 3:16.

2 Peter 1:21: (21) for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16-17: (16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

2. **Note** 2 Samuel 23:2-3. The Spirit is called the God of Israel.

2 Samuel 23:2-3: (2) "The **Spirit** of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. (3) **The God of Israel** said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.'

I. **The Holy Spirit is a person, not a force, a cloud, or a thing.** The Scripture gives Him characteristics and speaks of Him in ways which can only refer to a person. Many of the cults have a perverted view of the Spirit as some kind of impersonal force.

A. **He has thoughts and a mind or purpose.** A force or a cloud do not have thoughts or a mind.

1. 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 The Spirit reveals to us the thoughts of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (NKJV) But as it is written: “*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man*

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”¹⁰ **But** God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but •which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges •all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. ¹⁶ For “*who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?*” But we have the mind of Christ ([1 Corinthians 2:9–16](#), NKJV)

2. Romans 8:27 The Spirit has a mind with thoughts and purposes.

Romans 8:27: (27) 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.

B. He has a will. 1 Corinthians 12:11

1 Corinthians 12:11: (11) But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

C. He has reactions and emotions characteristic of a person, not a thing.

1. Isaiah 63:10. To vex: grieve, pain, make sorry.

Isaiah 63:10: (10) But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.

2. Hebrews 10:29 (KJV) To “do despite” means to insult.
The Holy Ghost can be insulted!

Hebrews 10:29: (29) Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

3. Ephesians 4:30 To grieve means to inflict sorrow.

Ephesians 4:30: (30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

4. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 To quench means to extinguish or stifle.

1 Thessalonians 5:29 (19) Do not quench the Spirit.

5. Acts 5:3 You can't lie to a force. You have to lie to a person

Acts 5:3: (3) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

D. He has functions done by a person

1. John 14:16-17,26. He is a comforter and a teacher.

John 14:16-17,26: (16) And I will pray (ask) the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may abide with you forever— (17) 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. (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.

2. John 16:13

John 16:13: (13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- a. Guide
- b. Hear
- c. Speak
- d. Show

II. The Holy Spirit is the agent who brings about the New Birth as a reality in the present life of the believer.

A. The Word of God is an instrument used to bring about the new birth

- 1. James 1:18 We are begotten by the Word.

James 1:18 (18) Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

- 2. 1 Peter 1:23 We are born again by the Word of God.

1 Peter 1:23: (23) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

B. The Holy Spirit uses the instrument of the Word to bring us:

- 1. Conviction - John 16:7-11

John 16:7-11: (7) Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (8) And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) of sin, because they do not believe in Me; (10) of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; (11) of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- 2. Faith - Romans 10:17

Romans 10:17 (17) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- 3. Regeneration - Titus 3:5 John 3:5-7

Titus: 3:5: (5) not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

John 3:5-7: (5) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, 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. (7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

4. Assurance - Romans 8:16 Galatians 4:6
Ephesians 1:13-14 1 John 5:10-13

Romans 8:16: (16) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Galatians 4:6 (6) And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!". (The very fact we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us, ensures we are sons and daughters)

Ephesians 1:13-14 (13) In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1 John 5:10-13: (10) He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. (11) And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (12) He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (13) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

C. The Holy Spirit brings light to the Word of God. He takes dead words and gives them life. He empowers our preaching to bring about change in the hearts of men.

1. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 The Word without the Spirit is law and leads to death. We cannot keep the Word with our flesh.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6: (4) And we have such trust through Christ toward God. (5) Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, (6) who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2. Ephesians 1:14-19 We need an endowment of spiritual revelation in order to understand our position in Christ.

Ephesians 1:14-19: who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (15) Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, (16) do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: (17) that the **God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory**, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of **Him**, (father) (18) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (19) and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

3. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 The Holy Spirit is essential to the preaching of the Gospel. Anything else is intellectual futility.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5: (1) And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. (2) For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (3) I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. (4) And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Father brings order, Order brings stability; Stability brings empowerment; Empowerment brings growth physical, numeral and spiritual.

Father initiates Order (Jesus Christ), Order brings Stability (Jesus Christ) Stability (Jesus Christ) brings Empowerment (Holy Spirit) Empowerment brings and produces growth, numerical and spiritual (expansion).