



## Taboo Topics

The role of the Holy Spirit in contemporary Christianity is a highly debated topic. Most Christians believe the Holy Spirit teaches, guides, and comforts us today. BUT...are the spiritual gifts such as miracles, healing, prophesy, and speaking in tongues for today or just in Bible times? Churches have split over this topic!

### Taboo Topic: Are Holy Spirit Gifts for Today?

The Lord exists in three parts called the Trinity.

Now the Lord is a Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:7

58% of Christians believe the Holy Spirit is ONLY a symbol of God's power but NOT a living being.

**We think He's power only or an IT. He's not an impersonal force. He is God. Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit 9 times as "He" never "it".**

### Jesus Gave A Stunning PROMISE

"But in fact, it is best for you that I go away because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you." John 16:7

**Think about that for a moment—Jesus said it was BEST for Him to leave so that we could receive the Holy Spirit!**

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. John 14:16-17

**Parakletos – one who advocates, helps or comforts. He's a Promise!**

Jesus said, "Now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." Luke 24:49

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created... Colossians 1:15

**Jesus is the visible/physical image of God.**

**The Holy Spirit is the invisible/spiritual part of God.**

**God became visible, the Word became flesh and lived among us as Jesus. God now is invisible but still present among us as the Holy Spirit.**

## **Most Christians Live without The Power of God**

**25% of Evangelical Christians say they have spoken in tongues.**

(\*Christian Post survey; 2022)

**Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself. 1 Corinthians 6:19**

**We're not supposed to belong to ourselves but to the Holy Spirit!**

**'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Acts 2:17a**

**Charisma = grace gifts or spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit.**

**1 Corinthians Chapters 12 & 14 describe these gifts.**

These miraculous signs will accompany **all those who believe**: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. Mark 16:17

**Speaking in tongues is one sign of the Holy Ghost filling.**

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” Paul asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Acts 19:2

**The filling of the Holy Spirit is for every believer. READ Acts 19:3-6**

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*The sad fact is the Holy Spirit is absent from most church services and most believers don't even notice. Pastor Lon*

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## **People Justify Why They're Not Spirit-Filled.**

**Cessationism – to Cease, believe the gifts of the Spirit ceased.**

Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages [*tongues*] and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

<sup>10</sup> But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. 1 Corinthians 13:8, 10

**Are we in the time of perfection? No. This refers to Jesus' return.**

You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So, if you sinful people 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 11:11-13

**Ask and expect the Father to fill you with His Spirit!**

But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

**What would your life be like if you were fully dependent on the Holy Spirit?**

For all who are **led by the Spirit of God** are children of God.

<sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> **For His Spirit**

joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. Romans 8:14-16

If we are His children, then we have His Spirit prompting us.

## My Next Steps:

- ☐ Come to the Work Party THIS Saturday to get ready for Easter
- ☐ Pray for Top 10 people to Invite Easter Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>

## Tithes & Offerings

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

**Spirit-filled Christians give 20% less than Evangelical Christians.**

**HOW TO GIVE**  
**WAYS TO GIVE**

**ONE**  
**GIVE IN SERVICE**  
CASH OR CHECK IN OFFERING BUCKET

**TWO**  
**GIVE ON WEBSITE**  
[NOPERFECTPEOPLEHERE.COM/GIVE](http://NOPERFECTPEOPLEHERE.COM/GIVE)

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1688 ROUTE 9 CASTLETON, NY, 12033

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## Next Week: Palm Sunday

Come back next week for an amazing Palm Sunday service.  
And cheer on some new believers getting baptized after service!