

HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of Christ

Two of the Bible's many metaphorical descriptions of the Lord's Spirit are: FIRE (Matthew 3:11) and a DOVE (Matthew 3:16).



"...You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."
— Jesus Christ, Acts 1:8

Prophesied For All Promised To All

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The first few verses of the Bible tell us that before the creation of the earth, the Spirit of God was, "moving." Throughout ancient times, the Scriptures declare the Spirit of the Lord: guided His children, anointed craftsmen, empowered His servants and spoke through the mouths of His prophets.

The Spirit of God was in Jesus Christ without measure. (John 3:34) Best of all: Jehovah of the Old Testament, who was gloriously residing in Jesus of the New Testament, promised to pour out His Holy Spirit upon all flesh in the last days—the very times in which we now live:

"And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh..."
— Joel 2:28

John the Baptist introduced his cousin, Jesus, as the Savior and Spirit-Baptizer:

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire..."
— John 1:29 + Luke 3:16

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would: enable us to be born again (John 3:5); be given after His resurrection; reprove the world of

sin, as well as lead and guide us into all truth (John 16:7-8 + 13).

As promised by Jesus (Acts 1:4-8), God poured out His power-enduing Spirit shortly after Christ's death, burial, resurrection and ascension. In Acts 2, Peter declared this miraculous infilling of the Spirit (accompanied by supernatural tongues of fire and speech) was not only what was promised by the Prophet Joel and the Lord Jesus...but was available to all people for all time:

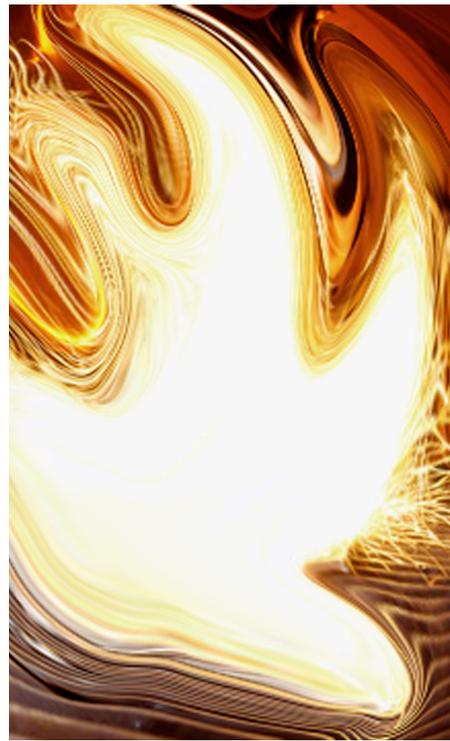
"...The promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call..."
— Acts 2:38-39

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT Gifts, Fruit, Prayer

Gifts of the Spirit

Although being baptized with the Holy Spirit is a gift, after receiving this gift, other spiritual gifts may be given to you. They are given by the Spirit to build up the Body of Christ and are manifested to function as, “body parts” to grant growth and unity in the Church. They are discovered and operate within the community of believers for everyone’s mutual benefit.

Gifts of the Spirit	Rom 12	1 Cor 12	Eph 4
Apostleship		X	X
Prophecy	X	X	X
Evangelism			X
Pastoring			X
Teaching	X	X	X
Exhortation	X		
Word of Knowledge		X	
Word of Wisdom		X	
Discerning of Spirits		X	
Leadership	X		
Administration			X
Service		X	X
Helps		X	X
Mercy		X	
Giving		X	
Healing			X
Faith			X
Working Miracles			X
Speaking in Tongues			X
Interpreting Tongues			X
Hospitality	X		



PAUL’S “SPIRIT” COMMENTARY

“...As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.”

– Romans 8:14

“...Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God...?”

– 1 Corinthians 6:19

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

– Galatians 5:25

“...Having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise...”

– Ephesians 1:13

Fruit of the Spirit

In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul lists the attitudes and actions that are evident in the lives of Christians who live and walk in the Spirit, including:

- love
- joy
- peace
- longsuffering
- kindness
- goodness
- faithfulness
- gentleness
- self-control

Together, these are fruit of the Spirit.

Praying in the Spirit

Sometimes we are at a loss for words and we do not know what to pray for as we ought. If we are sensitive to the Spirit at these times, we will pray with groanings which cannot be uttered and intercede according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

Also, our human spirit can pray with the Holy Spirit (i.e., with unknown tongues) to edify ourselves. (I Corinthians 14:14-15) Ephesians 6:18 says we are to pray always, with all kinds of prayer, “...in the Spirit.” Jude says we should build ourselves up on our most holy faith, “...praying in the Holy Spirit.” (Jude 20)



Filling & Refilling

Be Filled—and Re-Filled—with the Spirit!

Paul exhorts Christians (who have already received the Spirit) to, “...be filled with the Spirit...” (Ephesians 5:18).

Being filled with the Spirit is *not* only a one-time event, but...as it was for early Christians in Acts 4:31...a recurring blessing in the life of praying believers.

The following table shares scriptural ways believers may receive the fullness of God’s Spirit—initially and continually:

Ten Keys to Being Spirit-Filled	Scripture
1. Know it's God's will.	John 7:38-39
2. Repent & be baptized.	Acts 2:38-39
3. Obey God's Word.	Acts 5:32
4. Ask God for the Spirit.	Luke 11:9-13
5. Pray believing to receive.	Mark 11:24
6. Allow laying on of hands.	Acts 19:1-6
7. Praise the Lord.	Luke 24:44-49
8. Receive it by faith.	Galatians 3:2
9. Expect the Spirit to fall upon you.	Acts 10:44-48
10. Speak the words given by God.	Acts 2:4