

The Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh)

There is a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding concerning the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit and being filled with it! Like everything else in the Kingdom of God the Ruach HaKodesh has been muddled and confuse through religion and Hellenism. I want to start tonight at a point of recognizing the reality and necessity of being infilled with the Ruach. Not to prove that its real as according to scripture it is. The Ruach HaKodesh is critical and paramount for victory in the Kingdom of God, we must begin moving more into the Ruach to fulfill our destiny and identity in the Kingdom of God. Let's review our Covenant:

Genesis 15:12. As the sun was about to set, a deep sleep **(Tardemah, to be in a trance in the Spirit of God, Ruach Elo'him! The root word is rawdam-unconscious in the spirit, people being in a state of unconsciousness yet awake in the spirit realm before God, receiving heavenly revelation from God)** fell on Avram; horror and great darkness came over him

Avram is Tardemah, in the Spirit which allows him to receive heavenly revelation of the Darkness and horror that will befall His descendants in Egypt while enslaved but they will become a Nation and be God's people! Yochanan was in the Spirit when he began the book of revelation.

Revelation 1:10. I came to be, in the Spirit, on the Day of the Lord; and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet,

Being "Tardemah", Being in the Spirit" is of God and allows God to interact directly with us beyond our own understanding-its supernatural!!!!

Daniel 8:16-19. I heard a human voice calling from between the banks of the Ulai, "Gavri'el, make this man understand the vision!" ¹⁷ He came up to where I was standing, and his approach so terrified me that I fell on my face. But he said to me, "Human being! Understand that the vision refers to the time of the end." ¹⁸ As he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep, with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, set me on my feet, ¹⁹ and said, "I am going to explain to you what will happen at the end of the period of fury, because [the vision] has to do with the time at the end

The word Ruach is used 389 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. It is used to designate the human spirit, God's Holy Spirit, and several other entities such as "breath," "wind," "odor," and "space." The exact words, Holy Spirit, occur only three times in the Tanach:

Psalms 51:11. Don't thrust me away from your presence, don't take your Ruach Kodesh away from me.

This was David's prayer when confronted by Nathan the prophet concerning His sin with Bathsheba.

Isaiah 63:10-11. However, they rebelled, they grieved (**Atsav: to hurt, pain, grieve, displease, vex**) his Holy Spirit; so he became their enemy and himself fought against them. ¹¹ But then his people remembered the days of old, the days of Moshe: "Where is he who brought them up from the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put his Holy Spirit right there among them,

This verse gives evidence that the Holy Spirit in the Tanach is a Person, an entity, not just a Force or Presence. Only a Person can be grieved, hurt, and pained! Yeshua told us of an even stronger Ruach to come. Until Yeshua came the moves or infilling of the spirit was relegated to the Cohanim and prophets but Yeshua opened the door so that every one of us may have it:

John 14:16. and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor (**parakletos {par-ak'-lay-tos}: intercessor, consoler, counselor, advocate, comforter, legal advisor**) like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

In fact, Yeshua, who as one man could only deal with a few people at a time-the Ruach can be in and with everyone at the same time:

John 16:7. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I don't go away, the comforting Counselor will not come to you. However, if I do go, I will send him to you

This verse emphasizes that Yeshuas' departure is necessary for the coming of the Ruach HaKodesh, referred to as the comforting Counselor. It reassures believers that His leaving is not a setback but a strategic victory that secures salvation and the presence of the Ruach in their lives. The verse highlights themes of trust, divine purpose, and the importance of the Holy Spirit's role in guiding and empowering believers.

They are about to be thrust into a world without their beloved teacher, but Yeshua assures them that they will not be alone. The scene is charged with emotion and spiritual significance, as Yeshua prepares to impart his final teachings and blessings before his ultimate sacrifice on the cross.

The Holy Spirit in the Brit Chadesha is more than an empowering presence or power that comes upon select individuals. The Holy Spirit is a power, a force, a person, a divine entity who indwells within us that allows us to tap into the Power of Heaven and demonstrate that power. The Ruach has many facets:

I Corinthians 12:4-11. Now there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. ⁵ Also there are different ways of serving, but it is the same Lord being served. ⁶ And there are different modes of working, but it is the same God working them all in everyone. ⁷ Moreover, to each person is given the particular manifestation of the Spirit that will be for the common good. ⁸ To one, through the Spirit, is given a word of wisdom; to another, a word of knowledge, in accordance with the same Spirit; ⁹ to another, faith, by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing, by the one Spirit; ¹⁰ to another, the

working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the ability to judge between spirits; to another, the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues; and to yet another, the ability to interpret tongues. ¹¹ One and the same Spirit is at work in all these things, distributing to each person as he chooses.

Adonia wants every follower of Yeshua to work in his kingdom, so God has given spiritual gifts to each one. Each of these gifts is called" a manifestation of the Spirit" so that we can understand the source and give God thanks. Each gift is given for the blessing of others. When each member of the body of Messiah are faithful to use their gift, the greater Body is fully resourced to do God's work. Also, there is great personal joy in using our spiritual gifts for God. As we demonstrate responsibly with each gift that God gives, God will commend us and entrust us with even greater responsibility. This is the miracle of the new birth, as explained by Yeshua to a Jewish rabbi named Nicodemus in

John 3:5-6. Yeshua answered, "Yes, indeed, I tell you that unless a person is born from water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. ⁶ What is born from the flesh is flesh, and what is born from the Spirit is spirit.

Once a person is truly born again and filled or infilled with the Ruach HaKodesh it/he never leaves. But here is where I'm going this evening, He can be grieved and quenched through ungodly attitudes and actions.

Ephesians 4:30-32. Don't cause grief to God's Ruach HaKodesh, for he has stamped you as his property until the day of final redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, violent assertiveness and slander, along with all spitefulness. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted; and forgive each other, just as in the Messiah God has also forgiven you

The Spirit that Yeshua promised His talmidim was first given to them in:

John 20:22. Having said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Ruach HaKodesh!

This is before Shavuot!! What's happening here? Yeshua gave them a first fruits infilling of the Ruach HaKodesh before Shavuot: The Greek word pneuma means both "breath" and "spirit," so Yeshuas' breath signifies His giving of the Holy Spirit, the source of spiritual life. It reflects the New Creation: It parallels:

Genesis 2:7. Then ADONAI, God, formed a person [Hebrew: adam] from the dust of the ground [Hebrew: adamah] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.

Adonai breathed life into Adam, signifying the disciples becoming new creations through Yeshua's resurrected life. It's also Empowerment & Commissioning: Yeshua had just told them in John 20:21: "Just as the Father sent me, I myself am also sending you.". The breath equipped them with the Spirit and authority (to

forgive sins) to fulfill this mission, just as the Father sent Him. This also Foreshadowed Shavuot: This act served as a preview or pledge of the permanent indwelling of the Ruach that would fully come later at Shavuot (Acts 2).

Ruach HaKodesh in the Brit Hadasha is a Helper, Teacher, Guide, Comforter, Counselor, Advocate, Revealer of the Messiah, and of things to come. He is omnipresent, but also indwells individual believers, and is actively involved in teaching believers in Messiah how to pray. The Tree of Life Version says it well,

Romans 8:26-27 (TLV). In the same way, the Ruach helps in our weakness. For we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Ruach Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words. ²⁷ And He who searches the hearts[e] knows the mind of the Ruach, because He intercedes for the kedoshim according to the will of God.

That is life in the Spirit!— A Holy Spirit who prays, has intelligence (1 Corinthians 2:11) gives gifts to men (1 Corinthians 12:4-11), convicts the world of sin (John 16:8), and calls people to certain ministries (Acts 13:2).

The spontaneous Ruach filled prayers of believers are a direct result of the Holy Spirit dwelling on the inside of every born-again child of God. The Ruach HaKodesh is at work, revealing the one true Messiah of Israel! He is waiting for Israel! "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!'" (Revelation 22:17). The manifestation of the spirit is available to each and every individual in varying degrees, some will be given an office or ministry in these areas:

I Corinthians 12:28-31. And God has placed in the Messianic Community first, emissaries; second, prophets; third, teachers; then those who work miracles; then those with gifts of healing; those with ability to help; those skilled in administration; and those who speak in various tongues. ²⁹ Not all are emissaries, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? or teachers? or miracle-workers? ³⁰ Not all have gifts of healing, not all speak in tongues, not all interpret, do they? ³¹ Eagerly seek the better gifts. But now I will show you the best way of all.

This takes place in the city of Corinth, in the early Messianic community. Sha'ul is addressing a diverse group of believers, men and women from different backgrounds and social statuses, all coming together to learn and grow in their faith.

Among those present are individuals with various spiritual gifts, such as prophecy, teaching, healing, and speaking in tongues. Paul is emphasizing the importance of each person's unique gifts and how they all work together for the greater good of the body of Messiah. The atmosphere is one of unity and mutual respect, as the believers are encouraged to appreciate and celebrate the diversity of gifts among them.

As Sha'ul speaks, the room is filled with a sense of awe and reverence, as the believers are reminded of the importance of love and the building up of one

another in the faith. The scene is a powerful reminder of the beauty of God's design for the body of Messiah, where each member plays a vital role in the functioning of the whole. I want to briefly cover these 9 areas but this is not meant to be an exhaustive study but rather an overview then we'll focus on being in filled.

1. Word of Wisdom:

A word of wisdom is the supernatural impartation of what to say or do in a particular circumstance. Word of Wisdom can be the supernatural application of knowledge and often operates hand in hand with the word of knowledge. It's knowing what to do in a situation even when you know that YOU don't know what to do! A word of wisdom can be the "still small voice: of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 22:17-21. So tell us your opinion: does Torah permit paying taxes to the Roman Emperor or not?" ¹⁸ Yeshua, however, knowing their malicious intent, said, "You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used to pay the tax!" They brought him a denarius; ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose name and picture are these?" ²¹ "The Emperor's," they replied. Yeshua said to them, "Nu, give the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor. And give to God what belongs to God!"

God has given us criteria to judge and verify "words of wisdom". Wisdom from above must be:

James 3:17. But the wisdom from above is, first of all, pure, then peaceful, kind, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

2. Word of Knowledge

The word of knowledge is the supernatural revelation of information that was naturally indiscernible to the individual. Its method of operation is similar to the word of wisdom. This gift often is aimed at individuals vice a group and is instrumental in bringing people to repentance and closer to God. It commonly operates with healing gifts as well. It's not a horoscope or crystal ball which is often what people are looking for though they won't call it that.

Matthew 9:4-6. Yeshua, knowing what they were thinking, said, "Why are you entertaining evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Tell me, which is easier to say -- 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'? ⁶ But look! I will prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." He then said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, pick up your mattress, and go home!" ⁷ And the man got up and went home.

3. Faith. (Trust) This can be rendered as a special sort of trust and is distinct from saving faith. The gift of faith is like a flood or tsunami, a surge of faith. It is for a special moment truly having the "God kind of faith"

Matthew 17:20. have trust as tiny as a mustard seed, you will be able to say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there!' and it will move; indeed, nothing will be impossible for you!"

4. Healing. Healing is the supernatural cure of sickness, disease, injuries, and physical defects without the aid of human intervention. Healing is not possessed by people who can turn it off and on like electric lights. People who have the gift are channels or vessels for divine, supernatural healing. Some individuals may have a healing ministry 1Corinthians 12:28 where these individual gifts of healing are manifested in abundance.

Typically healing is ministered through the laying on of hands Mark 16:17-18, anointing with oil by the elders James 5:14-15; Mark 6:13 and the prayers of faith James 5:15. Healing can also be ministered through articles of clothing being prayed over Acts 19:11-12, by the passing of a person's shadow over the sick acts 5:15, through another's faith and prayer mark 2:3-5, through the sick person's faith alone Matthew 9:22,29 or through both together Mark 5:25-34. We are actually commanded to heal:

Matthew 10:8. heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those afflicted with tzara'at, expel demons. You have received without paying, so give without asking payment.

5. Miracles. Miracles are an unexplainable occurrence, an act of the Dunamis power of God. It's unexplainable, it's the invasion of the natural with the supernatural. It's water being turned into wine, it's the healing of an incurable disease, it's sight returned to a person born blind, the raising of the dead, the multiplication of bread and fish, Mannah from heaven, parting of the Sea of Suf. Miracles are unexplained phenomenon that defy the laws of nature, science, and human understand. It's the impossible! Every believer has been assured by Yeshua so that we can operate in this gift:

Acts 1:8. But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

When you are filled with the Ruach you are filled with this power! Yeshua said: "I tell you that whoever trusts in me will also do the works I do! Indeed, he will do greater ones," in John 14:12.

6. Prophecy. Prophecy Is the mind and counsel of God in an inspired utterance, something that cannot be known by natural means. It is not primarily a foretelling future events as much a revelation of God's "heart and plans". One who gives a prophecy is not necessarily a prophet operating in and under the authority as outlined in Ephesians 4:11. Any believer has the potential to prophesy

I Corinthian 14:5. I wish you would all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you would all prophesy. The person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless someone gives an interpretation, so that the congregation can be edified.

A sign of the last days is a resurgence of the prophetic among all of God's people

Joel 2:28-30. "After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions; ²⁹ and also on male and female slaves in those days I will pour out my Spirit. ³⁰ I will show wonders in the sky and on earth - blood, fire and columns of smoke.

Visions, Dreams, Apparent Revelation or direct prophecy are a significant aspect of the gifts of prophecy and in many cases are its strongest manifestation. God speaks directly, audibly to a person, group, or Congregation which is done in order, not chaos or in rebellion.

I Corinthians 14:23-31. So if the whole congregation comes together with everybody speaking in tongues, and uninstructed people or unbelievers come in, won't they say you're crazy? ²⁴ But if you all prophesy, and some unbeliever or uninstructed person enters, he is convicted of sin by all, he is brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ and the secrets of his heart are laid bare; so he falls on his face and worships God, saying, "God is really here among you!" ²⁶ What is our conclusion, brothers? Whenever you come together, let everyone be ready with a psalm or a teaching or a revelation, or ready to use his gift of tongues or give an interpretation; but let everything be for edification. ²⁷ If the gift of tongues is exercised, let it be by two or at most three, and each in turn; and let someone interpret. ²⁸ And if there is no one present who can interpret, let the people who speak in tongues keep silent when the congregation meets - they can speak to themselves and to God. ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, while the others weigh what is said. ³⁰ And if something is revealed to a prophet who is sitting down, let the first one be silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, with the result that all will learn something and all will be encouraged.

Prophecy should will produce harsh, condemnation filled judgments but will instruct, reveal, edify, build up, exhort, stir up, and comfort which lifts up.

Here is a crucial key to righteous and holy development of prophecy: Exposure to judgment (evaluation and scrutiny) by trusted, seasoned people of God. If a person rejects correction and the right of the others to adjust him, they are not to be recognized in the execution of, the office, or self-professed title of prophet vice God centered ministry of prophecy. This has happened here numerous times and is directly unbiblical according to scripture.

I Corinthians 14:39-40. So, my brothers, eagerly seek to prophesy; and do not forbid speaking in tongues; ⁴⁰ but let all things be done in a proper and orderly way.

7. Judging between Spirits (Discerning of Spirits)

Discerning of spirits is the supernatural revelation of what type of spirit is in operation in an individual. Discerning of spirits can reveal if a person is speaking through the influence of the Holy Spirit or by an evil spirit or simply his own human spirit. This gift allows the individual to know the names and attributes of specific spirits demonizing someone. This same gift also allows the person to sense the presence of angels, even to see angels and most importantly can discern the presence of the Holy Spirit in another. This gift is a spiritual gate keeper that allows identification of what spirit is operating and where it's from.

Acts 16:16-18. Once, when we were going to the place where the minyan gathered, we were met by a slave girl who had in her a snake-spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She earned a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. ¹⁷ This girl followed behind Sha'ul and the rest of us and kept screaming, "These men are servants of God Ha'Elyon! They're telling you how to be saved!" ¹⁸ She kept this up day after day, until Sha'ul, greatly disturbed, turned and said to the spirit, "In the name of Yeshua the Messiah, I order you to come out of her!" And the spirit did come out, at that very moment.

8. Tongues. These are gifts of utterance where the Holy Spirit directs a spokesperson to utter words or a message not of the spokesperson's origination. These generally are not premeditated utterances as in preaching or testifying, but are the creation of the Holy Spirit through the spokesperson at the moment of giving utterance. Literally, "open your mouth wide and I will find it," Psalm 81:10. The vocal gifts are comprised of tongues, interpretation of tongues and prophecy. The application of this word in scripture is primarily connected with the supernatural ability to pray or speak in an unknown (unknown to the speaker) language through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:6. and when Sha'ul placed his hands on them, the Ruach HaKodesh came upon them; so that they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

I Corinthians 12:10 says there are "different kinds of tongues" There is praying in tongues, messages in Tongues, Foreign languages, and singing in tongues! All heavenly languages of the Spirit.

9. Interpretation of Tongues. As we discussed in Prophecy, the interpretation of tongues should always accompany a message in tongues in the khilat.

I Corinthians 14:27. If the gift of tongues is exercised, let it be by two or at most three, and each in turn; and let someone interpret

Every believer is called to operate and function in one or more Gifts of the Spirit. I'm going to say this in Love but to not function within the Gifts of the spirit is abnormal:

Romans 8:9. But you, you do not identify with your old nature but with the Spirit - provided the Spirit of God is living inside you, for anyone who doesn't have the Spirit of the Messiah doesn't belong to him.

We must be committed to seek every possible avenue of serving God through Yeshua within the context of His will.

I Corinthians 2:9-11. But, as the Tanakh says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard and no one's heart has imagined all the things that God has prepared for those who love him." **10** It is to us, however, that God has revealed these things. How? Through the Spirit. For the Spirit probes all things, even the profoundest depths of God. **11** For who knows the inner workings of a person except the person's own spirit inside him? So too no one knows the inner workings of God except God's Spirit