

Session 8

Who
is the **Holy Spirit**

3. HE WAS PROMISED BY THE FATHER

- The promise of a “new thing”
 - “I will put my Spirit in you.” (Ezekiel 36:26–27)
 - “I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:26–27)
 - “I will pour out my Spirit on all people.” (Joel 2:28–29)

However, the prophecies remained unfulfilled for at least 300 years.

With the coming of Jesus there is a great activity of the Spirit—not just for particular people at particular times but for everyone.

- Everyone surrounding the birth of Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit:
 - Mary (Luke 1:35)
 - Elizabeth (Luke 1:41)
 - John the Baptist (Luke 3:16)

4. JOHN THE BAPTIST LINKS HIM WITH JESUS

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.’” (Luke 3:16)

- Jesus was filled with the Spirit
 - Jesus received power through the anointing of the Holy Spirit at His baptism. (Luke 3:22; Luke 4:1, 14, 18)

5. JESUS PREDICTS HIS PRESENCE (John 7:37–39)

However, He tells them to wait for the gift promised by the Father (Acts 1:4–5,8; Luke 24:49).

- At Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit and received:
 - New languages (Acts 2:4–12)
 - New boldness (Acts 2:14)
 - New power (Acts 2:37–41)

We live in the age of the Spirit. God has promised to give His Spirit to every Christian (Acts 2:37–39).

“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flowing from within.”

(JOHN 7:37–38)

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What
does the
Holy Spirit do

- New birth (John 3:3–8)
- Born into a family

1. SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

- Adoption (Romans 8:14–17)
 - Highest privilege (v.14)
 - Closest intimacy (v.15)
 - Deepest experience (v.16)

2. DEVELOPING THE RELATIONSHIP

“For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.”
(Ephesians 2:18)

- He helps us to pray. (Romans 8:26)
- He enables us to understand God’s Word. (Ephesians 1:17–18)

3. THE FAMILY LIKENESS

- He makes us more like Jesus. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)

4. UNITY IN THE FAMILY

- (Ephesians 4:3–6)

5. GIFTS FOR ALL THE CHILDREN

- The Holy Spirit gives everybody gifts for the common good.
(1 Corinthians 12:4–11)

6. A GROWING FAMILY

- The Spirit of God gives us power.
 - To be witnesses for Christ (Acts 1:8)
 - For service (Acts 1:8)

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.” (Revelation 22:17)

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