

BE FULL OF THE SPIRIT



JESUS HIMSELF WAS FULL OF THE SPIRIT



- Christ's inseparable companion during his earthly ministry as a true man was the Holy Spirit.
- At all of the major events in the life of Christ, the Holy Spirit took a prominent role.
- The Holy Spirit was the immediate, divine, efficient cause of the incarnation ([Matthew 1:18, 20](#); [Luke 1:35](#)). This was a fitting “earthly beginning” for Christ since Isaiah spoke of the Messiah as one endowed with the Spirit ([Isaiah 42:1](#); [61:1](#)).

- The New Testament confirms Isaiah's testimony in several places, noting that Christ received the Spirit without measure ([John 3:34](#)).
- At Jesus's baptism the Spirit descended upon him ([Matthew 3:16](#)); and the Spirit plays a significant role in leading Christ to and sustaining him before, during, and after his temptation ([Luke 4:1, 14](#)).
- In that same chapter Jesus reads from [Isaiah 61:1–2](#) ("the Spirit of the Lord is upon me") and announces that he is the fulfillment of that prophecy ([Luke 4:21](#)).

Christ performed miracles and worked in the power of the Holy Spirit



Matthew 12:18

- “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

Acts 10:38

- “...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”

1 Corinthians 2:11



For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (NIV)



Luke 5:17

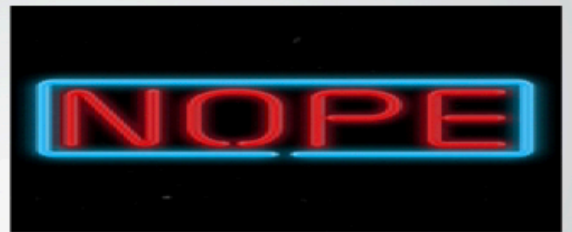
- One day He was teaching, and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the Law sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem; **and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.**

- [Hebrews 9:14](#) may be taken to mean that Christ offered himself up not by his own spirit but by the enabling of the Holy Spirit.
- Like his death, Christ's resurrection is attributed to the Holy Spirit ([Romans 8:11](#) and by it he "was declared to be the Son of God . . . according to the Spirit of holiness" ([Romans 1:4](#); see also [1 Timothy 3:16](#); [1 Peter 3:18](#))).

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- Then you don't want God?

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you
another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever
(KJV).

(Paraclete = Para—Beside/Alongside, Comforter, Advocate, Helper, Counselor)

John 14:16



This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

JOHN 14:17



Living
Space





Perichoresis

The Greek noun perichoresis was the favorite word of the Early Church to describe the interrelationship of the Trinity.



John 16:7



But 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 go, I will send Him to you.



"After you,
Aramis...."
"No, No...after
YOU,
D'Artagnan!"

All for one, and one for all



The “Great Dance” in Perelandra

In the plan of the Great Dance plans without number interlock, and each movement becomes in its season the breaking into flower of the whole design to which all else had been directed.

Thus each is equally at the centre and none are there by being equals, but some by giving place and some by receiving it, the small things by their smallness and the great by their greatness, and all the patterns linked and looped together by the unions of a kneeling with a sceptred love. Blessed be He!

C.S. Lewis, Perelandra, Ch. 17.

Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit (NIV).

Galatians 5:25









ACTS CHAPTER 3---KEEPING IN STEP

- One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was **being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful**, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

- ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 3 sermon and its ramifications



- ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.
- ⁴ The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

- ⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"
- ⁸ **Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them:** "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is
- "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."
- ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."



- ¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and **they took note that these men had been with Jesus.** ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. ¹⁶ “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20 **As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.**”

21 After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. 22 For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.



- ²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:
 - “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

- ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”
- ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.**



- **2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



- ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”