

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jim Lowry

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Scripture: Acts 19:1-7 (with Acts 16:6-10; John 14:15-17; Acts 2)

SUMMARY

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit?" From Acts 19, Rev. Dr. Jim Lowry explains that the Spirit is the very presence of Jesus, who guides, protects, and fills everyone who surrenders to Him.

OVERVIEW

In Ephesus, Paul asked a group of disciples, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit" (Acts 19:2). Rev. Dr. Jim Lowry takes Paul's question and asks us: Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is not a force to fear or an optional extra. He is the Spirit of Jesus Himself, given to every believer to guide, protect, and fill us.

KEY POINTS

- *A Person, not a force.** The "Spirit of Jesus," the "Spirit of truth," and the "Spirit of God" are the same Holy Spirit. Jesus promised "another Counselor" (John 14:16), another of the same kind as Himself.
- *He leads and He goes before us.** The Spirit redirected Paul away from Asia and into Macedonia (Acts 16). He filled the 120 at Pentecost, when 3,000 came to faith. Through prevenient grace, He is already at work in every life, even before we call on Him.
- *He fills the surrendered.** Sharing his own conversion and his long resistance to God's call ("Lord, I can't." "You're right."), Dr. Lowry shows that the Spirit works through surrender, not our strength.

MEMORABLE LINES

None pulled yet from the transcript.

TAKEAWAY

Surrender fully to Jesus and let His Spirit fill you with His love, joy, grace, and peace.

SOURCE

- Whisper (base.en) transcript of the Subsplash service audio
- Confidence note from audit: Medium-high
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56ygrWrZFUA>
- Website: <https://www.baypointchurch.com/media/fz74n6w/who-is-the-holy-spirit>