

The Empowering of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 1 – The role of the Holy Spirit in our lives

The Holy Spirit relates to people in 3 different ways:

- 1.) The Holy Spirit is **with** the unbeliever, convicting them to receive Christ.
John 14:16-17; John 16:8-11
- 2.) The Holy Spirit is **in** the believer upon conversion, adopting and sealing them for salvation.
John 14:16-17; John 20:19-22; Romans 8:9-11, 15; Ephesians 1:13-14
- 3.) The Holy Spirit comes **upon** the believer, giving power for witness and ministry.
Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49; Joel 2:28-29

The Holy Spirit residing **in** us is often referred to as the **indwelling** of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit coming **upon** us is often referred to as the **empowering** of the Holy Spirit.

The “coming upon” of the Holy Spirit is described in scripture in other ways:

-The baptism with the Spirit [*Acts 1:4-5; Matthew 3:11; John 1:23*]

-The filling of the Holy Spirit [*Acts 2:4; Acts 4:31; Eph. 5:18*]

The empowering of the Spirit is the **manifestation** of the Spirit in the life of a believer.
Acts 2:1-4

The purpose of the empowering of the Spirit is to make me a **witness** of Christ to the world.
Acts 2:14-41

*The Old Testament book of Joshua beautifully illustrates this principle of the empowering of the Holy Spirit.