

# THE QUESTION

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## I. INTRODUCTION

**Acts 19:1** While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples

**Acts 19:2** and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

- *The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity and a relationship with Him is an essential part of the Christian life.*

## II. FIVE REASONS YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT

### 1. *If you need strength, you need the Holy Spirit.*

**Ephesians 3:16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

**Acts 1:4-8** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Acts 2:1-4.** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

A. Every believer can be filled with or baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 19:3-7** So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

B. Every believer can experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

## ***2. If you are seeking direction, you need the Holy Spirit.***

**John 3:8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

**Galatians 5:16** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

- A. The Holy Spirit helps us live a life that pleases God.
- B. We find direction when we walk in the Spirit.

**John 14:26-27** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- C. The Holy Spirit give us insight and peace.

## ***3. If you want to accomplish God’s purpose for your life, you need the Holy Spirit.***

**Romans 8:11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

**2 Timothy 1:7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

- A. The Holy Spirit empowers us for purpose.

**1 Corinthians 12:7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

**Romans 12:6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

- B. The Holy Spirit gives each of us spiritual gifts in order to be effective in God’s purpose for our lives.

## ***4. If you are fighting a battle, you need the Holy Spirit.***

**Ephesians 6:10-12** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**Ephesians 6:13-18** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- A. You cannot fight spiritual battles by yourself. Victory comes from the Holy Spirit.

## ***5. If you want to be a better person, you need the Holy Spirit.***

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- A. When we are in relationship with the Holy Spirit, He produces good fruit in our lives.
- B. A relationship with the Holy Spirit is essential in the life of the Christian.

**John 7:37-39** On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.