



# Equipped & Empowered Seminar Pt. 1

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## Who Is the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person:

- Not an "it" but "He" the Spirit speaks, feels, teaches, and guides:

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth..." (John 16:13-15).

B. Part of the Trinity:

- The Holy Spirit is one of three persons in the Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

C. Roles and Titles:

- Helper / Comforter (John 14:16)
- Spirit of Truth (John 16:13)
- Spirit of Grace (Hebrews 10:29)
- Spirit of Adoption (Romans 8:15)
- Spirit of God / Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9)

D. His Work Includes:

- Convicting of sin (John 16:8)
- Regenerating believers (John 3:5-6)
- Indwelling believers (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- Leading and guiding (Romans 8:14)
- Teaching and reminding (John 14:26)

- Empowering for ministry (Acts 1:8)
- Producing spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22–23)
- Distributing spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4–11)

#### E. Relationship with the Believer:

- He desires fellowship (2 Corinthians 13:14), can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30), and is to be honored and welcomed.

### **The Importance and Reasons for the Holy Spirit's Empowerment**

#### A. Commanded by Jesus:

- Jesus instructed His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit's empowering presence:

"Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49).

#### B. Transformed Lives:

- The empowerment of the Holy Spirit transformed fearful disciples into bold witnesses:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses..." (Acts 1:8)

#### C. Living Victoriously:

- Believers can overcome sin and fear through the Spirit's power:

"For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live." (Romans 8:13).

#### D. Ongoing Empowerment:

- Believers are encouraged to seek continual filling of the Holy Spirit:

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18).

#### E. Reasons for Seeking Empowerment:

1. To be effective witnesses for Christ (Acts 1:8).
2. To be clothed with supernatural power for service (Luke 24:49).
3. To overcome fear and timidity (2 Timothy 1:7).
4. To live free from the power of sin (Romans 8:13).
5. To operate in spiritual gifts for ministry (1 Corinthians 12:7–11).
6. To continue the works of Jesus (John 14:12).
7. To live in ongoing spiritual fullness and purpose (Ephesians 5:18).

#### **Steps to Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

##### 1. Understand the Promise:

- The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for all believers.

"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off..." (Acts 2:38–39).

##### 2. Desire the Fullness of the Spirit:

- Jesus invites the spiritually thirsty to come and receive:

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink." (John 7:37).

##### 3. Ask in Faith:

- God gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him with faith:

"How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!" (Luke 11:13).

#### 4. Remove Barriers of Doubt or Fear:

- Approach God with confidence, eliminating doubt:

"But he must ask in faith without any doubting..." (James 1:6).

#### 5. Yield Yourself Fully to God:

- Surrender your heart and will to God:

"Present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead..." (Romans 6:13).

#### 6. Receive and Speak in Faith:

- When you ask, believe and respond as the Spirit leads:

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak..." (Acts 2:4).

#### 7. Walk Daily in the Spirit:\*\*\*

- Continually live in step with the Spirit:

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit."  
(Ephesians 5:18).

### **Supplemental: Ten Reasons Why Every Believer Should Speak in Tongues**

#### 1. Initial Evidence of the Holy Spirit Baptism:

Speaking in tongues is the supernatural sign accompanying the baptism in the Holy Spirit.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues..." (Acts 2:4; Mark 16:17).

#### 2. Direct Communication with God:

When you speak in tongues, you are speaking directly to God, bypassing human understanding.

"For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God..." (1 Corinthians 14:2).

### 3. Spiritual Edification:

Praying in tongues builds up and strengthens your spirit, similar to charging a battery.

"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself..." (1 Corinthians 14:4; Jude 20).

### 4. Access to Divine Mysteries:

Speaking in tongues allows you to communicate mysteries—hidden truths not accessible through natural language.

"For he who speaks in a tongue speaks mysteries in the Spirit." (1 Corinthians 14:2).

### 5. Empowerment for Worship:

Speaking in tongues enhances your worship experience, allowing for deeper connection in spirit and truth.

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24).

### 6. Spiritual Refreshing:

Praying in tongues brings peace and refreshing, helping you to focus on God and experience His presence.

"For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest..." (Isaiah 28:11-12).

### 7. Personal Transformation:

Regularly speaking in tongues strengthens your inner man, fostering growth into Christlikeness.

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses..." (Romans 8:26-29).

#### 8. Protection from Contamination:

Speaking in tongues helps keep you free from ungodly influences, setting you apart for God's purposes.

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

#### 9. Building Faith:

Speaking in tongues builds up your faith, enabling you to trust God more deeply.

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit..." (Jude 20).

#### 10. Activating God's Power:

Speaking in tongues activates the power of God within you, stirring up spiritual gifts and boldness for ministry.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." (Acts 1:8).