

Empowered

Life is better w/ the Holy Spirit - January 22, 2023

Who, why, what, where, how is the Holy Spirit-this 3rd person of the trinity?

John 3:6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.” We’re to be born again & filled w/ the Spirit

By receiving Jesus as Lord, our spirit is made “alive” by the Holy Spirit.

John 16:7 But in fact, **it’s best for you (to your advantage)** that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you.

Luke 24:49 Now I’ll send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes & fills you (*clothes, fully equips*) w/ power from heaven.

The Holy Spirit is the presence of God dwelling w/in our hearts.

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere...*

The Holy Spirit releases the power of God in us.

Acts 2:2 TPT Suddenly they heard the sound of a violent blast of wind rushing into the house from out of the heavenly realm. The roar of the wind was so overpowering it was all anyone could bear! ³ *Then all at once a pillar of **fire** appeared before their eyes.* It separated into tongues of **fire** that engulfed each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled & equipped w/ the Holy Spirit & were inspired to speak in tongues - empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned!

After they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they have a passion that lasts a lifetime & empowers them to speak the word of God boldly!

Fire is a marvelous picture of the work of the Holy Spirit.

In Exodus 3 & 13 there’s a pillar of fire that leads the Israelites

Matthew 3:11 I baptize w/ water those who repent of their sins & turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much

greater, that I'm not worthy even to be His slave & carry His sandals. He will baptize you w/ the Holy Spirit & with **fire**.

All believers are entitled to, should expect & seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit & fire.

Luke 24:32 They said to each other, "Didn't our **hearts burn** within us as He talked w/ us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

The inextinguishable, unquenchable **fire** of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a devouring **fire**. (*consuming*)

Let's stir up His power in our lives, let Him out, let His **fire** flow in our families, our relationships, at our work, & in our church!

*By being filled w/ - baptized w/ the Holy Spirit,
we release His power, His gifts, & our spiritual prayer abilities.*

II Timothy 3:5 AMP holding to a form of outward godliness (*religion*), although they have denied its **power** - for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith. (*they want nothing to do w/ God's power*)

As we activate the Holy Spirit, we release His power in our lives.

*Jesus is the Savior from the **guilt** of sin,
the Holy Spirit is the Savior from the **power** of sin.*

"Oh Holy Spirit, rise up w/in our lives today. Burn in us. Purify us w/ Your power so we can radiate the glory of Jesus in our community."

3 ways the Holy Spirit affects & impacts:

1. Guides & directs us: helps us to make decisions & choices that are in accordance w/ the will of God.

John 14:16 I will ask the Father, & He will give you another Advocate (*Savior, Helper, Comforter, Counselor, Friend, Encourager*), who will never leave you. **17** He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth...

God guides & comforts us w/ the Holy Spirit dwelling in our bodies—the “tabernacle” & the “temple of the living God”

Romans 8:9 But you’re not controlled by your sinful nature. You’re controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.

2. Empowers us for service & to be a witness: Enables us to do things we might not be able to do &/or share our faith & to be an effective witness.

Acts 4:31 AMP When they had prayed, the place where they were meeting together was shaken, a sign of God’s presence; & they were all filled w/ the Holy Spirit & *began* to speak the word of God w/ boldness & courage.

After the apostles receive the Holy Spirit, they have a passion that lasts a lifetime & empowers them to speak the word of God boldly!

3. Helps us to produce growth, holiness & the purity of God: The Spirit is the agent of purity or sanctification. His fire cleanses & refines us.

1 Corinthians 6:11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were *made holy*; you were made right w/ God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ & by the Spirit of our God.

2 Thessalonians 2:13b ... We’re always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the *Spirit who makes you holy*...

1 Peter 1:2 God the Father knew you & chose you long ago, & *His Spirit has made you holy*. As a result, you’ve obeyed Him & have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more & more grace & peace.

*As we pray & seek the presence of the Holy Spirit,
we’re able to experience His presence & power in our lives.*