

About the Holy Spirit

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Romans 12:9-16

In order to become a Christian, you and I must be born of the Spirit of God. But in order to live a Christian life and come to maturity after we have been born again, we must be led continually by the Holy Spirit. Question arise who is the Holy Spirit. Let's look at this subject by asking four questions and finding their answers by looking into the Scripture quoted.

Who is the Holy Spirit ?

God is three persons in one- the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God became a man in Jesus so that Jesus could die for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead to offer salvation to all people through spiritual renewal and rebirth.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, His physical presence left the earth, but He promised to send the Holy Spirit so that His spiritual presence would still be among mankind (see Luke 24:49). The Holy Spirit first became available to all believers at Pentecost (Acts 2). Whereas in Old Testament days, the Holy Spirit empowered specific individuals for specific purposes, now all believers have the power of the Holy Spirit available to them. {for more on the Holy Spirit, read John 14:16-28; Romans 8:9; 1-Corinthians 12:13 and 2-Corinthians 1:22}.

Jesus also told and explained that we cannot control the work of the Holy Spirit. He works in ways we cannot predict or understand. Just as we did not control our physical birth, so we cannot control our spiritual birth. It is a gift from God through the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16; 1-Corinthians 2: 10-12 and 1-Thessalonians 1:5-6).

Why His coming so important?

Unless Jesus did what He came to do, there would be no gospel. If He did not die, He could not remove our sins; He could not rise again and defeat death. If He had not gone back to the Father, the Holy Spirit would not have come. Christ's presence on earth was limited to one place at a time. His leaving meant He could be present in the whole world through the Holy Spirit.

Three important tasks of the Holy Spirit are:

- (1) Convincing the people of their sin and calling them to repentance.
- (2) Revealing the standard of God's righteousness to anyone who believes, because Christ would no longer be physically present on earth.
- (3) Demonstrating Christ's judgment over Satan.

What is His role and work in believers lives?

At Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) the Holy Spirit was made available to all who believed in Jesus. **We receive the Holy Spirit when we receive Jesus Christ.** The baptism of the Holy Spirit must be understood in the light of His total work in Christians.

- (1) The Holy Spirit marks the beginning of the Christian Experience. We cannot belong to Christ without His Spirit (Romans 8:9); we cannot be united to Christ without His Spirit (1-Corinthians 6:17); we cannot be adopted His Children without the Spirit (Romans 8:14-17 and Galatians 4:6-7); we cannot be in the body of Christ except by baptism in the Spirit (1-Corinthians 12:13).

- (2) The Holy Spirit is the power of our new lives. He begins a life long process of change as we become more like Christ (Galatians 3:3 and Philipians 1:6). When we receive Christ by faith, we begin an immediate personal relationship with God. The Holy Spirit works to help us become like Christ.
- (3) The Holy Spirit unites the Christian Community in Christ (Ephesians 2:19-22). The Holy Spirit can be experienced by all and He works through all (see 1-Corinthians 12:11 and Ephesians 4:4).

How much of you is under His leading?

Apostle Paul contrasts getting drunk with wine, which produces a temporary “high” to being filled with the Spirit, which produces lasting joy. Getting drunk with wine is associated with the old way of life and its selfish desires. In Christ, we have a better joy-- higher and longer lasting to cure our depression, monotony or tension. We should not be concerned with how much of the Holy Spirit we have **but** how much of us the Holy Spirit has. Submit yourself daily to His leading and draw constantly on His power.

The Actins and attributes of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Divine actions or attributes	Father	Son	Holy Spirit
Eternal	Rom 16:26-27	Rom 1:17	Heb 9:14
Creator	Ps 100:3	Col 1:16	Ps 104:30
Omnipresent	Jer 23:24	Eph 1:23	Ps 139:7
Omniscient	1-Jh 3:20	Jh 21:17	1-Cor 2:10
Wills and Acts	Eph 1:15-18	Matt 8:31	1-Cor 12:10
(Supernaturally)			
Gives Life	Gen 1:11-31	Jh1:3-4; 5:21	Rom 8:10-11
	John 5:21		John 3:8
Strengthen us	Ps 138:7	Phi 4:13	Eph 3:16
Is Light	James 1:17	John 8:12	2-Cor 4:6
Is Love	John 16:27	John 14:21	Rom 5:5

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit each reveal the actions and attributes of one God and yet, there are three eternal distinctions within the one divine essence. We have to seek all three of them in their oneness/unity.

May God bless you with His Word.....Amen.