

Life in the Spirit

(Part One)

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Who is the Holy Spirit?

- **The Holy Spirit is a Person**
- The Spirit is referred to as “He” (Jn 16:13-14, 14:16, 15:26)
- **The Holy Spirit is God**
- Gen 1:1-2, 26, Acts 5:3-4
- **Trinitarian Scriptures** ... 2 Cor 13:14; Eph 2:18, 4:4-6; 1 Jn 5:7 (1 Pet 1:2; Titus 3:4-6; Jude 20-21, 1Cor 12:4-6)

The Holy Spirit is the Subject of verbs that require a personal agent ...

- The Spirit *speaks* (Acts 8:29, 13:2)
- The Spirit *searches* all things. (1 Cor 2:10)
- The Spirit *knows* the mind of God. (1 Cor 2:11)
- The Spirit *teaches* the gospel to believers. (Jn 14:26; 1 Cor 2:13)
- The Spirit *dwells* in believers. (2 Tim 1:14; Rom 8:1; 1 Cor 3:16)
- The Spirit *cries out* from within our hearts. (Gal 4:6)
- The Spirit is to be *obeyed*. (Acts 5:32)
- The Spirit *has desires* in opposition to the flesh. (Gal 5:17)
- The Spirit *helps* us in our weaknesses. (Rom 8:26)
- The Spirit *prays and intercedes* on our behalf. (Rom 8:26-27)
- The Spirit *strengthens* believers. (Eph 3:17)
- The Spirit is *grieved* by our sinfulness. (Eph 4:30)

What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit?

- **Jn 7:37-39** ... Not yet given
- **Jn 16:5-7** ... Advantageous, Expedient, Profitable, Better for you
- **Jn 14:15-17** ... He dwells *with* you (present) but will be *in* you (future).

Who needed this encounter of the Holy Spirit?

- **The Son of God** ... Mt 3:16; Lu 4:18-19; Isa 11:1-2; Acts 10:38
- **John the Baptist** ... Mt 3:11, 14
- **Disciples** Lu 24:49
- **New Converts** ... Acts 8:5-17
- **Saul of Tarsus / Paul** ... Acts 9:17-18
- **Ephesian Disciples** ... Acts 19:1-7
- **First Witnesses to Outpouring** ... Acts 2:38-39
- **Peter** ... Acts 2:4, 14 (4:8, 31)
- **All Christians** ... Eph 5:18

Why do I need the promised power of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8)

- **Power to Be ...** Jn 1:11-13
- **Power to Know ...** Rom 8:15-16 (Gal 4:6-7; Eph 1:13-14)
- **Power to Do ...** Acts 3:12; 4:13-14 (Phil 2:13)