

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT By
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I made the greatest decision of my life when I was twenty years old in 1993. I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. When He came into my life He transformed me in an incredible way. This miracle took place through the power of the Holy Spirit.

About a week later I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

There are many teachings about the Holy Spirit in the world today. I will be sharing about Him and His miraculous transforming power with you. I encourage you to search the scriptures and confirm that what I share with you and what others share with you is in fact based on the Word of the Lord.

I am so grateful to Father God that He gave us the Holy Spirit. He is one of His greatest gifts imaginable.

A lot of people don't know about the Holy Spirit, they don't speak about the Holy Spirit but we do. When we have revelation from the Word of God we teach it so that others may be enlightened to. That's where the Bible says that 'My people perish for lack of knowledge' so the answer to the lack

of knowledge is knowledge BUT we need to make sure we get that knowledge from the Word of God.

We don't get this revelation from 1st Imaginations chapter 1 or 2 Imaginations Chapter 2, we get it from the Word of God. You see, just because someone has a title or microphone in their hand doesn't mean they are operating as God's representative. When you are sharing it must be from the Word of God.

The Bible says by 2 or 3 witnesses let everything be established. So please make sure that when you go to churches or conferences that they are preaching from the Word of God.

1.THE PERSON OF HOLY SPIRIT

We first learn about the Holy Spirit in Genesis Chapter 1 where He was a part of creation.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Here you can see that the Holy Spirit was very involved in creation.

When Jesus rose from the dead after 3 days, He spent 40 days with His disciples before eventually ascending to heaven. This was a victorious and momentous time for the disciples and followers as Jesus proved to them that He was the Messiah.

They had seen Jesus being crucified and they had witnessed His death on the Cross. They saw the soldiers pierced His side to see if in fact He was

dead and saw blood and water flow. They were now witnesses to His resurrection.

They were so happy to have their friend and Messiah with them. It was just like times past. They never quite knew what was going to happen next, although Jesus was always teaching them and had spoken of these things.

Maybe they thought that they were going to carry on as usual like the three previous years that they were walking with Jesus, healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out evil spirits from people and participating in many other miraculous events.

They also knew the prophecies of the old testament and how the Messiah was to deliver their people out of bondage. So some of them may have expected Jesus to now lose the chains of military and political oppression of the Roman Empire and for their power to be broken over Israel.

It was therefore not what they expected, when Jesus shared with them that He was returning to heaven but that He would send the Holy Spirit in His place and that the Holy Spirit would live in them and with them.

Jesus said in **John 16:7** *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”*

You see, Jesus in His physical body could not be with all of those that accepted Him as their personal Savior at the same time, as He was limited by His natural body and that is why He said it is to our advantage that He goes to the Father so that He could send the Holy Spirit who could supernaturally be everywhere with all people in all places at all times.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God. He is part of the trinity. He is God but He is also a Person, having a personality, the same as God the Father and Jesus the

Messiah. He is not a “thing”, feeling or mystical enigma or cloud of vapor. He is the One that Jesus said will be with us here on earth, until we are with God the Father and Jesus, in Heaven.

1 John 5:7 *“For there are three bearing witness in heaven: the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit, and these Three are One.”*

We should honor, respect and speak to the Holy Spirit and be sensitive to Him speaking, leading, comforting, strengthening and guiding us.

Who am I?

You are a spirit being, you have a soul, which is your mind, your will and your emotions, and you live in a body. Therefore you are made up of 3 parts.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 *“I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”*

Most people are aware of at least their body, some believe in either their spirits or that they have a soul (which are different) yet the bible teaches us that we are a 3 part being. We are created in the image of God.

Whichever of the 3 you feed and nourish will grow. If you let your body or soul dictate how your life will run, you are headed for an ultimate disaster and shipwreck. It is your spirit, once you have been born again by the Spirit of God, that is to dictate to your soul and body how to conduct themselves.

Once you received Jesus your spirit has been made alive to God and you can receive instruction and power to live by, from the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

Someone once said, “If you only live by the Word of God, the Bible, and not the Holy Spirit, then you will dry up. If you don’t read the Word and are only “led” by the Holy Spirit, then you may blow up. But if you are governed by the Word of the Lord and the Holy Spirit then you will grow up.”

I like that analogy.

2. WHO QUALIFIES TO RECEIVE HOLY SPIRIT?

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Any person who has repented of their sins and receives Jesus as their Lord and Savior has the Holy Spirit living inside of them and with them. The moment you, as a sinner, receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior and pray the prayer of commitment to follow Him, a supernatural transaction takes place. Your sins are forgiven, your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, you become a child of God and you receive the Holy Spirit.

3. WHAT DOES HOLY SPIRIT DO IN OUR LIVES?

1. The Holy Spirit comes to **live with you** and will **be in you**

John 14:16 *“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (the Holy Spirit), that He may abide (live) with you forever.”*

John 14:17 *“...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him (the Holy Spirit), **for He dwells (lives) with you and will be with you.**”*

In verse **18**, Jesus states – *“I will not leave your orphans; I will come to you.”*
We are therefore not alone in the world, but are now children of God and are connected to God our Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit teaches us and reminds us of what is said in the Bible

John 14:26 *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things** and **brings to your remembrance all things** that I have said to you.”* (LIMITLESS-Bradley Cooper)

*Not just the bible-but your calling
Taught me how to start my ministry
Produce TV Show
Evangelism school
Church
Tennis coach
Write songs*

The Holy Spirit will be your Primary Teacher and will remind you of the teachings of Jesus when faced with decisions to be made in your life. This is a tremendous privilege, to have the Holy Spirit speak to you regarding the issues of life. It’s very important to note that the Holy Spirit will never tell you something that is contrary to the Word of God. It is therefore very important to know the Word of the Lord, the Bible as the Holy Spirit will confirm the Word.

We still, of course, have human teachers (who only qualify if they teach the Word of God, the Christian Bible); yet honor the Holy Spirit as our Primary Teacher

3. The Holy Spirit leads people to Jesus

John 15:26 *“But when the Helper comes, who I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, He will TESTIFY OF ME.”*

John 16:14 *“He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”*

The Holy Spirit’s primary objective is to point and admonish people to look at Jesus as the Messiah and Savior. This means that the Holy Spirit loves to use us as His vessel and instrument to tell people about Jesus.

4. The Holy Spirit will tell you of things to come

John 16:13 *“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth, for He will not speak on His own authority; but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will tell you of things to come.”*

This is an amazing blessing from the Lord. It’s so wonderful to have the Holy Spirit be honest with you. When He speaks to you sometimes it will be with a conviction in your spirit that you know when you are about to do the wrong thing, warning you not to, or also when you have done the wrong thing, that you need to repent. **Proverbs 27:6** say’s *“Faithful are the wounds of a friend.”*

Often He will comfort you, or other times you will just be aware of Him clothing you with His presence.

What is also amazing about this promise is that the Holy Spirit will tell you about the future concerning your life, events and circumstances. He knows what’s best for you. He knows what business ventures are best for you, what ministry opportunities are best for you, what friends you need to have in your life, who your spouse is and what opportunities in all avenues of life

are best for you. With this in mind it makes sense that you should first spend time with Him and consult the Lord and He will direct your path.

The condition therefore is usually that you are spending time with Him, and are sensitive to His voice and are studying the Word of the Lord. This kind of revelation or help can help direct you in life and help you save a lot of time, even years, going down the wrong paths laid by the devil and his ambassadors.

He knows the best timing for you to buy a house and sell a house. He knows the future economic climate and how you as a child of God can go unharmed by it and increase financially through it.

He knows all things and can choose to reveal them to you, especially if you seek Him on them.

Amazon.com Inc. held its initial public offering (IPO) on the Nasdaq on May 15, 1997, at a price of \$18 per share.

Amazon share price 3,206.22 USD

Notably, \$10,000 invested on that day and price would be worth more than \$12 million as of May 2020.

If you invested a simple \$100 in Amazon's IPO in 1997, you would have received five shares.¹ That investment would have been worth \$129,186 at the end of the trading day on Feb. 20, 2020, when shares closed at \$2,153.10 each.³ That would yield an increase of more than 129,000% on the initial \$100 investment.

5. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, and righteousness and judgment

John 16:8 'And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment

: 9 of sin because they do not believe in Me

:10 of righteousness because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

:11 of judgment because the ruler of this world (the devil) is judged

When you received Jesus in your life as your Lord and Savior, it was the Holy Spirit that was touching your heart, revealing to you that He is the Son of God. It was the Holy Spirit that convicted you of the fact that you were a sinner and in need of a Savior and it's the Holy Spirit who shows us that Satan is a defeated foe and that Jesus has conquered death, hell and taken back the authority that Adam lost to Satan when he sinned in the Garden of Eden.

4. THE BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT

Any person who has received Jesus as their Lord and Savior has the Holy Spirit living in them, when they commit their lives to Him.

Please allow me to share with you from Scripture concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 *“But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be **witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Jesus said in Luke 24:49 *“Behold I send the Promise of my Father upon you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with the **power** from on high.”*

This empowerment of the Holy Spirit will take you to a new level in your relationship with the Lord, helping you to live a victorious Christian walk and make you bold in your witness of Jesus.

Jesus knew of the challenges and obstacles that would face us in our lives. These include temptations, trials and obstacles attempting to derail and distract you of your faith and destroy your life. This is why Jesus promised us super-natural power through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus the baptizer:

John the Baptist baptized people in waters of the River Jordan. This was a water baptism for the repentance or turning away of sins. John promised the people that the day was coming that the Messiah would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus the Baptizer stands here today, ready to baptize you into a river of liquid fire, the fire of the Holy Spirit.

It is therefore very important for you to realize and recognize that Jesus is the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit. No man, preacher, method or mystic can baptize you with the Holy Spirit, only Jesus.

Here is the proof from the lips of John the Baptist:

Matthew 3:11 *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

The power of the Holy Spirit is given to believers in Jesus so that we can have the boldness to tell people about Jesus and the power to live a victorious life in Jesus.

Jesus promised that a special event would happen in the lives of those who waited in Jerusalem. Let's see what happened!

Jesus said:

Acts 1:5 *"For John (the Baptist) truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized (empowered) with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

Acts 2:1 *“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

2 *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

3 *Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each one of them.*

4 *And they were **ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** and **BEGAN TO SPEAK** with **OTHER TONGUES**, as the **SPIRIT** gave them utterance.”*

Note:

- the Holy Spirit came upon each of them.
- they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.
- they began to speak with other tongues or in a heavenly language.

What does baptize mean?

The Word Baptize in the Greek is Bap-tis-mah which means immersion or submersion.

It was commonly referred to in the process of dying fabric. In the process of dying fabric for example, you would take a red dye and dip the fabric in the dye. The fabric was submerged in the dye until it took on the texture of the dye. The two in a sense became one.

The same is true with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You emerge in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit comes into you.

What does speaking in tongues mean?

It is a divine prayer language that every believer may possess whereby you can communicate directly with God from your born again spirit.

The Day of Pentecost has come (over 2000 years ago), and now all believers can be “baptized with the Holy Spirit” if they desire it.

5. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING FILLED WITH HOLY SPIRIT?

1. Your relationship with the Lord becomes more intimate.

1 Corinthians 14:2 *“For he who speaks in a tongue (heavenly language) does not speak to men, but to God, for no one understands him; however in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”*

Do you realize the reality that you are speaking directly to the Lord? What an amazing honor to speak to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. The Creator of the Universe. The most powerful God imaginable. That access is available to you 24 hours a day, anytime.

You see there are issues happening in your life that your spirit is aware of and your spirit longs to connect with God in this communion. The more you speak to your Heavenly Father, the more intimate you will become with Him.

2. Your spiritual life is edified.

1 Corinthians 14:4 *“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.”*

When you speak in this heavenly language, your spirit is praying, yet your natural mind or thoughts may not understand what you are saying. Don't worry about this. It may seem unusual for you to be doing this, and you may want to stop, but just press in and commune with the Lord.

3. Praying in the Spirit helps you to pray according to the perfect will of God.

Romans 8:20 *“Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses, for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”*

Many times in life we are faced with challenges and challenging decisions to make and we don't know what to do. When we pray in our heavenly language we pray in accordance to the perfect will of the Lord. You see there are situations and evil forces that want to distract you from fulfilling your purpose here on earth, derail you from even following and serving the Lord and are even trying to destroy your life. You may even be unaware of them, yet when you pray in your heavenly language your spirit is speaking to the Lord and making sure that you stay on the right path.

4. Praying in the Spirit builds up your faith.

Jude 1:20 "...building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit."

The two main ways of growing spiritually and in faith is to read your bible (faith comes by hearing, and hearing the Word of God) and to pray in your heavenly language. When you pray constantly, your spirit grows and you become more alert and alive to the Lord and the spiritual world. Your rate of your spiritual growth is very much dependent on you and your commitment to studying the Word and praying in the Spirit.

5. You will receive an extra power of boldness to witness for the Lord.

Acts 1:8 "...you will receive power..."

All of us need boldness to share the gospel with those around us. When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit a new level of boldness and authority comes upon you to do the will of the Lord and to witness about Jesus.

6. HOW DO I RECEIVE THIS EMPOWERMENT?

1. Come to the Father in faith

Hebrews 11:6 “...he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

The same way you came to the Father God to save you is the same way you come to Jesus to Baptize you with the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to open your heart to Him right now and let Him empower you and Baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

2. You have to ask and receive

You have to ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit the same way you asked Him to save you.

Luke 11:13 “...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

It is no use asking for a gift and then when the gift is given you do not take it. Jesus is giving the gift of the Holy Spirit with the gift of this heavenly language known as ‘speaking in tongues’, to all those who ask. You just need to believe, ask, receive and then speak by faith.

You need to move your lips and speak and the Holy Spirit will give you the words.

When you speak your mind will not understand what you are saying as your interaction with the Lord is spiritual, not natural, so don’t try to make sense of what you are saying. Just speak and know it is your spirit speaking to the Lord with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The devil may put thoughts in your mind that it is not real or that you look like a fool. Just ignore these thoughts and by faith keep on speaking.

Your entire spiritual walk with the Lord will go to a dynamic level as you speak in your heavenly language. It's a direct hotline to the Lord. Just imagine that. Some people would give the world to have a meeting with a president, the richest person in the world or to just meet their favorite celebrity.

Just consider that you can speak to the Lord, your Heavenly Father who created the heavens and the earth anytime and anywhere. Imagine that Holy God wants to talk to you. He cares for you and values you. He cares about what is happening in your life and wants to be actively involved in it. I encourage you my friend, to speak to your heavenly Father in your own native language but more especially your heavenly language.

You may pray this prayer to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Thank you Father God and Jesus for baptizing Me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, come now and fill me with your presence and power. Please lead me and guide me, comfort me and empower me to be a bold witness for Jesus. Lord, fill me now with your Holy Spirit. I will move my lips and speak to God in my heavenly language, right now in the name of Jesus. Amen." **Now! Begin to move your lips and speak in your new heavenly language, by faith.**