

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- E) **all of the above**

## ◎ 2 Peter 1:20-21

- “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

# The Holy Spirit in relation to Jesus

## ◎ True or False:

- Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit
  - True. Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34
- The Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Jesus at His baptism
  - True. Luke 3:21-22; Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:9-12
- His descent upon Jesus identified Him as the Messiah
  - True. John 1:32-33

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## ⦿ True or False:

- Jesus was given a limited measure of the Holy Spirit.
  - False. John 3:34
- Jesus performed miracles by the Holy Spirit.
  - True. Matthew 12:28; Luke 11:20; Acts 10:38
- Jesus was raised by the Holy Spirit.
  - True. Romans 8:11. This does not deny the truth of Galatians 1:1 nor John 2:19-21; 10:17-18.

# The Holy Spirit and the apostles

- ◎ What does the word “apostle” mean?
  - “one sent forth”
- ◎ How many apostles did Jesus choose?
  - 12 plus another plus another
- ◎ The word “apostle” in the NT always refers to the apostles Jesus chose.
  - False. Hebrews 3:1; Acts 14:14

# The Holy Spirit and the apostles

- ◎ To whom did Jesus promise to send the Holy Spirit?
  - His chosen apostles.
- ◎ Name three consecutive chapters in the NT that tell us of His promise to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles.
  - John 14, 15, 16
- ◎ In John 14-16, the Holy Spirit is also called...
  - A) the Helper or Comforter
  - B) the Spirit of truth
  - C) both A and B
  - (C) is the answer. John 14:17, 26



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# The Holy Spirit and the apostles

- ⦿ Is baptism with the Holy Spirit a promise or a command?
  - A promise. Acts 1:4
- ⦿ To whom was baptism with the Holy Spirit promised?
  - Jesus' chosen apostles. Acts 1:2-8

# The Holy Spirit and the apostles

- ◎ Did Jesus tell the apostles when and where they would receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit?
  - Yes
  - When?
    - Not many days from now. Acts 1:5
  - Where?
    - Jerusalem. Acts 1:4, 8; Luke 24:49
- ◎ What would the apostles receive when the Holy Spirit came upon them?
  - Power. Acts 1:8
- ◎ When did power come in Jerusalem?
  - The day of Pentecost. Acts 2:1-4, 6, 11, 43

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## ◎ Ephesians 3:3-5

- The mystery of Christ, the gospel, was revealed by \_\_\_\_\_ to His holy apostles and prophets.
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# The Holy Spirit and the apostles

## ◎ 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

- The things the apostles spoke were in \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_, not in \_\_\_\_\_ which man's wisdom teaches.
- The things the apostles spoke were in words which the Holy Spirit teaches, not in words which man's wisdom teaches.

# The Holy Spirit and the apostles

## ◎ Mark 16:20

- When the apostles went out and preached everywhere, the Lord worked with them and \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_.
- When the apostles went out and preached everywhere, the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through the accompanying signs.

# The Holy Spirit and truth

- ◎ The Holy Spirit revealed all truth.
- ◎ The Holy Spirit confirmed all truth.
  - Confirmed – established, showed to be true
  - Jesus' words confirmed through wonders, signs, and miracles
  - The apostles' words confirmed through accompanying signs
- ◎ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - All Scripture is breathed out by God – inspired
- ◎ God spoke by the Holy Spirit by the mouth of the prophets, and those things were written



# The Holy Spirit and miraculous spiritual gifts in apostolic days

- ⦿ Miraculous spiritual gifts had been promised
  - Joel 2:28-32
  - Mark 16:17-20
- ⦿ The apostles had the miraculous through the baptism with the Holy Spirit
- ⦿ Christians other than the apostles would have miraculous spiritual gifts only through the laying on of the apostles' hands
  - Acts 8:14-17; 19:5-6; 2 Timothy 1:6
  - Exception: Cornelius' household – the miraculous administered from heaven, but unique purpose (Acts 11, 15)

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- ◎ The purpose of the miraculous was to
  - \_\_\_\_\_ truth
    - Reveal truth
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the word of truth
    - Confirm the word of truth
- ◎ What was the duration of the miraculous spiritual gifts according to 1 Corinthians 13:10?
  - Until that which is \_\_\_\_\_ is come.
    - Perfect
    - Perfect = brought to its end; finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness
  - The perfect is the whole, the complete, made up of the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Parts
  - When the revelation was complete, the purpose of the miraculous spiritual gifts had been fulfilled.

# The Holy Spirit Convicts and Converts Sinners

## True or False:

- Does the Holy Spirit convict and convert sinners?
  - Yes.
  - Through what means?
    - By the power of the truth
    - John 16:7-14
    - John 17:20-21
    - John 20:30-31
    - Acts 15:7
    - Romans 10:17
    - Romans 1:16
    - Acts 26:16-20
    - Acts 2:37
- When the confirmed gospel is preached today, men who choose to are convicted and converted by the word of the Spirit

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- ⦿ Ephesians 6:17 tells us that the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.
  - Ephesians 6:17 tells us that the word is the sword of the Spirit.

◎ A man, an axe, and a tree

- The axe is the instrument used by the man to chop down the tree



◎ The Holy Spirit, the Word, and the sinner

- The gospel is the instrument used by the Holy Spirit to convict and to convert the sinner

◎ The word of God is the Spirit's instrument

- Ephesians 6:17



## Does the Holy Spirit influence men directly in order for them to become believers and obey Christ?

### ⦿ Acts 2

- The Holy Spirit exercised power directly upon whom?
- He gave them power to do what?
- Was that power for the purpose of saving them?

### ⦿ Acts 8

- The Holy Spirit exercised power in a miraculous way upon whom?
- What did the Holy Spirit do?
- Was it to save him?

### ⦿ Acts 10 (11, 15)

- The Holy Spirit exercised direct power on whom?
- What did He enable them to do? Why?
- Did that power save them?

## Examples of the Holy Spirit's operation in conviction and conversion

### ◎ Acts 2

- The Holy Spirit convicted and converted Jewish sinners through inspired, confirmed truth – through the gospel
- The baptism of the apostles with the Holy Spirit revealed and confirmed the truth.
  - No other baptism of Jews with the Holy Spirit ever occurred.
- A gospel sermon was preached – words were given by the Spirit to save sinners (vss. 4, 11, 22, 40, 41)
- Jews were convicted and converted by the words of a confirmed revelation – by the power of the gospel (vss. 37-41)
  - “Now when they heard this”
- No mysterious or miraculous power was exerted upon the sinner. The Spirit worked on the sinner through the words of truth.

## Examples of the Holy Spirit's operation in conviction and conversion

### ◎ Acts 3

- Peter preached – vs.12ff
  - Convicted men of murder – vss. 13-15
  - Urged them to repent and turn – vs. 19
  - Told of forgiveness in Christ – vs. 26
- Result:
  - “Many of them which *heard the word* believed” – (4:4)



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### ◎ Acts 7

- Stephen preached
- But the audience resisted the Holy Spirit who was trying to convict and convert them (vs.51)
- How did they resist the Holy Spirit?
  - By refusing the word

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### ⦿ Acts 8 – the Samaritans

- “But when they believed Philip as he preached...”

### ⦿ Acts 8 – the Ethiopian

- Philip “opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him”

### ⦿ Act 9 – Saul

- “Arise, and go into the city, and it will be told what you must do”

### ⦿ Acts 10,11 – Cornelius & his household

- “Peter, who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved”

### ⦿ Acts 16 – Lydia

- “Spoke to the women...”; “...Lydia heard us”

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- ⦿ Acts 16 – the keeper of the prison
  - “Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house”
- ⦿ Acts 18 – the Corinthians
  - “And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized”
- ⦿ Acts 17 – the Bereans
  - “...received the word with all readiness”
- ⦿ Acts 19 – the Ephesians
  - “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation” (Ephesians 1:13)

# The Working of the Holy Spirit through the Agency of the Word

The Holy Spirit	The Work or action	The Word – the instrument
John 16:8	Convicts the world	John 16:13, 14; Acts 2:14...37; Titus 1:9
John 3:5,8	Begets	1 Peter 1:23
John 6:63	Quickens – gives life	Psalm 119:50, 93
1 Corinthians 6:11	Cleanses by washing	Ephesians 5:26
1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13	Sanctifies	John 17:17
Titus 3:5	Saves	James 1:21
Acts 7:51-53	Is resisted	2 Timothy 3:8
Revelation 22:17	Calls	2 Thessalonians 2:14
Acts 9:31	Comforts	1 Thessalonians 4:18
Romans 15:13	Gives hope	Romans 15:4; Colossians 1:5; Titus 1:2-3
Hebrews 3:7-11	Warns, Urges	Hebrews 4:7; Psalm 95:7ff
Romans 8:14	Leads	Psalm 119:105
1 Corinthians 6:11	Justifies	Galatians 2:16
Galatians 5:22-23	Produces fruit	Colossians 1:5-6
Ephesians 3:16	Strengthens	Acts 20:32
Ephesians 5:18-19	Dwells in	Colossians 3:16

# The Gift of the Holy Spirit

## ◎ Acts 2:38-39

- 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. 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.”

## ◎ Acts 2:21

- “And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
  - The promise to whoever calls upon the name of the Lord is salvation

- ◎ In the context, the gift of the Holy Spirit to be received is the promise to all the Lord will call, and the promise to all who call upon the Lord is Salvation – “shall be saved”

◎ True or False:

- The Father dwells in the Christian, and the Christian dwells in the Father
- Christ dwells in the Christian, and the Christian dwells in Christ
- The Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian, and the Christian dwells in the Holy Spirit

◎ All of these refer not to geographical location but to fellowship when the Christian lives in subjection to the Word of God, the Spirit's teaching, that he has put into his heart

## Romans 8:2-14

- For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”
- **Are you in the flesh literally? If you are alive, then you are in the flesh literally.**
  - If “in the flesh” is literal, then nobody alive can please God!
- **Living in the flesh: Figurative. Not literal. Walking according to the flesh; setting mind on things of the flesh (fleshly minded); not living subordinate to, subjecting self to, the law of God**

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- Living in the flesh was not literal; why would the opposite – living in the Spirit – be literal?
- Living in the Spirit and the Spirit dwelling in you: Figurative. Not literal. Walking according to the law of the Spirit; setting mind on things of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14); living subordinate to or in subjection to the law of God; led by the Spirit of God; sons of God
- Spirit is in you, Christ is in you