

**The Forum: The Holy Spirit**  
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To understand what the Holy Spirit does, we must understand who he is.

"What, or who is the Holy Spirit? Most Christians readily and warmly respond to the description of Jesus as the Son of God not only because of his humanity (Jesus), but also because the designation 'Son' indicates a relational identity (son-father) with which we are familiar. In addition, when, in Christ, we learn to call God 'Father', that name conveys a rich kaleidoscope of images which helps us to understand and respond to him as the one who governs, guides, provides for, guards and loves his children.

"But the name 'Holy Spirit', or worse (at least at the emotional and psychological levels) 'Holy Ghost', tends to convey a cold, even remote image. After all, what is 'Spirit'? Yet, perhaps the older 'Holy Ghost', with its connotations of vagueness, mystery and insubstantiality, did in fact express what many Christians experience: the Holy Spirit is seen to be distant and impersonal by comparison with the Father and the Son. 'We know not what spirits are, nor what our own spirit is...'” Abraham Kuyper

**A. God the Holy Spirit—Who is he?**

A. The Holy Spirit is God

The Spirit is not just *like* God, he IS God. The Holy Spirit is God the Spirit.

“God is three persons. Each person is fully God. There is one God.”<sup>1</sup>

3 distinct subjects in one divine essence:

- The Father is God as the Father.
- The Son is God as the Son.
- The Spirit is God as the Spirit.

*“The Holy Spirit is as much deity as is the Father as is the Son, but distinct as a person from both.”<sup>2</sup>*

*“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.” Romans 8:9*

The Spirit has all of the divine attributes

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<sup>1</sup> Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, pg. 231.

<sup>2</sup> Graham Cole, *He Who Gives Life*, pg. 70.

- Omnipresent (Ps. 139:7-10)
- Omnipotent (Lk. 1:35)
- Omniscient (1 Cor. 2:10-11)
- Eternal (Heb. 9:14)

## B. The Holy Spirit is a person

I am not trying to so emphasize the uniqueness of the Holy Spirit so as to obliterate the oneness of God—that heresy is tritheism—I am just trying to emphasize that like the Father and Son, the Spirit is a *person*. Not that he has a body—but that:

- He is not a mere force
- He is not a mere power
- He is not just an influence
- He is not amorphous
- He is not an idea

*“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4 (ESV)*

*“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)*

### 1. The Holy Spirit speaks for himself—

*“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ [3] Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.” Acts 13:2-3 (ESV)*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe*

*all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)*

2. The Scriptures acts for himself—

Scripture lists many personal attributes ascribed to the Holy Spirit:

- Teaching (Jn. 14:26)
- Bearing Witness (Jn. 15:26; Rom. 8:16)
- Praying for believers (Rom. 8:26-27)
- Searching the depths of God (1 Cor. 2:10)
- Knowing the thoughts of God (1 Cor. 2:11)
- Forbidding certain activities (Acts 16:6-7)
- Speaking (Acts 8:29)
- Evaluating & Approving a course of action (Acts 15:28)
- Being grieved by sin in Christians (Eph. 4:30)

*“As to the Holy Spirit, if he is not fully God, the implications for salvation are again serious. Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit regenerates believers and indwells and fills them, but if the Holy Spirit is a lesser God or no God at all, how can we be sure that he can do any of these things? Moreover, unless he is coequal in being and purpose with the Father and the Son, what guarantees that even if he tried to do such things, the Father and the Son would recognize his actions as appropriate and relate to us accordingly?”<sup>3</sup>*

**B. God the Holy Spirit—What does he do?**

1. The Holy Spirit active with Jesus

- The Spirit active at the Incarnation

*“But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 1:20 (ESV)*

- The Spirit active at Christ’s baptism

*“And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Mark 1:10-11 (ESV)*

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<sup>3</sup> John Feinberg, *No One Like Him*, pg. 440.

- The Spirit active during Christ's Temptations

*"The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness." Mark 1:12 (ESV)*

- The Spirit empowering Christ's Mighty Works

*"And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country." Luke 4:14 (ESV)*

- The Spirit empowering Resurrection

*"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit..." 1 Peter 3:18*

- Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit to Christians

*"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, [17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17 (ESV)*

What does the Spirit do now?

## 2. The Holy Spirit magnifies the person and work of Jesus Christ.

- You do not know Christ without knowing the Holy Spirit and vice versa. You only know Christ by knowing him through the Spirit.

*"It is as if the Spirit stands behind us, throwing light over our shoulder on to Jesus who stands facing us. The Spirit's message to us is never, 'Look at me; listen to me; come to me; get to know me,' but always, 'Look at him, and see his glory; listen to him and hear his word; go to him and have life; get to know him and taste his gift of joy and peace.' The Spirit is the matchmaker, the celestial marriage broker, whose role it is to bring Christ and us together and ensure that we stay together."<sup>4</sup>*

*"His ministry is a floodlight ministry in relation to Jesus, a matter of spotlighting Jesus' glory before our spiritual eyes and of matchmaking between us and him. He does not call attention to himself or present himself to us for direct fellowship as the Father and Son do; his role and his joy is to further our*

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<sup>4</sup> J.I. Packer, *Keep in Step With the Spirit*, pp. 57-58.

*fellowship with them both by glorifying the Son as the object for our faith and then witnessing to our adoptions through the Son into the Father's family.”<sup>5</sup>*

### 3. The Holy Spirit Helps Christians in every way

*“Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?’ [5] Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ [8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:4-8 (ESV)*

- The Holy Spirit indwells every believer

*“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. [10] But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.” Romans 8:9-11 (ESV)*

The Holy Spirit does EVERYTHING for the believer

- Justifies in the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 6:11)
- Brings forth fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
- We grow in Christ through the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18)
- Ongoing transformation comes through the Spirit (2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2)
- Grow in holiness by putting sin to death (Rom. 8:13; Phil. 1:19)
- Empowers for service—especially evangelism (Acts 4:8, 31; 6:10)
- Gives gifts of Christian service (1 Cor. 12 & 14)
- Makes prayer effective (Romans 8:26)
- The Holy Spirit wrote Scripture (2 Peter 1:21)
- Bears witness that we are sons/daughters of God (Rom. 8:16)
- A down payment of future heavenly fellowship with God (2 Cor. 1:22)
- Reveals his will for us that we might follow it (Gal. 5:16-25)

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<sup>5</sup> J.I. Packer, *Keep In Step With the Spirit*, pg. 77.

- Teaches and illuminates truth (1 Cor. 2:12)
- He unifies the church (2 Cor. 13:14)
- Present to bless & fill (Eph. 5:18)

*“In short, as the Christian’s whole life is in Christ in terms of its meaning, center, and direction, so the Christian’s whole life is life in the Spirit from the standpoint of his knowledge, disposition, and ability to love and serve.”<sup>6</sup>*

How do we experience God?

- Prayer
- The Bible
- Fellowship
- Meditation
- Corporate worship (singing, giving, preaching)
- Responding to conviction
- Being disciplined
- Discipling others
- Serving others
- Serving Together

### **III. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

As we know the Holy Spirit defines each aspect and moment of our existence as believers, we are defined by the Spirit in identity, action and disposition.

Where do gifts come from?

#### **A. From Jesus via the Holy Spirit**

*“But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says,*

*‘When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.’*

*(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to*

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<sup>6</sup> J.I. Packer, *The Holy Spirit and His Work*, pg. 231.

*equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.” Ephesians 4:7-14 (ESV)*

God’s grace ⑦ Christ’s gift ⑦ Gifts to men ⑦ Christ gave gifts to men and women

B. Gifts come to every true believer

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV)*

The question is not, “Am I gifted?” It is, “Where am I gifted?”

Have the gifts ceased?

- Those that believe that charismatic gifts have ceased are called cessationists.
- They believe that the miraculous gifts were only necessary for the foundation of the church and then ceased after the deaths of the apostles.
- They argue that the gifts have ceased in generally two different ways.

*The Perfect—*

*“Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. [11] When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. [12] For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:8-12 (ESV)*

What is the perfect?

For cessationists they would say that the ‘perfect’ is the completed canon of scripture.

*“[Do] you see what that involves? It means that you and I who have the Scriptures open before us, know much more than the apostle Paul of God’s truth...if that argument is correct it means we are altogether superior to the early church and even to the apostles themselves, including the apostle Paul!...The ‘then’ is the glory everlasting. It is only then that I shall know, even as also I am known; for then I shall see Him as He is.”<sup>7</sup>*

*The Foundation—*

Signs and wonders were only needed at the foundation of the church, primarily through the apostles.

*“Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.” Acts 5:12-16 (ESV)*

*“And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.” Acts 19:11-12 (ESV)*

The concentration of the miraculous around the apostles does not mean that no miracles were performed by others.

Stephen—Acts 6:8

Philip—Acts 8:6-7

*“Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— just as Abraham ‘believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness?’” Galatians 3:5-6 (ESV)*

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<sup>7</sup> D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Prove All Things*, pp. 32-33.

*“The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.” 2 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)*

Does this verse prove that signs and wonders for the signs of the apostles?

What are the signs of the apostles?

Whatever they are they came WITH signs and wonders and were not signs and wonders themselves. 2 Corinthians tells us the signs of an apostle.

1. Spiritual Power in conflict with evil (2 Cor. 10:3-4)
2. Jealous care for the welfare of the churches (2 Cor. 11:1-6)
3. True knowledge of Jesus and his gospel plan (2 Cor. 11:6)
4. Selflessness (2 Cor. 11:7-11)
5. Not taking advantage of churches (2 Cor. 11:20-21)
6. Suffering and hardship endured for Christ (2 Cor. 11:23-29)
7. Being caught up into heaven (2 Cor. 12:1-6)
8. Contentment and faith to endure a thorn (2 Cor. 12:7-9)
9. Gaining strength out of weakness (2 Cor. 12:10)<sup>8</sup>

*“How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.” Hebrews 2:3-4 (ESV)*

Were those that heard the ones who performed signs and wonders?

- More than the apostles heard.
- More than the apostles did miracles

C. How many spiritual gifts are there?

There are four passages that list spiritual gifts—

*“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.” 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)*

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<sup>8</sup> Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, pp. 365-6.

- Utterance of wisdom
- Utterance of knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of healing
- Working of miracles
- Prophecy
- Ability to distinguish between spirits
- Various kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

*“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?” 1 Corinthians 12:27-30 (ESV)*

- Miracles
- Gifts of healing
- Helping—service.
- Administrating
- Various kinds of tongues

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)*

- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Exhortation
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy

*“I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.” 1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (ESV)*

- Marriage
- Celibacy

All gifts are miraculous.

- What is New Testament (NT) Prophecy?

*“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.” 1 Corinthians 14:1(ESV)*

Old Testament (OT) Prophets spoke the very words of God; NT prophecy is NOT the same thing. It is really popular to say that the scriptures make no distinction between OT and NT prophecy but it clearly does.

*“On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. 1 Corinthians 14:3-5, (ESV)*

The purpose of NT prophecy is *building up and encouragement.*

The purpose of OT prophecy was *obedience.*

- What about tongues?

*“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.” 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 (ESV)*

#### **IV. How are gifts to be used?**

- A. Use gifts in love

*“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,*

*but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.*

*For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”*  
*1 Corinthians 13:1--13 (ESV)*

- The validation for gifts are not power or impressiveness but love. If our gifts are not rooted in, driven by and delivered in love—they mean nothing.
- We MUST use our gifts to spread the love of Christ!

B. Gifts are to be used in and for the benefit of the church

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”* 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)

C. Use gifts to magnify Jesus

Gifts are not a measure of maturity but God’s grace

D. Pursue Spiritual gifts

*“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.”* 1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV)

1. How do I discover my spiritual gifts?

Active Pursuit—some questions to ask:

- What are the needs in the church?
  - If the gifts are used to magnify Jesus in local churches, then we can start with the needs of the church.
  - Where have others said I am gifted?
  - Ask your friends
  - What do I enjoy doing?  
(It is NOT wrong to ask this question, it is wrong to ONLY ask this question.)
  - Do I have faith to practice a particular gift?
  - Pray for opportunities.
  - Healing—pray for people to be healed
    - Take opportunity to pray for people
    - Visit shut-ins
    - Visit folks in the hospital
  - Prophecy
    - Encourage your friends
    - Experiment at your small group
2. Where can I find opportunity to use a gift I think I might have?
- Programs are not necessary.
  - Ask for ministry opportunities
    - Talk to ministry leaders
    - Ask to be evaluated
    - Talk to other believers who are gifted in similar ways
  - Take appropriate initiative
  - Take risks

## **V. What being ‘filled with the Spirit?’**

How are we “filled” with the Holy Spirit?

*“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,” Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)*

Considerations in Ephesians 5:15-21—‘Be (continually) filled with the Spirit.’

1. It is a command for every Christian.
2. It is in the present tense—indicates ongoing, continual action.

*“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:15-21 (ESV)*

- renewed worship and thanksgiving
  - looking to serve sacrificially to others
  - great joy
  - growing in godliness
3. It is in the passive voice—someone else acts on Christians.
    - Active: Professor Smith gave Tim an A.
    - Passive: Tim was given an A.
    - ‘Be filled’ means that someone else is doing the filling. Can I say—go be loved?
  4. It is plural.
    - The context is a community of believers.

Where do we go from here?

1. We are called to be filled/he is willing to fill
  - God is not hesitant.
  - We are not like a glass of water filled; we are like balloons with more room.
2. We are called to be filled together
  - I am to be filled, but I am never filled alone.
3. How to be filled?

- Put yourself in a position to be controlled by the Spirit.
- You are controlled by God.
  - If you are controlled by anger, you will be a malicious person.
  - If you are controlled by bitterness, you will be a vindictive person.
  - If you are controlled by greed, you will be a stingy person.
  - If you are controlled by God, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- How?
  - Prayer (Private, Small Group, Public)
  - Bible (Private, Small Group, Public)
  - Fellowship (Friends, Small Group, Public)

This is not about getting more of the Spirit, but the Holy Spirit getting more of me. This is not an emotional experience, for a special group of people. This is for all believers all the time.

What about Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

1. Pentecostal Charismatic

Believes that Acts sets the pattern for receiving the Spirit subsequent to conversion, there baptism in the Holy Spirit is distinct from conversion.

Those who receive this baptism will experience more power from the Lord for life and ministry than those who do not.

2. Third Wave

Believes that Baptism with the Holy Spirit is synonymous with conversion.

Seven Places the words Baptism and Holy Spirit are used:

1. *“I baptize you with water for 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.” Matthew 3:11 (ESV)*
2. *“I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Mark 1:8 (ESV)*

3. *“John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:16 (ESV)*
4. *“I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” John 1:33 (ESV)*
5. *“for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Acts 1:5 (ESV)*
6. *“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 11:16 (ESV)*
7. *“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 12:13 (ESV)*

What does that mean?

Baptism of the Holy Spirit happens at conversion.

What happened in Acts?

*“Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit upon them.” Numbers 11:29 (ESV)*

- Acts 2: Jews
  - No Gentiles are saved. None. All Jews. It is a clear and direct fulfillment of Joel 2.
- Acts 8: Samaritans

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

- Acts 10/11: Gentiles
- Acts 19: Group who knew John’s teaching & Baptism and left town before they found out about Jesus’ resurrection.

Pentecost shows:

- The Spirit is present permanently
- The Spirit comes to all
- Pentecost is the transition from the Old to the New Covenant, not a pattern for life.