

HOLY SPIRIT _ A BRIEF STUDY



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In today's Christendom, there are several myths and false teaching that are arising regarding the personality, characteristics, reception, baptism, ministry, role, functions, power, necessity, Gifts of the Holy Spirit and also spirit filled life. In order to find the truth, we need to have a strong relationship with God which is filled with love. Then our almighty will reveal the truth to us. The sheep listens to the shepherd's voice and follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice. ***John 10/3-6***

Holy Spirit

Let's have a brief study about Holy Spirit.

Hebrews

The word for Holy Spirit is Ruahin Hebrew.

Holy Spirit in Old Testament

At certain times for particular reason the anointing of the Holy Spirit came on some people:

1. Exodus 35/30-35- Bezalel and Aholiab was filled with the Spirit for artistic work in the tabernacle
2. Holy Spirit comes to the Prophets, Kings and Priests to fulfill their ministry

Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus

We can find the work of the Holy Spirit throughout the life of Jesus .Some Major events are given below..

1. When the Word became flesh
2. Born of holy Spirit
3. Baptism
4. Ministry
5. Resurrection
6. Ascension

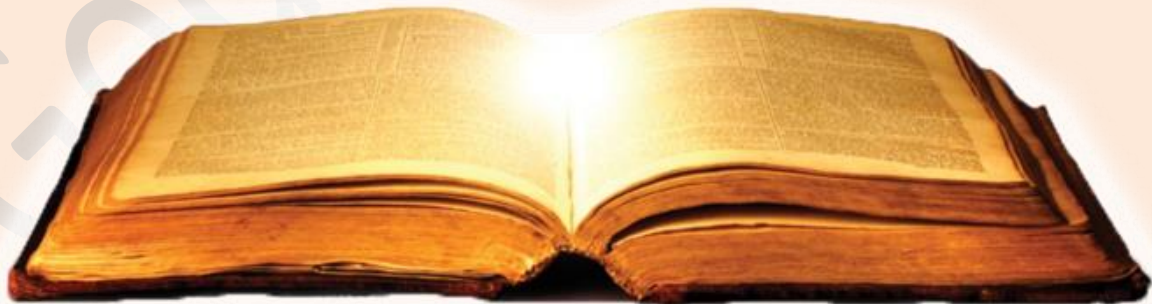
Who will receive the Holy Spirit?

1. Those who are obedient- Acts 5-32
2. Those who have faith – John 7/37-39, Acts 19/2
3. Those who ask – Luke 11:11-13
4. Those who repented – Acts 2/38



Who cannot receive the Holy Spirit?

- Worldly people cannot receive the Holy Spirit. John 14/17
- Those who don't know the correct doctrine of reception of Holy Spirit(Acts 19/1-6)



Why do you need the Holy Spirit?



1. To kill the fleshly deeds- Romans 8/13, Colossians 3/5, 1 Corinthians 15/31
2. To get revelations of God- 1 Corinthians 2/10-12
3. To lead a believer in godly ways- Romans 8/13,14
4. To help to testify about Jesus – Acts 1/8, 1Thess 1/5
5. To help as an Advocate – John 14/16
6. To convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment- John 16:3-11
7. To comfort those who are persecuted for Christ's sake- 1 Peter 4/14
8. To sanctify – 1 Peter 1/2
9. For rebirth – John 3/3-5
10. To lead us to all the truth – John 16/13
11. To remind us about the words of Jesus- John 14/26
12. To tell us about the coming events – John 16/13
13. To help us in prayer – Romans 8/26
14. To resurrect the mortal bodies to immortal bodies- Romans 8/11
15. Spirit bears witness that we are sons of God - Romans 8/14,16
16. What to do and not to do, where to go and not go- Acts 8/27-29,16/6,7

Is Holy Spirit a person?

Cult group like Jehovah witness teaches that Holy Spirit is only a power and not a person. But Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is not only a power but also a person. Evidence from the Bible is given below.

1. Calls as He – John 16/7,8,13,14
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3. Holy Spirit has wisdom – 1 Corin 2/10
4. He has His Will – 1 Corin 12/11
5. He has a mind - Acts 16/6
6. He has love - Romans 15/30
7. He can instruct - Nehemiah 9/20
8. He becomes sad Ephesians 4/30
9. He reveals the mysteries of God – 1 Corinthians 2/10
10. Tells the church – Revelation 2/7
11. Calls Abba Father- Gala 4/6
12. Bears witness – Romans 8/26
13. Testifies – John 15/26
14. Teaches – John 14/26, Nehemiah 9/20
15. Leads – Romans 8/14, John 16/13
16. Forbids – Acts 16/6,7

What can Man do against the Holy Spirit?

1. Rebels - Isaiah 63/10
2. Grieves – Ephesians 4/30
3. Insults - Hebrews 10/29
4. Lie -Acts 5/3
5. Blasphemy -Matthew 12/31,32
6. Communion -2 Corinthians 13/14
7. Resist- Acts 7/51
8. Holy Spirit makes a person obey- Acts 10/19-23

From these we can understand the Holy Spirit is a person.

What happens when Holy Spirit come:

Ezekiel 47/1-5

We have to achieve a level where we should swim in the river of the Holy Spirit. The one who hasn't received the Holy Spirit is the one who lead the worldly life.

Level of Holy Spirit resembles like a water level

Water up to Ankles
Water up to Knees
Water up to loins
Water up to It was the river that could not pass over

When we immerse in the water of the Holy Spirit.

1. Weightless, your own effort die, trials and sadness will be removed.
2. Since your senses are immersed in the water nothing from the outside world attracts you.
3. Unknown tongues can be received.



When can we receive Holy Spirit?

Holy Spirit can come in different times with different experiences for various people

1. During re-birth

Sometimes touches of God make us cry. When Holy Spirit enters in our heart we experience the presence of God and we start to cry. This happens when we lose all our hope in this world and submit ourselves to God. A transformation in the character takes place. A new born person has joy and this joy is shown in tears. Some people testified that they received the Holy Spirit when they become born again.-1Corinthians 12/3 .But it cannot happen every time. Sometimes God gives the Holy Spirit after long time of Salvation.

-Acts8

2. During water baptism

Sometimes When you repent and take water baptism you will receive Holy Spirit

– Acts 2/38

Jesus received Holy Spirit soon after the water baptism.

Some people have interpreted this in a wrong way that is only when we get baptized you will receive the Holy Spirit and all those who have taken baptism have already received the Holy Spirit.

But in the Bible it is written that some people have received Holy Spirit before water baptism too.

Acts 10/44-47-Cornelius and family.

There are people who haven't received Holy Spirit even after baptism

Acts 8/16-People of Samaria.

Holy Spirit decides when to give and in what level. There are no criteria for it.**1 Corin 12/11.**

3. When you wait



Those who wait for the Holy Spirit, God gives them without limit- **Luke 24/49**. Some people like 'Brethren Church ' say that during Apostle time gifts of Holy Spirit was necessary but now we don't need it anymore. But like salvation is personal, waiting for the Holy Spirit baptism is also personal. That means every individual has to pray and wait personally for this Baptism and have to manifest Gifts for spiritual growth of the church. **1Corinthians 12/7**

4. Laying of hands

You will receive Holy Spirit by laying of hands by men or women of God. **Acts 8/17,18 , 19:6, 1 Tim 1/8**. Kindly take note that women can only lay hands on women as man is the head of the women.

(1Corinthians 11/3)

5. When you hear the Word of God

Acts 10/44 – when you hear the Word or during prayer.



6. Breathed on

John 20/22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

What happened if you don't receive the Holy Spirit?

People without Holy Spirit cannot receive Heavenly kingdom. **Romans 8/9,11,**

Dear brethren,

Kindly pray and ask god for the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is like a” visa” which is required for the entrance of heaven. Please do not miss this golden opportunity to have it

