

## New Believer Lesson-The Gifts and the Works of the Holy Spirit

**What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit and what are some of the roles that he plays in our lives?**

1. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is not just a thing, a being or a force, he is a person according to **Ephesians 4:22**, he is the 3rd person of the trinity who has special characteristics and functions that demonstrate his personality  
The Holy Spirit is not a physical being but is a Spirit according to the Greek language...one who has no gender [genderless] he is not restricted to a body but is everywhere.
2. He lives within us or dwells within the heart of the Believer- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**  
He also serves as a seal in our lives a seal of ownership that we belong to God.  
**Ephesians 1:13, 2 Cor. 1:22**
3. He makes us a new creature in Christ -**2 Corinthians. 5:17**

### Attributes of the Holy Spirit

1. Knowledge- **1 Cor 2:10** "the Spirit searches the deep things of God"
2. Emotion- **Rom 15:30**- "The love of the Spirit"
3. A Will - **1 Corinthians 12:11** ": as he wills"
4. Omnipotence- **Rom 15:19** "the power of the Spirit"
5. Omniscience- **1 Corinthians 2:11** "The Spirit knows the thoughts of God"
6. Omnipresence- **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** "One Spirit one Lord, one God and Father of all"

### What are some of the areas the Holy Spirit works:

**Creation- Gen 1:2** the Holy Spirit is associated with both the creation of the world and the new creation of life in a born again believer

**Unsaved/Unconverted-** he convicts those who are still in sin and reveals Jesus Christ making them aware of the God that saves them, using his Word and other believers to do so

**The Old Testament-** he touched and enabled men of God to carry out his work and gave them knowledge that God was directing them

**The Life of Jesus** - Jesus Birth was by the Holy Spirit the Spirit drove him into the wilderness to be tempted: Jesus resisted the temptation in the power of the Spirit and did many miracles and mighty works as he walked in the Spirit

**The Church-** he launched the church on the Day of Pentecost, and guided the church, protected it, directed it and was the key to the ministry of the Apostles. He also broke down racial barriers according to Acts 10.

**The Individual-** he brings spiritual life, he dwells in us, he assures us of our Salvation, he sanctifies us, he empowers us, he assists us in our worship, he adopts us as a children of God, He guides us, He has fellowship with us, he anoints us to minister to others, and he teaches us all things!! Read John 14: 16-17-26- {the works and roles of the Holy Spirit}

## Types of Baptisms in the Bible that involve the Holy Spirit

### 1. Baptism into Christ:

The very first baptism that you will encounter when you come into contact with the Holy Spirit is the baptism into Christ. This happens when the Holy Spirit comes to you and lifts up Christ so that you recognize your need of Jesus. Upon believing on his name you become "Born Again" {**John 3:3-5**} God by his Holy Spirit plants a new kingdom in you. This kingdom consists of light and truth, this birth is often referred to as "a spiritual birth", not done by the hands of man, but by the Spirit. [**John 3:5-8**]

- A. When you are baptized into Christ you are a New Creation- **2 Cor. 5:17-20**
- B. Now that the Holy Spirit lives in you, you are a temple of the Holy Spirit- (**1 Cor. 19-20**) you have been set apart to God and made holy.
- C. The Holy Spirit is guaranteed. It's His seal of ownership that you belong to Him- **2 Cor. 1:22**
- D. Our salvation is firm in Christ, and our position cannot be changed now that we are saved unless we change it!!!!
- E. We are a "new creation" which means you're a citizen of a new land, you have died to the old life you lived and willfully choose to live a new life as a Christian or "a Christ follower."

### 2. Water Baptism:

Water baptism is something that symbolizes that your old life has gone and the new has come. The book of Acts says that once they were baptized, they were filled with the Spirit. [**Acts 10:47, 19:5**]

**Acts 8: v, 14** illustrates that all the people who were baptized had already been converted.

Upon conversion we can conclude that as a step of faith and obedience we follow Christ in the waters of baptism. It is a washing away the old life in its entirety

### 3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit:

This is a clearly identifiable or understandable experience in which the believer yields to the Holy Spirit, and is totally engulfed or taken in completely by him and speaks in tongues as evidence of his presence. **Acts 2:4**

It teaches us to yield to God more and more and is an experience that follows salvation or conversion. Most often it does occur after water baptism, as illustrated earlier. **This baptism is key, in that it deepens our relationship with Christ.** It has often been mentioned as an experience in which we are totally wrapped up and our whole being comes into contact with the Holy Spirit.

The word "Bapto"(baptism in the Greek) comes from a root word meaning to drench or to soak or pour down. In the same sense, it means he comes upon us to totally soak us and saturate our being in his Presence.

If you are baptized by the Holy Spirit, basically "you'll know it."

### **Verses in the Bible that speak of the Holy Spirit and other Tongues:**

1. **Acts 2:4** - the upper room at Pentecost- they were filled with the Holy Spirit
2. **Acts 10:46** -Peter saw the Holy Spirit poured out, even on the Gentiles, and they all spoke in other tongues.
3. **Acts 19:6** - The Spirit came on them and they all spoke in tongues

Note: the main sign of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking with other tongues and this will bring an increasingly transformed life in Christ.

### **Now let us examine the Gifts of the Spirit and who their given to and why?**

First- we must remember that a gift is something that is free it cannot be earned:  
As with the gift of our Salvation!!

### **A Definition of a Gift of the Spirit:**

The gifts of the Spirit are given to the church for an occasional usual ability given by God enabling a person to minister effectively and directly to a particular situation, or to meet a need in a specific moment. Ex. a weakness, or a trial, or pain in someone's life.

**You don't have to be a special person, have certain abilities, or be important, the gifts are given to anyone that seeks God for them!!**

### **The Purpose of the Gifts of the Spirit**

1. To help build up the body of Christ for the common good to meet needs, as no two gifts are the same
2. These gifts listed in **1 Corinthians 12:4-11** are not only for the church, but should be used to meet all human need .
3. Without the baptism in the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to or almost impossible to flow in the Gifts of the Spirit.
4. God may use us in one of the gifts of his Spirit, but never at any point do we as humans possess the gift, all the gifts belong to our Creator!!!
5. The gifts are always related to need and God acts through an individual under the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **What are the Gifts of the Spirit according to the Bible?**

#### **1. The Words of Wisdom or Knowledge**

##### **A. The Word of Wisdom:**

This a gift of Behavior, and is a Word that demands an action that must be taken, an utterance through our Spirit

##### **B. The Gift of Knowledge:**

This is information that a person finds himself or herself with that he could not have had any other way or could not have known any other way, something that God's Spirit has placed directly in their Spirit enabling that person to act on His Behalf!

## 2. The Gift of Faith

The Gift of Faith, is in and of itself is an ability which you receive from God in which you believe **God** or in a unbelievable situation that **God will hear and always respond to** a particular miracle, answer or , that he will come through for you no matter what you facing; God's Spirit enables you to believe without reservation!

## 3. The Gift of Healing

This is the Ability **God** gives to restore wholeness and healing to another in need of Healing. This gift is plural as recorded in **1 Cor. 12:4-8** which means that where there is sickness and disease **God** allows an individual, as Jesus did, to minister healing and wholeness or to bring restoration.!!

Note: the healing will not always be the same!!!!!!

## 4. The Gift of Miracles

God is not bound to the Laws of Nature as we are, so from time to time **God will use someone to do** extra-ordinary acts to express himself. Those acts could include touching a person in need of healing and they receive it instantly, praying over someone for a specific miracle and receiving it instantly

## 5. The Gift of Prophecy

Prophecy is a word that is delivered in regular language as we speak each day, by the **Spirit of the Lord** and he will speak through us and will use us to minister to people in the situation in which it is given. This gift is a direct prompting to speak on God's behalf.

**Note that- Prophecy is not a means of guidance, but a confirmation to the will of God**

1. Prophecy is never sought, it is not asked for as guidance, it is a message from **God** to help guide us in the right direction.
2. Prophecy is never equal to or should be accepted above or as the Living Word of **God**; it should just agree with and confirm what has already been said and done.

## 6. The Gift of Discerning the Spirits

This is the unusual **ability** to perceive the spiritual source of behavior, or a spiritual source of Behavior present or beyond.

**Three Voices that we must test in the Spirit are:**

**A. God    B. Devil    C. Humanity** -The Bible says to test the Spirits (1 John 4:1)

Three things to look at in discerning the spirits:

1. character - who is it or who is the person
2. content: compare it with the Word
3. witness- does it rest in our Spirit

## 7. **The Gift of Tongues**

This is speech in an unlearned language through which the Christian group or church in which it occurs receives ministry.

1. The ministry of tongues in a church setting must be interpreted. **1 Cor. 14:13-16**
2. There are three different tongues used
  - A. Tongues to be interpreted **1 Cor. 14:13**
  - B. Tongues to personally edify yourself or build yourself up in the Lord  
**Note this is much the same as the third.**
  - C. Tongues used in a context to edify others and meet needs as the Spirit enables, such as in a prayer time
3. Tongues are a sign for unbelievers and not for believers **1 Cor. 14:22-25**

## 8. **The Gift of Divine Healing**

This is a gift God gave the church in which he ministers complete restoration of health by the direct intervention of His Hand. Even natural healing is dependent on God!!

1. Healing has and always will come through the cross of Christ. Illness and Sickness are direct results of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden spelled out in the Book of **Genesis Chapter 3-on.**  
There are 28 accounts of Christ healing someone in the New Testament. **1 Cor. 12:9-10**
2. Faith is key in the progressive or instantaneous process of divine healing. Sometimes there is belief, but as with the gift of healing, it is an attitude one must take.
3. All healing is Supernatural, and flows out of great faith in God's ability to do what he says he will.

Note: The list of gifts in **I Corinthians 12:1-11** is not an exhaustive list. The gifts mentioned are the main categories that most fall under in studying the gifts of the Spirit.

### **Question- So How Can I Be Used in One of These Areas?**

1. Surrender to God
2. Prayer- learn to ask God boldly
3. Have faith that he can use you in the gifts
4. Be open if he wants to use you, let him come in and dwell in you wholly
5. Do not Grieve God's Spirit **Ephesians 4:22**  
Learn the leading of the Lord, if he asks you to operate in one of the gifts of the Spirit by prompting your Spirit do it immediately or eventually he will pass you by!!!! Learn to Trust and Obey for now is time, are you ready?