

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

**The Holy Spirit is a person.**

- **He thinks** (Acts 15:28),
- **speaks** (Acts 1:6),
- **leads** (Romans 8:14),
- **can be grieved** (Ephesians 4:30).

**He is sometimes described as:**

the **Spirit of Christ** (Romans 8:9)

the **Spirit of Jesus** (Acts 16:7).

*parakletos* (John 14:16) = "one called alongside"  
a counselor, a comforter, and an encourager.

**Genesis 1:1, 2** *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."*

**Genesis 2:7** *"...formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."*

**God never intended for His Church or His people to function without the Holy Spirit.**

**In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit Came Upon Particular People at Particular times for particular tasks.**

- **The Holy Spirit filled people for artistic work** (Exodus 31:3-5)
- **The Spirit filled people for the task of leadership.**

**Judges 6:15** *"How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."*

- **The Holy Spirit filling people with strength and power.**

**Judges 15:14** *"The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands."*

- **The Holy Spirit came upon the prophets**

**Isaiah 61:1-2** *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.*

**Jeremiah 31:33** *"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts."*

**Ezekiel 36: 26,27** *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you," he said. "I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."*

**Joel 2:28, 29** *I will pour out my Spirit on all people, your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.*

- John the Baptist is *"filled with the H.S. even from birth."* (Luke 1:15)
- Elizabeth is *"filled with the H.S."* (Luke 1:41)
- *"blessed is the child you will bear!"* (Luke 1:42)
- Zechariah, John the Baptist's father is *"filled with the H.S. and prophecies."* (Luke 1:67)

**Ezekiel 47:8-9** *Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live.*

**John 7:37-39** *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

**Luke 24:49** *"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

**Acts 2:2-4** *"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."*

**Matthew 3:11** *"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 with fire.*

**John 14:18** *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."*

**Matthew 28:18-20**

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**Luke 11:9-13** *"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*