

8 Weeks of Growing Deeper As Disciples of Jesus

Who the Holy Spirit is
& How to Receive His Empowering
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God has designed the Christian life to be impossible. It can only be lived successfully by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is not a force, an energy, an influence of power – He is a Divine Person. He is the third person of the Holy Triune God. He is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ).

Jesus told his disciples it was to their advantage for Him to go back to heaven because He would send another Comforter/Counselor/Helper/Advocate (Greek – Paracletos) – The Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 17; 16:7).

“The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God [The Father], the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.” II
Corinthians 13:14 (MSG)

- ❖ God wants you to have an eternal and close friendship with His Spirit.
 - Think of the best friendship you have experienced... you can have an even better and closer friendship with the Holy Spirit.

“Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time

You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:4-8 (NASB)

- ❖ You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit
 - See Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:6-8; Luke 3:16; John 1:32, 33; Acts 11:15, 16
 - Jesus wants to immerse you in the person, power, and purposes of the Holy Spirit. This is not a “one and done experience” – this is an ongoing lifestyle of living in the Holy Spirit as a disciple of Christ.
- ❖ The Spirit has many names that reflect His character and activities: The Spirit of the LORD (Luke 4:18), the Spirit of truth (John 14:7, 15:26), the Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2), the Spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15), the Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10:29), the Spirit of glory (I Peter 4:14), the eternal Spirit (Hebrews 9:14).
- ❖ There are three phases of our relationship with the Holy Spirit: 1) He is with us – drawing us to Christ, convicting us of sin (John 16:7-8); 2) He is in us – He indwells us when we put our faith in Christ (John 14:17; I Corinthians 6:19, 20); 3) He comes upon us (overflows us) when we yield to Him to empower us and lead our lives (Acts 1:8).
- ❖ Jesus is our model of the Spirit-filled life: Luke 3:31-22 – The Spirit comes upon Jesus – He is baptized in the Spirit. Jesus is full of the Spirit (Luke 4:1) and then ministers in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14, 18, 19).

“On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.”

John 7:37-39a (NIV)

- ❖ Thirst, Come, Drink, Believe, Flow
 - See Ephesians 5:18-21; Luke 11:13; John 16:24

- ❖ What you should expect when you are immersed in and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Empowering – Acts 1:8

Freedom – II Corinthians 3:17, 18

Gifting – I Corinthians 12:7; I Peter 4:10, 11

Holiness – II Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter 1:2

Intimacy – Romans 8:15, 16

Joy – Acts 13:52

Knowledge of Christ – Ephesians 1:17; I Corinthians 2:10-16

Love – Galatians 5:22, 23

- ❖ Will you seek God and ask Him to fill you with His Spirit?

God wants you to have a life-long growing relationship with His Spirit and an ever-increasing experience of His power.