

# I Believe In the Holy Spirit

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## We believe in the Holy Spirit because:

### 1. The Old Testament Scripture teaches the Holy Spirit is God:

- He was there in the beginning

*In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was moving over the surface of the waters.*

*Genesis 1:1-2*

*Then God (Elohim) said, "Let Us make man in Our image..."*

*Genesis 1:26a*

Father, Son and Holy Spirit were all involved in creation. Let "us" make man in "our" image.

- The New Birth is described by God as His Spirit coming into our hearts:

*Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

*"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.*

*Ezekiel 36:26-27*

*"I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."*

*Ezekiel 37:14*

- **We also see the Holy Spirit several times in the Old Testament anointing certain people for certain tasks for certain periods of time.**

*"I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,*

*Exodus 31:3*

*And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe; and the Spirit of God came upon him.*

*Numbers 21:2*

*Then Saul sent messengers to take David, but when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing and presiding over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul; and they also prophesied.*

*1 Samuel 19:20*

## **2. Jesus told us about the Holy Spirit -**

*Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

*John 7:37-39*

*"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be*

*with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*

*John 14:16-17*

*But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.*

*"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.*

*John 16:7-14*

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would:

- Be our Helper - Paracletos - one who comes alongside, intercessor
- Teach us all things
- Remind us of things He had said
- Convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment
- Lead us into all the truth
- Disclose what was to come
- Glorify Jesus by taking what was His and disclosing it to us.

*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*

### **3. We see the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church**

A. Acts 2

B. 1 Corinthians 12

C. Romans 8

### **4. We have experienced the Holy Spirit**

Some of those effects are:

- Conviction of sin
- The love of God poured in and through our hearts
- Power and Confidence to testify to the fact that Jesus is alive
- The gifts of the Spirit

*"So I say to 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 he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? "Or [if] he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"*

*Luke 11:9-13*