

Most Frequently Asked Questions:

“Work of the Holy Spirit in a believer’s life.”

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. – **John 14:16-17**

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – **Acts 1:4-8**

Three things about the Holy Spirit that prove He is a person:

1) Intelligence

but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. – **I Corinthians 2:10-11**

2) Will

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. – **I Corinthians 12:11**

3) Emotion

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. – **Ephesians 4:30**

Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them. – **Isaiah 63:10**

QUESTION: When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

1. We receive the Holy Spirit at conversion.

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” **Galatians 4:6**

And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” – **John 20:22**

2. We receive the Holy Spirit at the baptism in the Spirit.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. – **Act 2:4**

3. We continue to experience the Spirit’s filling.

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. – **Acts 4:31**

They Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, – **Acts 13:9**

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. – **Ephesians 5:18**

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. – **Galatians 5:25**

4. We will encounter the Spirit in a new dimension when we receive our glorified bodies. The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead will also raise us.

Three key prepositions concerning the Holy Spirit in your life:

- The Holy Spirit will be “with” you or alongside you.
- The Holy Spirit will be “in” you.
- The Holy Spirit will come “upon” you and will fill you to “overflowing”.

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **Acts 2:17-18**

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” – **Acts 2:37-39**

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied – **Acts 19:1-6 KJV**

Jesus’ desire for you is that your life becomes a vessel that the Holy Spirit can flow through.

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “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. **John 7:37-38**

What is the purpose of tongues?

- Tongues are a gift from God.
- It can help you in your prayer life.

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. **I Corinthians 14:14-15**

- It will edify you.

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. – **I Corinthians 14:4**

- Tongues is the only gift of God that edifies you personally and individually.

What tongues is not?

- It is not a sign of spiritual maturity.

Are you spiritually dry?

Renew your relationship with the Holy Spirit.