

The Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is described in various ways:

Fire (purify/energize)

Wind /breath (refresh, give life, guides)

Oil (anointing with God's presence, power, healing and commissioning)

Living water (cleanse & refresh)

Cloud (presence of God).

Advocate (counselor, comforter, partner by your side)

Spirit of Truth/ Spirit of Power/ Spirit of Love/ Spirit of Wisdom.

Giver of Gifts (Leadership; prophetic vision and guidance; wisdom; empowerment for ministry gifts (charisms); new heart, mind and spirit; transformation/holiness/fruits; building unity & community; surrender & baptism in the Spirit; praise & worship; identity in Christ).

Baptism in the Holy Spirit: John the Baptist talks about the messiah/Christ who will baptize in the Holy Spirit. Jesus' Baptism is a baptism in the Spirit. Jesus describes the Spirit coming on Pentecost as baptism in the Spirit. People are prayed with for Baptism in the Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles. Here is a definition that was approved by the Vatican for Baptism in the Spirit: "Baptism in the Spirit is a life-transforming experience of the love of God the Father poured into one's heart by the Holy Spirit, received through a surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ. It brings alive sacramental baptism and confirmation, deepens communion with God and with fellow Christians, enkindles evangelistic fervor and equips a person with charisms for service and mission" (*Baptism in the Holy Spirit* by International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, ICCRS).

The Holy Spirit's Activity:

Reveals

- 1) Reveals that "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor. 12: 3), and we are to be his disciples.
- 2) Reveals God as "Abba-Father" (Romans 8: 14-17), and we are his children.
- 3) Reveals God's love, creating union with God (Romans 5: 5; Ephesians 3: 14-19).

Enlivens our Faith

- 4) Creates "expectant faith" in us (Luke 11: 9-13).

5) We are “baptized in the Holy Spirit” through the Messiah (=Christ=Anointed One), Jesus (Luke 3: 15-16; Acts 1: 4-5).

6) Makes Scripture come alive (John 14: 25-26; Luke 24: 44-49; Eph. 6: 17).

Gives Gifts

7) Gives charisms/spiritual gifts (Romans 12: 3-8; 1 Cor. 12 & 14; Eph. 4: 11-16).

8) Gives prophetic inspirations (Luke 1: 46-55; 67-79; 1 Cor. 14; 2 Peter 1: 19-21).

9) Gives healing gifts (Luke 10: 1-9; 1 Cor. 12: 28; Acts 3: 1-10).

10) Gives “messianic gifts” (Isaiah 11: 1-9).

11) Gives evangelization gifts (Isaiah 61: 1-3; Luke 4: 16-21).

Brings Union with God

12) Teaches us to pray (Romans 8: 26-27).

13) Inspires us to praise God (Acts 2: 3-4, 11; 10: 44-46).

14) Intercedes within us (Romans 8: 26-27).

Transforms Us and Makes Us Holy

15) Overcomes the world, the flesh, and the devil (John 16: 7-11; Gal. 5: 16-26).

16) Gives the “fruit of the Spirit” (Gal. 5: 22-23).

17) Guides and gives wisdom (Wisdom 7: 7; 1 Cor. 2: 6-16).

18) Convicts us of sin and convinces us of Jesus’ victory over sin (John 16: 7-11).

Creates a Partnership with Followers of Jesus

19) Our advocate/companion/partner (John 14: 15-18, 25-27; 15: 26-27; 16: 5-15).

20) Makes us “anointed ones” with Jesus (1 John 2: 24-27).