

What Every Christian Should Know



Core Beliefs to Help You Stand Strong in a Shifting World

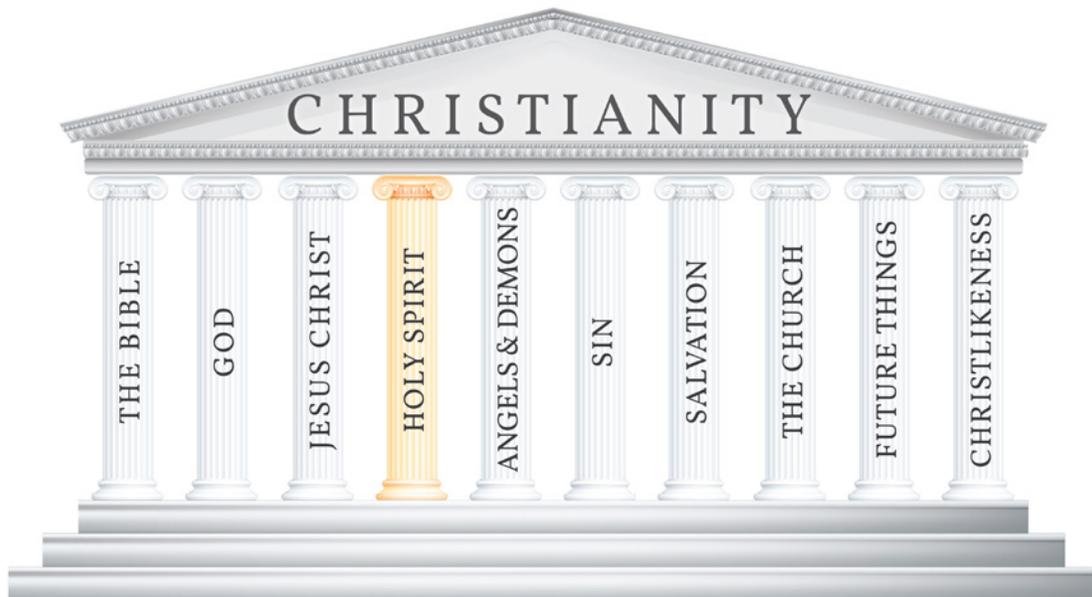
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“What Every Christian Should Know About The Holy Spirit”

JOHN 14:16-17

Introduction: The Holy Spirit is perhaps the least-known member of the Godhead. Yet, understanding Who He is and what He does for us is vital to experiencing the life God desires for us.

10 PILLARS OF HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY



I. The Attributes Of The Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3-4)

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 5:3-4 ³ “Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.’”



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The Trinity: In 120 Words or Less

God the Father is God. God the Son is God. God the Holy Spirit is God. Add them together and you get . . . one. How is that possible? Therein lies the challenge of explaining the Trinity. God is one (Deut. 6:4). However, within His oneness, He makes Himself known in three different persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each person in the Trinity has unique responsibilities, but no person acts independently of the others. All three are always in complete agreement and unity. They are also equal. No person is more important than the others. The Holy Spirit's work is every bit as essential as that of God the Father and God the Son.

II. The Holy Spirit In Scripture

A. In the Old Testament

The Departing of the Holy Spirit

“The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul” (1 Sam. 16:14). This departure was devastating to Saul, but it's no cause for alarm for believers today. Saul, like other leaders in the Old Testament, was anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill his God-given calling to govern the people of Israel. When the Spirit of God departed from him, Saul lost his empowerment. His governing responsibilities were taken away from him. The Holy Spirit came upon him temporarily and left him when the situation dictated. But things have changed dramatically since then—since Pentecost in Acts 2, to be more precise. Today, the Holy Spirit indwells every believer, fully and permanently, the moment we are saved. He will not depart from us. We cannot lose Him.

2 Peter 1:20-21 ²⁰ “But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

B. In the New Testament

Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

John 14:16-17 ¹⁶ “I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ 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.”



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III. Appreciating The Holy Spirit’s Work

A. The Holy Spirit Indwells Every Believer (1 Corinthians 12:13)

Acts 11:15-17 ¹⁵ “As I [Peter] began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”

Jeremiah 31:33 “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.’”

1. Definition of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Definition: The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the supernatural act of God by which Christ immerses believers with the Holy Spirit, joining them to Himself and to other Christians.

1 Corinthians 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The word “baptized” that Paul used in 1 Corinthians 12:13 is a transliteration of the Greek word baptizo, which means “to immerse.” The word was used in classical Greek literature to describe the process of changing the color of cloth. If you wanted to change a red piece of cloth to purple, you would baptizo it in a vat of purple dye. You had to immerse it to change its color. Water baptism is a symbol of what the Holy Spirit does for us when we trust in Christ as our Savior. He immerses us. He transforms us from guilty, rebellious enemies of God into forgiven, obedient disciples of Jesus Christ. He changes our spiritual color forever.

2. Recipients of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

3. Timing of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit



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2 Peter 1:3-4 ³ “His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

B. The Holy Spirit Makes Us Aware of Sin (John 16:8; Ephesians 4:30)

John 16:8 “He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”

Ephesians 4:30 “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

C. The Holy Spirit Amplifies Our Prayers (Romans 8:26-27)

Romans 8:26-27 ²⁶ “In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

D. The Holy Spirit Distributes Spiritual Gifts (1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:6-8)

1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Romans 12:6-8 ⁶ “Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

E. The Holy Spirit Fosters Unity in the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-31; John 17:20-22)

4 1 Corinthians 12:12 “For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.”



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Ephesians 4:3 “Be diligent to preserve the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace.”

John 17:20-21 ²⁰ “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

F. The Holy Spirit Gives Us the Ability to Trust in Christ (Revelation 22:17; Ephesians 2:1-5)

Revelation 22:17 “The Spirit and the bride say, ‘come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.”

Romans 3:10-11 ¹⁰ “As it is written, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; ¹¹ THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD.”

Ephesians 2:1 “You were dead in your trespasses and sins.”

Ephesians 2:4-5 ⁴ “God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).”

G. The Holy Spirit Secures Our Future (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Ephesians 1:13-14 ¹³ “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.”

III. Accessing The Holy Spirit’s Power

Ephesians 5:18a “Do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit...”



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Two Truths About the Filling of the Holy Spirit

- A. Being Filled with the Holy Spirit Is a **Command**, Not a **Promise**

- B. Being Filled with the Holy Spirit Is a **Continual** Experience, Not a **One-Time Action**



Four Conduits of the Holy Spirit's Power

Conduit #1: The **Bible** — The Word of God

Conduit #2: **Prayer** — Conversation with God

Conduit #3: The **Church** — The People of God

Conduit #4: **Obedience** — Submission to God

1 Thessalonians 5:19 “Do not quench the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:25 “If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”