

The Holy Spirit

Introduction

In His entire earthly ministry, Jesus was completely dependent upon the Holy Spirit. Before the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at the river Jordan, He never preached a sermon or performed a miracle. After that, all He did was by the power of the Holy Spirit. When He was about to leave His disciples, He promised that from heaven He would send the Holy Spirit to them in their turn, to be their Comforter and to supply all their spiritual needs. This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when they were all baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Note: The two English expressions “*Holy Spirit*” and “*Holy Ghost*” are two different ways of translating one and the same expression in the original Greek of the New Testament. There is therefore no difference in meaning between the two expressions.

Memory Work: Acts 2:38-39

1. What did God the Father anoint Jesus with for His earthly ministry? (Acts 10:38)
2. What did John the Baptist see descend and abide upon Jesus? (John 1:32-33)
3. What did Jesus say was upon Him, enabling Him to preach and to minister to those in need? (Luke 4:18)
4. By what power did Jesus say He cast out devils? (Matthew 12:28)
5. Whom did Jesus say He would send to His disciples from the Father after He Himself returned to heaven? (John 14:16, 26, John 15:26)
6. What two expressions does Jesus use to describe the Comforter?
 - a. John 14:17:
 - b. John 14:26:
7. Write down two things that Jesus says the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples. (John 14:26)
 - a.
 - b.

8. Write down another way in which Jesus says the Holy Spirit will help the disciples. (John 16:13)

9. Write down two ways in which the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus to His disciples.
 - a. John 15:26:
 - b. John 16:14:

10. After what did Jesus say that the disciples would receive power to become effective witnesses for Him? (Acts 1:8)

11. What did John the Baptist tell the people that Jesus would do for them? (Mark 1:8)

12. What promise did Jesus give to His disciples just before He ascended into heaven? (Acts 1:5)

13. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do until this promise was fulfilled? (Luke 24:49)

14. Upon what day was this promise to these disciples fulfilled? (Acts 2:1-4)

15. Why could the Holy Spirit not be given to the disciples during the earthly ministry of Jesus? (John 7:39)

16. After Jesus had returned to His position of glory at the right hand of God, what did He receive from the Father? (Acts 2:33)

17. How could the unbelievers who were present know that Jesus had poured out the Holy Spirit upon His disciples? (Acts 2:33)

18. What could these unbelievers hear the disciples doing through the power of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:7-8)

19. Upon whom does God promise to pour out His Spirit at the close of this age? (Acts 2:39)

20. To whom does Peter say that the promised gift of the Holy Spirit is made available? (Acts 2:39)

21. What good gift will God the Father give to all His children who ask for it? (Luke 11:13)