**The Power of the Holy Spirit**

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Today we are going to talk about the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. He is very important for every church that follows the Word of God. We are going to learn about the power that He exercises in every believer and in His Church.

The power of the Holy Spirit has been seen since the beginning, when the world was created through the Spirit of God.

Scripture 1ª: GENESIS 1:1-2.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2**The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was*[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1%3A1-2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-2a)] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Moreover, the Holy Spirit gave great power to men in the Old Testament to perform the Will of God. The Holy Spirit did not inhabit permanently in the people of the Old Testament. However, those things that they could not do in their own strength were attributed to directly to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture 1: 1 SAMUEL 16:11-13

**11**And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.”

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+16&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-7607b)] till he comes here.” **12**So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!” **13**Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Scripture 2: Judges 14:5-6,19 (15:14-16)

**5**So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah.

Now *to his* surprise, a young lion *came* roaring against him. **6**And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though *he had* nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

**19**Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes *of clothing* to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and he went back up to his father’s house.

**14**When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him; and the ropes that *were* on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands. **15**He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it. **16**Then Samson said:

“With the jawbone of a donkey,  
Heaps upon heaps,  
With the jawbone of a donkey  
I have slain a thousand men!”

However, through the Lord Jesus Christ, the power of the God is the promise that the Lord gave to us, His church. He promised that the Holy Spirit would be our Guide, our Teacher, the Seal of our Salvation, and the permanent Comfort for believers.

Scripture 3: John 14:16-18,26.

**16**And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

**26**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Thus, the Word teaches us that any believer in God, completely surrendered to Christ, would receive power through the Holy Spirit if God. The Holy Spirit helps His followers to make known the Gospel of Salvation. The salvation of souls is only possible by the power the Holy Spirit that acts in the world.

Scripture 4: Acts 1:8

**8**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+1%3A8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26932a)] in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

When the Holy Spirit descended on the Day of Pentecost, it was very a powerful event. These people came from different nations. Imagine how surprising and shocking this event was. The Holy Spirit manifested Himself to more than 3000 people.

Scripture 5: Acts 2:1-21,38-41.

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26951a)] in one place. **2**And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3**Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### The Crowd’s Response

**5**And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6**And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. **7**Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8**And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9**Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10**Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11**Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” **12**So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

**13**Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

### Peter’s Sermon

**14**But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. **15**For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. **16**But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17**‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.  
**18**And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;  
And they shall prophesy.  
**19**I will show wonders in heaven above  
And signs in the earth beneath:  
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.  
**20**The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.  
**21**And it shall come to pass  
*That* whoever calls on the name of the Lord  
Shall be saved.’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26971b)]

**38**Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39**For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

### A Vital Church Grows

**40**And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” **41**Then those who gladly[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26991g)] received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them.*

During his earthly ministry, Christ was filled with the Spirit of God, with whom He was able to perform great signs and miracles, but after He ascended to heaven, the power of the Spirit of God began to work in the Apostles, followers of Christ.

Scripture 6: John 11:1-44 (The Resurrection of Lazarus).

Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. **2**It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. **3**Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”

**4**When Jesus heard *that,* He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

**5**Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **6**So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. **7**Then after this He said to *the* disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

**8***The* disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?”

**9**Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. **10**But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” **11**These things He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.”

**12**Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” **13**However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

**14**Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. **15**And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.”

**16**Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with Him.”

### I Am the Resurrection and the Life

**17**So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. **18**Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26542a)] away. **19**And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

**20**Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. **21**Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. **22**But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

**23**Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

**24**Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

**25**Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **26**And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

**27**She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

### Jesus and Death, the Last Enemy

**28**And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, “The Teacher has come and is calling for you.” **29**As soon as she heard *that,* she arose quickly and came to Him. **30**Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26554b)] in the place where Martha met Him. **31**Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26555c)]

**32**Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

**33**Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. **34**And He said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

**35**Jesus wept. **36**Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

**37**And some of them said, “Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?”

### Lazarus Raised from the Dead

**38**Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39**Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.”

**40**Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” **41**Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying.[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26565d)] And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. **42**And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this,* that they may believe that You sent Me.” **43**Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” **44**And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

Scripture 7: Acts 3:1-7

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour.* **2**And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; **3**who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4**And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” **5**So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6**Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” **7**And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Scripture 8: Acts 9:31-41

**31**Then the churches[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27248d)] throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

### Aeneas Healed

**32**Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all *parts of the country,* that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. **33**There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. **34**And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. **35**So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

### Dorcas Restored to Life

**36**At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. **37**But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid *her* in an upper room. **38**And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring *him*not to delay in coming to them. **39**Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought *him* to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. **40**But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. **41**Then he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

The most important news is that the same Spirit of the Early Church comes immediately and permanently to dwell in those of us who have put our lives in the service of the living God to be guided by Him. His power corrects us, teaches us, convinces us of sin, righteousness, and judgment. It makes capable of performing His work of expanding the Gospel. It seals us with the guarantee of eternal life. Therefore, the Holy Spirit can not be taken lightly.

Scripture 9: John 16:7-13.

**7**Nevertheless 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 depart, I will send Him to you. **8**And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9**of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10**of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11**of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**12**“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.**13**However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority,* but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Scripture 10: Romans 8:9-14

**9**But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. **10**And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. **11**But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

### Sonship Through the Spirit

**12**Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13**For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

To finish the power of the Holy Spirit is real in our lives while we are walking with God. That power has equipped us with different spiritual gifts in the Church of Christ, and those gifts should be used at all times by the followers of Christ.

Scripture 11: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13.

Now concerning spiritual *gifts,* brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: **2**You know that[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28637a)] you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. **3**Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

**4**There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5**There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6**And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7**But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all:* **8**for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9**to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28644b)] Spirit, **10**to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11**But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

### Unity and Diversity in One Body

**12**For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. **13**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28648c)] one Spirit.