

## The Holy Spirit (Q & A)

### Is the Holy Spirit a person?

John 14:26 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.

John 16:7-8

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:

### Is the Holy Spirit God?

Acts 5:1-5

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, **why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**"

5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

### Does He speak to me?

John 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.**

John 16:13-15

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.**

14 He will glorify Me, for **He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.**

15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that **He will take of Mine and declare it to you.**

### How - is it audibly?

1 Kings 19:11-12

Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire **a still small voice.**

(lit. a delicate whispering voice)

Acts 15:28 **For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit**, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

Rom 8:16 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God,

Rom 9:1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, **my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,**

1 Cor 2:9-14

9 But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

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13 **These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because **they are spiritually discerned.**

**Is there such a thing as being baptized in the Holy Spirit & is that different than water baptism?**

Acts 1:4-8

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

**5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."**

6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

**8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

Acts 10:45-48

45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered,

47 **"Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"**

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

**Is it possible to be born again & not be baptized in the Holy Spirit?**

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

15 who, when they had come down, **prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.**

16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. **They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 18:24-19:6

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at

Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, **he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.**

26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, **they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.**

27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

**Acts 19**

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

2 he said to them, **"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"**

So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

### What about tongues? Didn't they pass away?

1 Cor 13:8-13

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are **tongues, they will cease**; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But **when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.**

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For **now** we see in a mirror, dimly, but **then face to face**. Now I know in part, but **then** I shall know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **began to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Mark 16:17 **And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;**

### What is the purpose?

1 Cor 14:2, 4, 14-19, 33, 39 & 40

2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

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4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

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14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?

17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

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33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

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39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Rom 8:26-28

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

### What about being filled with the Holy Spirit, is that just a one time experience?

Acts 2:2-4

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.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; **and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit**, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Eph 5:18-19

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; **but be filled with the Spirit**,

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

### How do I receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit & Joy?

Luke 11:9-13

9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

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10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"**

### RECAP

- The Holy Spirit is a person and He is God.
- He speaks directly to our spirit.
- God desires that we be baptized in the Holy Spirit, but that's not required to be born again.
- Tongues did not pass away.
- Tongues is a code He uses in His system of intercession.
- There are many re-fillings.
- To receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I simply have to ask.