

The Work of the Holy Spirit- Multiple Scriptures

The book of Acts is the account of the Holy Spirit, the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to his church; not only of the event, but what has transpired since then. And it still continues today. It's the power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to give beyond ourselves. That's what the world needs.

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was selective. Not everyone experienced His presence. He "came upon" individuals for a time. He did not abide continually **Judg.13:24-25**. Samson began to operate in the Spirit and continued to function as though he was still there because He didn't realize when the Spirit left him. **Judg. 16:20**

We have the Holy Spirit indwelling us and we too begin to operate in the Spirit and though He remains we continue on as though He has left; we try to finish in the flesh **Gal. 3:3**. As born again people the Holy Spirit is available 24/7 for everything we do.

The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus Christ. God the Son relied on God the Holy Spirit. As He ministered He did so under the power and unction of the Holy Spirit **Matt. 4:1. Luke 4:18** Why do we think we don't need His guidance and empowering in our lives? The devil often gets credit for the work of the Spirit just because it's not pleasant. God's number 1 priority is not our happiness. His priority is to conform us to the image of Jesus. When He has to chip away selfishness, pride, arrogance, it's not a comfortable thing, but it is the work of the Holy Spirit. God doesn't guarantee us happiness but He does guarantee us joy **Luke 10:21**. enabled to do good works **Acts 10:38**. How could Jesus do what He did for us but by the Holy Spirit. **Heb. 9:14. Rom. 8:11** we have the same Spirit available to us that raised Christ from the dead.

In the life of the New Testament Church. John 7:39 There is a difference between the person of the Holy Spirit prior to Jesus' coming and the infilling for the New Testament Church after His death and resurrection. We need to go as Jesus sends us but we need to go in the power of the Holy Spirit. What we need to understand is that what God does, he does through us by His Holy Spirit. He wants to fill us with the Spirit that we might do the work He has for us to do, now, today! Do we believe in Jesus Christ? Then we need to behave like it. We can't be self centred and Christ centred at the same time. It's impossible. It's only the Holy Spirit that enables us to deny ourselves and put Christ first. **John 14:17** Do we want to see people set free? Then we need to ensure that the Spirit of God is flowing to us so that it can flow through us. We can look pretty religious but there is no relationship, no life. Are we looking the part or are we the real deal? That's what the world needs; the real deal.

The Holy Spirit in Us We want the power of the Holy Spirit but the power that comes, comes in the midst of holiness. **1 Cor. 6:19**. Do we realize that our bodies are sacred places of the Holy Spirit? **1 Cor. 3:16**. We are good at testimonies but not so good at sharing what God has shown us from His word this week. If we can read the word but not hear what God is saying to us we need to get on our knees and pray for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit cause something is missing, there's a blockage somewhere. The Holy Spirit brings revelation. You do the math. We need to call each other up to task by asking, "What is God saying to you?"