

# The Holy Spirit

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## SESSION 3

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### Holy Spirit and salvation

#### The BEFORE

1 Corinthians 2:14

John 16:7-10

John 16:12-14

John 6:44

1 Thessalonians 1:4-6

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## At the TIME OF SALVATION

John 1:11-13

John 3:3-8

Acts 2:38-39

Galatians 3:2

Titus 3:4-7

Ephesians 1:13-14

Before faith in Christ:

The Holy Spirit helps to convict the sin sickened heart of the unbeliever of its sin.

The Holy Spirit helps the sin darkened heart to understand the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit helps the sin hardened heart to respond to the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit, therefore, is essential to give the sin deadened unbeliever the ability to receive Christ in faith.

At faith in Christ:

The Holy Spirit begins to live in the believer as Christ's presence.

The Holy Spirit causes the person to be born again as a new creature, a child of God.

The Holy Spirit is, then, a seal or deposit or down-payment on the fullness of salvation yet to come.

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Romans 8:9-10

Colossians 1:27

## The AFTER: The main workshop of the Holy Spirit = the Church or Body of Christ

### **1 Corinthians 12 and the gifts of the Spirit**

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

**1 Corinthians 12:27**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**, focus on vs. 7

A spiritual gift is:

An \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian is given by \_\_\_\_\_ to do a certain essential \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

Let us not miss this basic point so far:

**That which Jesus wants to give to and work in the Body he does through its members by means of the gifts of the Spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 12:27-30.**

**Ephesians 4:11-16**

### **Here's a list of gifts mentioned in the letters of the NT:**

- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Faith
- Healing
- Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discernment of spirits
- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Evangelism
- Teaching
- Exhorting
- Helping/serving
- Leading
- Giving
- Mercy

## Things to note about the gifts of the Spirit:

1. None of the lists in the NT are exhaustive.
2. There are gifts:
  - That have to do with administering the Word of God
  - That enable people to do miracles
  - Of caring for others
  - For leading the church

All are given to help the church fulfill its responsibilities as the Body of Christ.
3. There can be subdivisions of gifting.
4. There are gifts of the spirit that are like general responsibilities that ALL Christians have.
5. Gifts are given by the Spirit, not by schools or diplomas.
  - o Training in the area of a person's gifts will enhance the use of that gift.  
(Training in something that is not one's gift will not make that person effective in that gift.)
  - o Much harm is done when the church assigns work JUST on the basis of schooling rather than gifting.
  - o In many situations today the proper use of a gift requires schooling.
6. Here are some ways that can help Christians discover their spiritual gifts:
  - o Have them try various works/ministries
  - o Ask: What do you enjoy?
  - o Ask: What do you learn quickly/easily?
  - o Ask: What are you good at that really helps others (by their testimony to others)?
  - o Ask: For what do you have a burden or zeal?
  - o Ask: What do mature counselors in the faith say?

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