

BIBLE BASICS // Session 7: The Holy Spirit

CRITICAL QUESTION

----- is the Holy Spirit?

FORMAL DOCTRINE

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry.

This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth.

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance.

BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit _____, _____, and _____ the people of God to live out the mission of God.

KEY VERSE

John 14:26 (NLT): “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the **Holy Spirit**—he will **teach you everything** and will **remind you** of everything I have told you.”

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit animates and _____.

Genesis 1:1-2 (NLT): In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

John 20:21-23 (NLT): Again he said, “Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.**” 22 Then he breathed on them and said, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.** 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

- **The Holy Spirit unifies and _____.**

1 Corinthians 12:7,11 (NLT): A spiritual gift is given to each of us so **we can help each other**...11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

- **The Holy Spirit _____ and sends.**

Acts 1:6-8 (NLT): So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “**The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**”

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT SPEAKING IN TONGUES?

Tongues speech is indicative of two things to two authors:

- Luke - physical _____ of the validation of the prophethood of believers. Acts 2:4, 8:2-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-6; 15:7-9
- Paul - physical _____ of the presence of God in communal and private worship. 1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14

QUESTIONS

1. What has been your experience with the Holy Spirit?
2. Has there ever been a moment where you have felt supernaturally empowered to share Jesus with others? Share that moment.
3. Share something you heard in this session that challenged or encouraged you.