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ARE RECEIVING A
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Hebrews 12:28-29

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Who is the Holy Spirit?

Bianca Brito

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. After the resurrection of Jesus, he left us with his Spirit to be our helper and teacher.

I can attest to the closeness and accessibility of the Holy Spirit as he has moved so prominently in my life and is fulfilling His purpose on earth.



In my life—The Holy Spirit has helped me in my darkest moments and comforted me when I found myself feeling lonely. The Holy Spirit has been faithfully by my side in the toughest battles. He has also helped me turn away from sin and intercedes for me when all I can do is get on my knees and cry.

The Spirit gives me understanding of the Word and power over the weapons arrayed against me.

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I have only received such support and guidance from the Holy Spirit because He lives within me by His grace and through His name because before my life in the Spirit, I was powerless against the hands of darkness.

The Lord shows us that we need Jesus and when we repent of our sins, we are baptized and receive the Spirit. It is then that we become part of the body of Christ and children of God. One of the best parts of this is that we become heirs to the good gifts that God gives to his children and the Holy Spirit is one of those gifts that he has given us.

Finally, in Genesis 11 it mentions that the earth "had only one language" and his goal was to build a tower that would reach the heavens. The Lord spoke about their selfish achievements (v.6), successively God confused their language to discourage their work and cause them to scatter.

With this, 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus came the Day of Pentecost where the Holy Spirit descended on the 120 people who were waiting for him in the upper room as Jesus himself who promised them the Holy Spirit. Those 120 were immersed in the Spirit of God. That same Spirit of God that lives in me, lives in you if you have taken these same steps.

If the builders of the tower of Babel had the power to build in unity without the gift of the Holy Spirit - how much more if we have the Spirit of God? Under an agreement and will of the Lord - there is absolutely nothing impossible.

Scripture Cited:

1. John 14:16
2. Romans 8:26-27
3. 2 Peter 1:20-21
4. Luke 10:19, Isaiah 54:17
5. Matthew 7:11, Acts 1:8, 2:38

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EVERY BELIEVER IN CHRIST HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT

BY ZO AidY GARCIA

One of the first questions I was asked when I started sharing the gospel was "Is this that religion where they dance like crazy people with the Holy Spirit?" I always answered — "Yes" — because I didn't even understand it myself. I didn't know what else to say. I did not have the understanding to explain why the Holy Spirit made people dance because I had not yet had that experience. I was not raised as a Christian, and the first time I attended church was when I was fifteen—shortly after my uncle passed away. My family was broken and I was desperately searching for answers and comfort. Seeing how people prayed and worshiped and ministered was brand new for me. I remember asking my mother the same type of questions. "Why do people run and pass out?" — and her answer was — "It's normal."

As the years passed, I experienced healing through prayer and saw how God

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little by little began to transform my life. I had never felt the touch of the Holy Ghost or spoken in tongues — but I knew that when the Holy Ghost was upon me, I couldn't the crying and trembling. I just knew that I had an overwhelming sense of comfort that I hadn't been able to experience anywhere else. But these questions motivated me to study the Word and learn why and how the Holy Spirit manifests itself. So, I came across **1 Corinthians 3:16**, which says, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" It all started making sense and I noticed how everyone around me

reacted differently to that supernatural encounter that is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I learned how the church submits to the Holy Spirit, denies itself, and allows Christ to live through us to do His will and receive his gifts.

After meeting the Holy Spirit, I also understood that the Spirit does not just come and go. The most beautiful and remarkable aspect of the Holy Spirit is that once you allow it into your heart, it is there to stay. And that's where the Fruits of the Spirit come in. I experienced this firsthand, when I began to feel peace, joy, love, and kindness — which I wanted to share with those around me.



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I had the opportunity to speak again with the person who initially asked me about the "crazy dance of the Holy Spirit"; and I was finally able to give the explanation and conclusion of what it meant to feel the touch of the Holy Spirit. I was able to explain how it's simply the manifestation of the Spirit and when the power of the Holy Spirit takes hold of a true worshiper, and how it causes them to move uncontrollably.

Most importantly, I was able to testify of how the Holy Spirit resides within us. You don't have to dance or speak in tongues to know that. The Word tells us that every believer in Christ is sealed by the Holy Spirit. So as long as you have faith, repentance, and pure motives, God will manifest His power within and through you by his Spirit - and that it comes in different beautiful and unique ways.

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Holy Spirit, Friend of Gentiles

By Casey-Adelle Reyes

I am an adamant lover of the Holy Spirit and although this statement may be seen in hyperbole, it is how I attempt to live my life—as one who experiences the Holy Spirit with a fervency. I do so because there was a time where different heresies clouded my judgment of who the Holy Spirit was bestowed upon, gifted to, and working through.

There was a moment where I was struggling with whether the gifts of the Spirit were for the believer today and because of the abuse of the Spirit and a misuse of his gifts I witnessed growing up in church. I came to the conclusion that the gifts were a description of the primitive church and no longer up for exercising in the modern world. With this I briefly believed that perhaps the gifts were not even extended to those who were not descendants of the Abrahamic covenant.

Even though my rationale was set on believing in cessationalism, my heart yearned to abide in the presence of the Holy Spirit as he ever so wanted to abide in me. I searched scripture again and found in Acts 10 an account regarding the centurion soldier,

Cornelius, who prayed to the Lord and was visited by Peter. Both men had a vision in where they were both to meet—during this meeting Peter a Jew, preached the gospel to Cornelius, a gentile, and he and his household were saved and not only that! They were baptized “with the same Spirit that was in the Jews”. Glory to God as he has saved both Jew and Gentile and has imparted his spirit on them. In that same manner God has gifted us his Spirit to move and dwell within us giving each believer the power to operate in his wondrous gifts of healing, prophecy, speaking in tongues, word of knowledge, interpretation of tongues, increased faith, and discernment of spirits (1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; Ephesians 4;)

How bleak and destitute would the church of God be if we did not operate in the fullness of the Holy Spirit as he brings us comfort, discernment, wisdom, intercession, reproach, and support during our time here on earth. Praise God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he has led me to freedom, salvation and a life filled with his Spirit. Amen.

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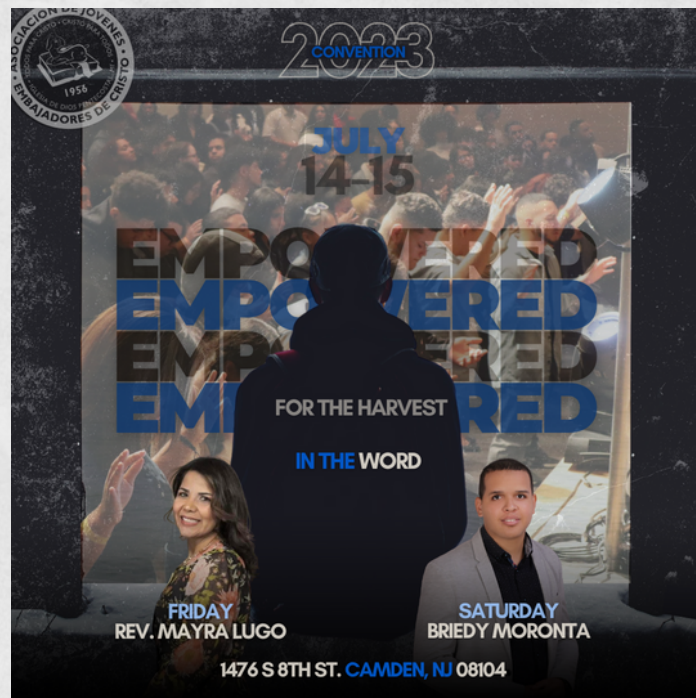


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