

## Walking with the Holy Spirit (testimony and lessons)

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### Summary

This article covers:

- **Basics:** Who the Holy Spirit is (why is he a stranger to many) and How to grow in the Spirit
- **Next generation:** What the Holy Spirit has told me (extracts from my spiritual journal), revelations about his work from the bible and common questions.
- **Your turn:** How do you listen to Him?

***P.S: Jesus wished for his disciples to walk in unity and he said it is our love for one another that proves to the world we are his disciples (John 13: 35) so let us act in humility towards one another. If I am somehow wrong, please take me aside privately and explain the way more correctly.***

### Intro: The Holy Spirit and the issue of tongues

When preparing to teach the members of our small group/cell "[home church](#)" about "Red Hot Evangelism" the Holy Spirit reminded me that before I tell them about evangelism, I should tell them

about Him. He then got me to complete this article, which I actually started in September 2019. Why has it taken me over 1 year to complete writing on this topic?

It is because for about 3 years, I was suffering from what I could call “spiritual oppression.” I didn’t feel I was qualified to talk about the Spirit. How can you talk about One who you are not sure you have? Why didn’t I feel I had the Spirit? It was on account of the subject of tongues.

### **The issue of tongues**

As an example, my wife Brenda says she speaks in tongues occasionally. She has an interesting relationship with the Holy Spirit. She for example says she has asked Him on a number of occasions: “What should I wear today?” It seems mundane but God is interested in all the little details of our life.

I on the other hand have never spoken in tongues and for a number of years thought I didn’t have the Spirit, because I never spoke in tongues. Even when I could see other evidence, I was told by two people that I needed to speak in tongues as proof of having the Spirit. This was not an isolated case; a lot of respected Christian leaders in fact say for example that tongues are the initial evidence of the Spirit and that tongues activate other gifts<sup>1</sup>, even I am not sure of the biblical basis for this (activating other gifts). In fact when I narrated my experience to my home church, this is some of what we discussed:

1. I told them about a family member who at a Nigerian Church in London heard everyone speaking in tongues. Not to be outdone, he too started speaking. The only problem, he was speaking in Lugisu, my mother tongue from Uganda. It got worse, the witness who told me the story said he was speaking obscenities in Lugisu!
2. Our team leader from Zimbabwe narrated how he went to a “speaking in tongues teaching class”. The teacher kept on telling him what to repeat hoping this would activate the gift. Try as hard as he could, he just couldn’t. His challenge was this. You struggle for day 1, day 2, but what if this leader keeps telling you what to say and after a month you become fluent in copying. Are you really speaking in tongues?
3. A 3<sup>rd</sup> team member said he needed to apologise to God. He was attending a prominent Nigerian church (different from incident one) where the belief is that EVERYONE can speak in tongues. During one of the “speaking in tongues classes” the instructor kept insisting that he try speaking. Realising the instructor would never leave him, he decided to speak in Luganda, his mother tongue!

### **How Jesus intervened in my oppression**

Beautiful as this gift is, sometimes those with it can oppress others feeling “spiritually superior” and leave them (others) uncertain and like many, I was torn for a while and only felt more certain by personal intervention from Jesus who told me this specifically a few months after my salvation (as I wrote in my spiritual journal):

*24/10/17. When my wife and I talked about me starting a cell group, primarily for men in Jersey, she wanted to be sure I had the Lord’s blessing and I sought him in prayer and in his word. As is my habit, I got my bible journal and closed my eyes and he led me to his word (as he always does), this is what he led me to: As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.” 1 John 2: 27 (NIV).*

He not only put me at ease about having the Holy Spirit but also confirming that it was he who had instructed me to start our “Home Church” group. He then showed I had his Spirit by giving me the gift of prophesy which I have used on a couple of occasions including (also extracts from my spiritual journal):

- 29/1/19 and 6 Feb 2019 when I prophesied to a family member about a bleeding issue like the woman in Luke 8. She confirmed this was true, she had had a bleeding issue. This was the first prophesy I was aware of.
- 28/6/20. The Lord Jesus got me to deliver a message of prophesy openly .. I visited a Polish man in Jersey called Andy and his Wife Agnieszka and I started feeling the Spirit come on me and then next thing I know I just felt I should tell their 20 year old son something and then I delivered what I heard the Lord say to him, “I am the alpha and the Omega”. The son confirmed that he always tells his girlfriend he is the Alpha! [The presence of God was so tangible in that room] Good Lord then when I prayed Agnieszka was crying and I was crying!

## So, how do you receive the Spirit?

The bible explains who receives the Spirit as follows:

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2: 38 (NIV).*

*“But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”” Acts 5: 29 – 32 (NKJV)*

It might surprise you but I had not appreciated this simplicity before, wondering for example why my wife often prayed to the Holy Spirit. I then realised that perhaps I had a bias against Him and so I have also set out to see the revelations he has given me since I started walking with Christ. Below are my lessons.

## Why is the Holy Spirit mostly a stranger to us?

Despite the bible making it clear that it is simple to receive the Holy Spirit, it’s not as simple is it?

An author of *Life in the Spirit* notes that the Holy Spirit is mentioned over 300 times in scripture but when he asked a group of pastors and lay leaders **why it was that the Holy Spirit was mostly a stranger** and the answers were mainly this:

- Ignorance. “We have never heard about it. It’s hard to say Him”
- Fear. “There is so much wildfire around the Spirit we keep our distance – don’t want to get burned”.
- If we turn him loose he Might take over. And that’s what I am paid for.
- It’s just plain spooky, we call it Holy Ghost.
- Maybe we so fill up on techniques and programs, there is no space for Him. Who needs the Spirit?

- There may just be plain disinterest. A Gallup poll in 1996 indicated that 85% of Americans are content with their present spiritual condition. <sup>ii</sup>

He also asked, “**who might this study be for?**” Some answers include:

1. People who are curious about who the Spirit is, what he does and how to relate to him.
2. People who feel frustrated in their Christian life and think there must be something more to it than a well-worn routine.
3. People who are afraid of the Holy Spirit
4. Those who are confused and frustrated by various teachings about the holy spirit
5. Those who are tired of failing to measure up to expectations or discouraged by defeat in the battle to overcome temptation.
6. Those who want to be like Jesus, to experience a miracle quality of life that isn't merely the product of their natural abilities and hard work
7. Those who long for a closer relationship with God.

## Basics: The Holy Spirit (key information)

In the Old Testament, three groups of people were typically anointed: kings, priests and prophets. Through the work of the Holy Spirit in us, we (in Christ) are all now anointed with a *kingly anointing*, a *priestly anointing* and a *prophetic anointing*.

- Kingly anointing. You have a *kingly anointing* for the battle against temptation, sin and evil.
- Priestly anointing. You have a *priestly anointing* to pray and worship.
- Prophetic anointing. You have a *prophetic anointing* to speak the good news about Jesus.

What else is different from the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament or what else is basic info to learn?

### **He physically resides in your body – so be careful how you live physically**

*“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” 1 Cor 6: 18 – 20 (NKJV).*

### **He is the mark of ownership AND guarantee of our inheritance in Jesus**

*“It is God himself who makes us, together with you, sure of our life in union with Christ; it is God himself who has set us apart, who has placed his **mark of ownership** upon us, and who has given us the Holy Spirit in our hearts **as the guarantee** of all that he has in store for us.” 2 Cor 1: 21-22 (GNT).*

### **He is manifested (or represented) as 7 spirits!**

*Revelation 3:1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, these things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.”*

*Revelation 4:5 “And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.”*

See the Appendix for further information.

### **He is also characterised as “living waters”**

*“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore, many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.”” John 7: 37-40 (NKJV).*

### **God can’t wait to eagerly give Him to those who ask!**

*“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!”” <http://bible.com/114/luk.11.13.nkjv>*

## Can you grow in power of the Spirit?

### **You can grow in him by sowing a seed to the Spirit**

- “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6: 7 (NKJV).
- “May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 GNT
- Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus **grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.** Luke 2: 51 (NIV).
- For this reason, I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God**, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Timothy 1: 6 (NIV).

The above verses seem to indicate that if you continually “sow to the spirit”, like a seed, you will grow in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God (see Luke 2: 52) and so perhaps the deposit of the Spirit will grow until you are at the full stature of Christ, moving from one degree of glory to the next (2 Cor 3: 18).

## What does the Holy Spirit do (examples)?

### **Inward focussed activities**

**We will never understand Christianity without the Holy Spirit enlightening our eyes.**

*The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 1 Cor 2: 14 (NIV).*

### **He is our regenerator.**

““I am telling you the truth,” replied Jesus, “that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.” John 3: 5 (GNT).

The Holy Spirit regenerates and renews the believer (Titus 3:5).

### **Our teacher**

“As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. **But as his anointing teaches you about all things** and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.” 1 John 2: 27 (NIV).

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” Romans 8: 14 (NIV).

### **Guarantee**

He guards and guarantees the salvation of the ones He indwells (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).

### **Prayer**

The Holy Spirit assists believers in prayer (Jude 1:20) and “intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God” (Romans 8:26–27).

### **Comforter and giver of hope, joy and peace in a hostile world**

The Spirit comforts believers with fellowship and joy as they go through a hostile world (1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14). The Spirit, in His mighty power, fills believers with “all joy and peace” as they trust the Lord, causing believers to “overflow with hope” (Romans 15:13).

## **Outward focussed activities**

### **Gift giver**

The Holy Spirit is also a gift-giver. “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them” (1 Corinthians 12:4). The spiritual gifts that believers possess are given by the Holy Spirit as He determines in His wisdom (verse 11)

### **Our empowerer**

“And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the **power** from above comes down upon you.”” Luke 24: 49 (GNT).

““The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “**I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.** I will be their God, and they will be my people.” Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33 (NIV).

## Voice of God, Really?

You know how different people say they can hear the Holy Spirit? Is there one universal voice of the Spirit?

We all hear Him in different ways and people are sometimes not sure what a Christian means when they say they heard God’s voice. What does it sound like they often ask? For my wife for example, she can hear him audibly, by comparison, for me He often speaks to me a lot through the bible and in dreams, impressions on my heart but also, occasionally I have heard his voice distinctly. Here are some of my experiences:

**Still small voice.** I typically hear a “small voice” almost like your own conscience, only that you know it is not your thoughts as it is something that originates outside you. For example, when on 22/8/17 (from my spiritual journal) I heard the voice saying “psalms” I had never read the psalms in detail at that stage and I certainly didn’t know they would teach me to pray. It is only after I started reading that I recognised that this was his voice and have since then continued getting better at hearing it.

**Bible and 2-3 confirmatory witnesses.** Other ways are he often confirms his word “through 2 or 3 witnesses.”<sup>iii</sup> and the way I have seen this work is often when for example reading the bible, I will just see a passage that “STANDS OUT TO ME”. It connects to my Spirit and I know it is Him speaking. If I am however not sure it is his message to me, I often see it again. For example, I will read it from the bible reading for the day (witness 1) and then see it again on someone’s “random” Facebook Post (witness 2) and then I might even get it a 3<sup>rd</sup> time when I switch on the TV and the sermon is on that passage (witness 3).

**Physical manifestations.** I have experienced cold water/air flowing on my head, as if “anointing oil” and other times I have felt a chattering of my teeth when it’s not cold and then sometimes I am so overwhelmed, I just burst out into tears or into loud praise and worship. In the instance where I prophesied to Andy and Agnieszka’s son, I just felt as if I was about to burst into tears and that’s how I knew the Holy Spirit had come, hence confirming what I was to prophesy.

## Answering common questions about the Holy Spirit

### Is the Holy Spirit “just a helper” or is he God?

His name is used interchangeably with God (Acts 5: 3-4, Luke 1: 35), He does only things God can do, like create (Genesis 1: 2, Ps. 104: 30), His name is linked to the Father and the Son (Matt 28: 19).

He is however distinct as he talks to the father (romans 8: 26), He has a mind of his own (1 cor 12: 11, Romans 8: 27).

### Can you pray to the Holy Spirit?

It depends. The bible doesn’t tell us to pray to the Spirit, and when Jesus taught us to pray, he said “Our Father..” but likewise it doesn’t tell us explicitly that there is a Trinity and of the 13 prayers in

Acts, none is addressed to the father, 12 of the 13 prayers are addressed “to the Lord” and 2 Cor 3:17 says “the Lord is the Spirit”. In light of this, how do we best apply bible teaching? Perhaps “To the father, through the Son, by the Spirit”. It seems sensible to be able to talk to him (prayer).

### **Is speaking in tongues evidence of having the holy spirit?**

#### **For:**

On day of Pentecost, **all** spoke in tongues.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2: 4.

There are **two other instances** where this happens. Acts 10: 44 – 46 (Cornelius’ conversion) and Acts 19: 6 when Paul lays hands on some people. <sup>iv</sup>

Many reputable Christians believe speaking in tongues is the initial sign of the Holy Spirit baptism:

You will know that you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit when you pray speaking in a language that is unknown to you. Pentecostals believe speaking in other tongues is the initial physical evidence that Jesus Christ has baptized a person in the Holy Spirit.<sup>v</sup>

They also further on believe that speaking in tongues opens the world of charismatic gifts to you, the ones discussed in 1 Corinthians 12: 14.

#### **Against**

**On the day of Pentecost, 3000 were added to them, but there is no evidence of speaking in tongues.**

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

*With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2: 38 – 40.*

There are other instances in Acts where it seems clear, tongues were a sign that the Holy Spirit has come.

**Paul clearly says there are different gifts and not all have the gift of tongues**

*There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. There are different ways of working, but the same God works all things in all people.*

*Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, **to another speaking in various tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who apportions them to each one as He determines. **1 Corinthians 12: 4- 11 (BSB).***

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, and those with gifts of healing, helping, administration, and various tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all*



*teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts. 1 Cor 12: 27- 31.*

The descriptions of believers speaking in tongues might or might not be the initial evidence as there are instances of other conversions without reference to tongues, coupled with 1 Cor 12. There is also no direct biblical evidence that it is tongues which “activates” other gifts.

The real evidence of the Holy Spirit in your life is not necessarily gifts for false prophets and false Christs can come and perform miracles and signs and wonders. The evidence of the Spirit is the fruit of the Spirit and this is the bible description of fruit:

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5: 22*

The churches that encourage that all try to speak in tongues are probably coming from a good place, In the Old Testament, the Prophet Elisha had a “school of prophets” in 2 Kings 2 and 4:38–44 and Paul told Timothy: *For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Timothy 1: 6 (NIV).*

But perhaps they are unaware of the effect of their “schools”. I believe however that if they are to indeed take the lessons of growing the gifts of the Spirit in believers, they should not esteem Tongues above all other gifts. Aren’t there other gifts? In fact, doesn’t the bible say this:

*“There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. There are different ways of working, but the same God works all things in all people.” (1 Cor 12: 4 – 5).*

If the same Spirit is giving gifts, perhaps we should teach about them all. Here are examples of the various gifts the bible mentions in different places.<sup>vi</sup>

Romans 12: 3 – 8	1 Corinthians 12	Ephesians 4	1 Peter 4: 10 – 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prophecy</li> <li>• Service</li> <li>• Teaching</li> <li>• Encouraging</li> <li>• Giving</li> <li>• Leading</li> <li>• Showing mercy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wisdom</li> <li>• Knowledge</li> <li>• Faith</li> <li>• Healing</li> <li>• Miracles</li> <li>• Prophecy</li> <li>• Discernment of spirits</li> <li>• Tongues</li> <li>• Interpretation</li> <li>• Apostleship</li> <li>• Teaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apostleship</li> <li>• Prophecy</li> <li>• Evangelism</li> <li>• Pastoring</li> <li>• Teaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various unnamed</li> <li>• Speaking</li> <li>• Serving</li> </ul>

Maybe we shouldn’t focus so much on specific gifts, but to simply serve and let God raise or bring low as he chooses.

**Is there a special kind of Holy Spirit baptism, for a select few?**

Some people claim that at belief, everyone gets the Holy Spirit but it's like a deposit, instead they say there is a later anointing, a "fire baptism" which equips someone for work. There are 7 scriptures in the bible which speak of the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" <sup>viii</sup>the chief one is this:

Matthew 3:11, *"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

So, baptism in the Holy Spirit is correctly a biblical concept. Is there however more than one baptism?

[First Corinthians 12:12–13](#) is the central passage in the Bible regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit: *"For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink" (1 Corinthians 12:13)*. Notice that we "all" have been baptized by the Spirit—all believers (true believers or those who are saved, not nominal Christians) have received the baptism, synonymous with salvation, and it is not a special experience for only a few.

Again, this is an area where I was "oppressed", being told by someone that I couldn't start my work until I was "Baptised in the Holy Spirit". I had already been saved, I had already even been baptised in water and my pastor had laid hands on me, yet somehow this person assumed that because I didn't speak in tongues, I was not "baptised", but back to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

There is biblical precedence indeed for this "setting apart". When Paul and Silas were to do the work of evangelism, the bible says this: *Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. Acts 13: 1 – 3 (NIV)*.

It seems there is a need for those already believers and baptised with the Holy Spirit to be anointed or set apart to do a certain work, as Silas and Paul were, but perhaps we shouldn't call it a "baptism" as the bible makes it clear we are ALL baptised into one baptism.

To see other questions, visit: [https://www.gotquestions.org/questions\\_Holy-Spirit.html](https://www.gotquestions.org/questions_Holy-Spirit.html)

## Your turn

1. Have you been baptised with the Holy Spirit? If not, ask God, he can't wait!
2. Have you learnt to hear his voice? In what ways do you listen to him?
3. How will you ensure you continue to fan into flame the Mighty Gift in you?

*Write notes here*

## Appendix: Additional information

**The bible doesn't explicitly tell us what the "7 spirits of God" are, some Christians believe that these are seven facets or manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life:<sup>viii</sup>**

1. *The Spirit of Justification:* "...you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and **by the Spirit of our God.**" We are all justified because of God's grace and by our faith, and it is the Spirit of God who draws us and empowers us to acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and Savior (1 Corinthians 12:3). This is the first work of the Spirit when one is born again. (1 Corinthians 6:11) And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

2. *The Spirit of Sanctification:* 2 Thessalonians 2:13, "...God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." Sanctification is the process of God's grace by which the believer is separated from sin, purified by life lived in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16, 25 and Romans 8:1-14) The fruit of the Spirit will begin to manifest as we yield to the process of sanctification.

3. *The Spirit of Life:* Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." This is the Spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15) which makes us the sons of God (Romans 8:16-19). We can now live in the resurrection power of Christ where the operation of the gifts of the Spirit cause our lives to become supernatural. The Spirit will give life to our mortal bodies. Healing and strength will come into our bodies of flesh (Romans 8:11) as well as giving us a glorified body in that day.

4. *The Spirit of Truth:* John 14:17 "The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." The truth will set us free. The truth will bring revelation knowledge as we are taught by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of truth will reveal Jesus to us (John 15:26). Vision will be given to lead us into all truth and reveal the kingdom to us. Deception will be removed, and the lies destroyed.

5. *The Spirit of Wisdom:* Ephesians 1:17, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him." Not only will the Spirit give us a knowledge of Jesus, but it will give us insight into His mind and what He is doing (1 Corinthians 2:6-16). The Holy Spirit is our teacher (John 14:26).

6. *The Spirit of Deliverance:* Matthew 12:28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you." It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are delivered from sin and by that same Spirit demons are cast out and the powers of darkness are defeated.

7. *The Spirit of Prayer:* Romans 8:26, "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." Ephesians 6:18 tells us that all prayer should be done in the Spirit.

## Notes

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www1.cbn.com/spirituallife/the-nature-of-the-baptism-in-the-holy-spirit%3A-part-two>

<sup>ii</sup> Life in the Spirit by Robertson McQuilkin, Broadman and Holman, 2000.

<sup>iii</sup> 2 Cor 13: 1

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.gotquestions.org/tongues-Holy-Spirit.html>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www1.cbn.com/spirituallife/the-nature-of-the-baptism-in-the-holy-spirit:-part-two>

<sup>vi</sup> <sup>vi</sup> Life in the Spirit by Robertson McQuilkin, Broadman and Holman, 2000.

<sup>vii</sup> <https://www.christianity.com/god/holy-spirit/does-someone-have-to-pray-in-tongues-to-be-filled-with-the-holy-spirit.html>

<sup>viii</sup> This comes from the bible in one year devotional by Nicky Gumbel.