

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES FOR US TODAY 1

SCRIPTURE - Acts 2:36–39 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

INTRODUCTION

- A. Because of false teaching about the Holy Spirit, we have been reluctant to teach about the Spirit.
 - B. Many, today in the religious world, believe the Spirit gives people the ability to work miracles.
 - C. Miracles were given in the first century to prove that those speaking were from God.
 1. John 20:30–31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.
 2. Mark 16:19–20 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.
 - D. Paul said, miracles would cease when that which was perfect would come.
 1. 1 Corinthians 13:8–10 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
 2. Miraculous knowledge was partial. The completed New Testament brought complete, perfect knowledge. - 1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.
1. **GOSPEL CAME BY THE SPIRIT** - 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 **For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit** and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, **with joy of the Holy Spirit,**
 2. **THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** - Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**
 3. **RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT** - Titus 3:5-6 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,** ⁶ **whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,**
 4. **HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN TO THOSE WHO OBEY HIM** - Acts 5:32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* **the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.**
 5. **PROOF THAT WE BELONG TO CHRIST** - Romans 8:9 But **you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**
 6. **SPIRIT BEARS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE GOD’S CHILDREN** - Romans 8:16–17 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,** ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

7. **BAPTIZED INTO BODY OF CHRIST BY THE SPIRIT** - 1 Corinthians 12:13 For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
8. **THE SPIRIT IS OUR SEAL AND GUARANTEE** - 2 Corinthians 1:22 who also has **sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee**.
9. **SEALED AND GUARANTEE BY SPIRIT** - Ephesians 1:13–14 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession**, to the praise of His glory.
10. **WE KNOW WE ABIDE IN HIM AND HE IS US BY THE SPIRIT HE GAVE US**
 - A. 1 John 3:24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this **we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us**.
 - B. 1 John 4:13 **By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit**.
11. **A GUARANTEE OF OUR HOME IN HEAVEN** - 2 Corinthians 5:4–8 For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also **has given us the Spirit as a guarantee**. ⁶ So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.
12. **BY THE SPIRIT WE CRY OUT ABBA, FATHER** - Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"**
13. **HOLY SPIRIT GIVES COMFORT** - Acts 9:31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in **the comfort of the Holy Spirit**, they were multiplied.
14. **LOVE OF GOD POURED OUT IN OUR HEARTS BY HOLY SPIRIT** - Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.
15. **HOLY SPIRIT DELIVERED FROM LAW OF MOSES** - Romans 7:6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that **we should serve in the newness of the Spirit** and not *in* the oldness of the letter.
16. **WE WALK ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT**
 - A. Romans 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who **do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit**.
 - B. Romans 8:4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who **do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit**.
17. **MADE FREE FROM LAW OF SIN AND DEATH** - 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**.
18. **LIVE BY THE SPIRIT AND FOCUS ON SPIRITUAL THINGS** - Romans 8:5 For **those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit**.
19. **SPIRITUAL MINDEDNESS BRINGS LIFE AND PEACE** - Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but **to be spiritually minded is life and peace**.
20. **LIFE BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** - Romans 8:10 And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but **the Spirit is life because of righteousness**.
21. **LIFE THROUGH THE INDWELLING SPIRIT** - Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, **He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you**.
22. **BY THE SPIRIT PUT TO DEATH THE DEEDS OF THE BODY** - Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but **if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live**.

23. **LED BY THE SPIRIT = SONS OF GOD** - Romans 8:14 For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**
24. **BY THE SPIRIT WE CAN CALL GOD OUR FATHER** - Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."**
25. **SPIRIT INTERCEEDS FOR US** - Romans 8:27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because **He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**
26. **PRODUCES PACE AND JOY** - Romans 14:17 for **the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**
27. **ABOUND IN HOPE BY THE SPIRIT** - Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may **abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

CONCLUSION

- A. Have you been baptized into Christ, for the remission of your sins, to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?
- B. If so, are you allowing the Spirit to direct you into obedience to the Word of God?
- C. Do you need to do something to get your life right with God?