

The Holy Spirit: Who, What, Why?

The Holy Spirit &
Spiritual Gifts Series



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- Breath / Wind – John 3:8
- Clothing – Luke 24:49
- Deposit / Guarantee – 2 Cor 1:22, 5:5; Eph 1:14
- Fire – Acts 2:3
- Seal – 2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13, 4:30
- Water – John 4:14, 7:38-39
- Oil – Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38; 2 Cor 1:21; 1 Jn 2:20

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Toronto Blessing

- Uncontrollable laughter - called holy laughter
- Falling backward
- Actions and noises like animals - most common being barking like a dog and roaring like a lion
- Speaking in tongues and healings are sometimes a part of these gatherings

Charles Ryrie, *The Holy Spirit*, 178.

Toronto Blessing

- Experience of Mick Brown, non-Christian reporter with The Daily Telegraph:

“Perhaps it was the heat, or the air of febrile intoxication coursing through the air, but I could feel myself growing giddy...”

Hank Hanegraff, *Counterfeit Revival*, 2001 ed., 99-100

Toronto Blessing

- Experience of Mick Brown, non-Christian reporter:

“I didn’t even see [Pastor John Arnott’s] hand coming as it arced through the air and touched me gently – hardly at all – on the forehead...I could feel a palpable shock running through me, then I was falling backwards, as if my legs had been kicked away from underneath me.”

Hank Hanegraff, *Counterfeit Revival*, 2001 ed., 99-100

Toronto Blessing

- Experience of Mick Brown, non-Christian reporter:

“I hit the floor- I swear this is the truth – laughing like a train.”

Hank Hanegraff, *Counterfeit Revival*, 2001 ed., 99-100

Toronto Blessing

- Experience of Mick Brown, non-Christian reporter:

“I’m not and I wasn’t a practicing Christian before going to Toronto, but I’ve always had an interest in all sorts of different religious experience.”

Hank Hanegraff, *Counterfeit Revival*, 2001 ed., 99-100

Toronto Blessing

- Experience of Mick Brown, non-Christian reporter:
 - bears an eerie resemblance to a previous encounter he had with a Hindu avatar named Mother Meera
 - did not experience long term change as a result of either encounters

Hank Hanegraff, *Counterfeit Revival*, 2001 ed., 99-100

The Promise - rivers of living water

- John 7:38-39 Jesus said

“...Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Holy Spirit & Spiritual Gifts

Feb 17 – The Holy Spirit: Who, What, Why?

Feb 24 – The Holy Spirit: Where, When, How?

Mar 10 – Spiritual Gifts: Beauty in Diversity

Mar 17 – Spiritual Gifts: Beauty in Unity

April 7 & 14 – Love: The Channel of Gifts

May 19 & 26 – Signs, Tongues and Prophecy
(dovetails with 1 Corinthians 12-14)

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The Holy Spirit: Who?

He or It?
God or Ghost?

The Holy Spirit: Who?

- Honor the Holy Spirit as God, not merely treat Him as an impersonal force.
 - The Holy Spirit is a person
 - The Holy Spirit is God

The Holy Spirit: Who?

A. The HS is a person, not just a force

1. He has attributes of Personality

- Emotion: Ephesians 4:30
- Will: I Corinthians 12:11
- Love: Romans 15:30

The Holy Spirit: Who?

2. The HS is distinct from His own power

- Luke 4:14, “Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit”
- Romans 15:13, “...abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost”
- I Corinthians 2:4, “...in demonstration of the Spirit and of power

The Holy Spirit: Who?

B. The Holy Spirit is God

1. He is identified as God

- *Holy Spirit* and *God* are used interchangeably: Acts 5:3-4
- His presence in a local church renders it the temple of God: I Corinthians 3:16-17
- His indwelling a believer renders him a temple of God: I Corinthians 6:19

The Holy Spirit: Who?

2. The Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes

- Omnipotence: Romans 15:19
- Omniscience: Isaiah 40:13-14
- Omnipresence: Psalm 139:7-8
- Eternality: Hebrews 9:14

The Holy Spirit: Who?

3. The Holy Spirit performs divine works

- Creation: Genesis 1:2 (Job 26:13; 33:4; Psalm 104:30)
- Inspiration: II Peter 1:19-21

The Holy Spirit: Who?

- Honor the Holy Spirit as a person of the Godhead, and not merely as a force.
 - The Holy Spirit is a person
 - The Holy Spirit is God

The Holy Spirit: What?

What does He do?

The Holy Spirit: What?

Paraclete

“One called alongside”

Translations: Comforter, Counsellor,
Companion, Advocate, Encourager,

The Holy Spirit: What?

- John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

The Holy Spirit: What?

- John 14:16

“another Comforter (paraclete)”

The HS continues Christ’s ministry as another Paraclete of the same kind.
He highlights and represents Christ.

The Holy Spirit: What?

- John 14:16

“Will be in you...”

An internal, personal ministry!

Rom 8:8-9

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

The Holy Spirit: What?

An internal, personal ministry

- Conviction of sin: John 16:8
- Regeneration: John 3:5-6 (Tit 3:5)
- Teaching: Luke 12:12 (Neh 9:20; I Cor 2:13)
- Directing: Acts 16:6-7 (Rom 8:14)

The Holy Spirit: Why?

- Why does he do what he does?

Main purpose / function

The Holy Spirit: Why?

To enable us to be witnesses for Christ

Acts 1:8

1. HS gives us power to live for Christ
2. HS gives us power to serve Christ

The Holy Spirit: Why?

To enable us to be witnesses for Christ

Acts 1:8

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses of me

The Holy Spirit: Why?

1. Power to live for Christ

- Victory over sin: Luke 4
 - Illustration of the temptation of Christ
- Blessing to brethren and community: Acts 2
 - Illustration of the early church

The Holy Spirit: Why?

2. Power to serve Christ

- HS distributes gifts (1 Cor 12)
- HS provides skill for service
e.g. artistic design and craftsmanship for the tabernacle construction

The Holy Spirit: Why?

Exodus 31:1-3

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship...”

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Rodney Howard Browne:
“Holy Ghost Bartender” aka
“Holy Ghost Hitman”



- **“Drunk” in the Spirit**
- **“Knocked down” by Spirit**
- **“Enveloped in mist” of Spirit**
- **Subjected to “glue” of the Spirit.**

Rodney Howard Browne

- July 1979, aged 17, he says he gave God an ultimatum:
“Either You come down here and touch me or I am going to come up there and touch you.”

Hank Hanegraff, *Counterfeit Revival*, 2001 ed., 22-23

Rodney Howard Browne

- “Fire of God came down on me...I began to laugh uncontrollably, and then I began to weep and then speak with other tongues...I was so intoxicated on the wine of the Holy Ghost that I was beside myself...”

Hank Hanegraff, *Counterfeit Revival*, 2001 ed., 22-23

Honor the Holy Spirit

- Who - A person of the Godhead, and not merely a force.
- What – Indwells believers to carry on Christ's ministry in an internal, personal manner.
- Why – To enable believers to be witnesses for Christ.

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