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THE HOLY SPIRIT



WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS (His Nature & Identity)

1. He is God

- Acts 5:3–4 – Lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God.
- 2 Corinthians 3:17 – “Now the Lord is the Spirit...”
- Matthew 28:19 – Part of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

2. He is a Person (not a force)

- John 14:16–17 – He dwells with and in us.
- Ephesians 4:30 – He can be grieved.
- Romans 8:26 – He intercedes for us.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. To Make Us God’s Dwelling Place

- 1 Corinthians 6:19 – Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
- Ephesians 2:22 – We are being built together as a dwelling for God.

2. To Produce Spiritual Life & Transformation

- John 3:5–6 – Born of the Spirit.
- Titus 3:5 – Renewal by the Holy Spirit.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 – We are transformed by the Spirit.

3. To Seal and Assure Our Salvation

- Ephesians 1:13–14 – The Spirit is the seal and guarantee.
- Romans 8:16 – He testifies that we are God’s children.



THE FUNCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Teacher & Revealer of Truth

- John 14:26 – He teaches and reminds us of truth.
- John 16:13 – He guides us into all truth.
- 1 Corinthians 2:10–12 – He reveals the deep things of God.

2. Empowerer for Living & Ministry

- Acts 1:8 – Power to be witnesses.
- Luke 4:18 – The Spirit anoints for purpose.
- Zechariah 4:6 – Not by might, but by My Spirit.

3. Helper, Comforter, Advocate

- John 14:16 – He is our Helper (Parakletos).
- Romans 8:26 – Helps us in weakness.
- John 15:26 – He testifies of Christ.

4. Convicter & Sanctifier

- John 16:8 – Convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- Galatians 5:16–18 – Leads us away from the flesh.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – Sanctification by the Spirit.

5. Distributor of Spiritual Gifts

- 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 – Gifts given as He wills.
- Romans 12:6–8 – Gifts for service.
- 1 Peter 4:10 – Stewards of God's grace.

6. Producer of Godly Fruit (Character)

- Galatians 5:22–23 – Fruit of the Spirit.
- Romans 14:17 – Righteousness, peace, and joy in the Spirit.

KEY SUMMARY SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:11 – “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.”



THE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. SPEAKING IN TONGUES (Primary Biblical Evidence)

Tongues as Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Acts 2:1–4 – They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.
- Acts 10:44–46 – They heard them speak in tongues and magnify God.
- Acts 19:6 – They spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Tongues as a Sign

- Mark 16:17 – These signs will accompany those who believe... they will speak in new tongues.
- Isaiah 28:11 – With stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people.

Tongues as Prayer & Spiritual Language

- 1 Corinthians 14:2 – Speaks mysteries to God.
- 1 Corinthians 14:14–15 – The spirit prays when understanding is unfruitful.
- Romans 8:26 – The Spirit intercedes beyond human language.

2. POWER & BOLDNESS

- Acts 1:8 – Power to be witnesses.
- Acts 4:31 – Filled with the Spirit and spoke the word with boldness.
- 2 Timothy 1:7 – Power, love, and sound mind.

3. TRANSFORMED LIFE & HOLINESS

- Galatians 5:16–24 – Walking in the Spirit produces godly fruit.
- Romans 8:13–14 – Led by the Spirit, not the flesh.
- Ezekiel 36:26–27 – A new heart and Spirit producing obedience.

4. SUPERNATURAL UTTERANCE & GIFTS

- 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 – Manifestations of the Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 14:26 – Spiritual expressions build the body.
- Acts 2:17–18 – Prophecy, visions, dreams.

5. INNER WITNESS & ASSURANCE

- Romans 8:16 – The Spirit bears witness we are God's children.
- Galatians 4:6 – Crying "Abba, Father."



DISTINCTION THAT MATTERS

- John 20:22 – Disciples received the Spirit (indwelling).
- Acts 2:4 – Later, they were filled with the Spirit (baptism).

- Indwelling = Salvation
- Baptism = Empowerment & Evidence

TONGUES: PRIVATE vs. PUBLIC

Private (Personal Edification)

- 1 Corinthians 14:4 – Builds oneself.
- Jude 1:20 – Praying in the Holy Spirit.

Public (Requires Interpretation)

- 1 Corinthians 14:27–28 – Must be interpreted for the church.
- 1 Corinthians 12:10 – Different kinds of tongues.

- Tongues ≠ the only evidence of maturity
- Tongues = a consistent biblical sign of infilling

TEACHING SUMMARY

The Holy Spirit indwells us for salvation, but He fills us for demonstration. Speaking in tongues is the God-given evidence that heaven has taken residence and is now speaking through the believer.