

Gifts and Benefits

The Holy Spirit, Part 2

☑ **Target: Understand the gifts and benefits of the Holy Spirit!**

Key Verses

Galatians 5:22–23a—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Acts 2:17—And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

Suggested Bible Reading

☐ Psalms 1, 2, 8, 19, 23, 27, 91

Other Recommended Reading

☐ Finish reading *God's Gifts* (book)

Prayer and Praise: “Thank You, Jesus, for the Gifts of Your Spirit!”

Thank You for wisdom and discernment, as “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.”

Thank You for knowledge. Paul wrote, “We have the mind of Christ.”

Thank You for faith and that “by faith we understand.”

Thank You for healing, as You have promised, “But to you who fear My name the Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.”

Thank You for miracles. You said, “He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do.”

Thank You for prophecy. “But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.”

Thank You for tongues, as You told us, “And these signs shall follow those who believe; ... they will speak with new tongues.”

Thank You for the interpretation of tongues. “Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.”

Thank You for Your many other gifts! “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variation or shadow of turning.”

Thank You most of all for the gift of love! “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

(Proverbs 4:7; 1 Corinthians 2:16b; Hebrews 11:3a; Malachi 4:2a; John 14:12a; 1 Corinthians 14:3; Mark 16:17; 1 Corinthians 14:13; James 1:17; 1 Corinthians 13:13)

Meditation: “I Trust in the Lord” (Psalm 31:6)

John G. Paton was making a translation of the Scriptures into the language spoken in the country where he was working for the Lord. He searched long for a word for “believe,” as there was no comparable word in the local language. One day, while working on his translation, one of the local people entered his room and, tired out, flung himself down on one chair, resting his feet on another chair and remarking how good it was to “lean his whole weight” on the chairs. Dr. Paton noted the word he had used for “lean his whole weight.” He had his word for “believe.”

<To think about> *Are you putting your trust in the Lord for whatever problems you face? Are you leaning upon Him?*

Getting to Know the Word—Quick Quiz on the Holy Ghost!

Pick the right answer(s)!

1. What is the main reason that the Lord gives us His Holy Spirit?

- a. To give us the spiritual power to boldly witness to others about Jesus!
- b. So that we can speak in tongues, thus showing others how spiritual we are.
- c. So that we can receive ecstatic spiritual thrills.

2. What changed Peter from a rash, stumbling, dithering fisherman into the apostle Peter, a fearless soul-winner and flaming witness for Jesus?

- a. His fear of the religious leaders. He was so concerned about the opinions of men that he blurted out his witness with no idea of what he was saying.
- b. On the Day of Pentecost he was filled with the Holy Spirit of God and received a mighty anointing of boldness and power!
- c. He was drunk with wine, just like his critics accused him of being (Acts 2:13).

3. When we yield our hearts and lives to God’s Spirit, we are:

- a. Loving, caring and compassionate.
- b. Selfish, critical and withdrawn.
- c. On fire, enthusiastic and inspired.
- d. Constantly full of our own thoughts and plans instead of the Lord’s leadings.
- e. Bold and outgoing in our witness to others, even if naturally shy.
- f. Apathetic and lifeless as a dead, cold icicle.