

would be **in** them in the near future. "He lives **with you** and will be **in you**." (John 14:17)

After His resurrection Jesus imparted the Holy Spirit into his disciples. Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "**Receive the Holy Spirit**." (John 14:21, 22)

Just before His ascension Jesus told His disciples to wait for a full empowering of the Holy Spirit. "I am going to send you **what my Father has promised**; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

As He ascended into heaven Jesus promised His disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes **on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the **seal of the promised Holy Spirit**; Eph 1:13

#### Symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Bible:

**OIL** – Anointing with oil confirms authority. "So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him [David] in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on **the Spirit of the LORD** came upon David in power." (1 Samuel 16:13)

**WATER** – Water quenches thirst and causes things to grow. "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me... streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant **the Spirit**, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. (John 7:37-39)

**WIND** – Wind propels things with its force but it also soothes. "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone **born of the Spirit**." (John 3:8)

**FIRE** – Fire purifies. "He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (Matthew 3:11, 12)

## Galatians 3 - "PROMISES, PROMISES!"

**KEY VERSES:** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, that we might receive the *promise of the Spirit* through faith. (13-14)



The word 'promise' is used in chapter three nine times. So... What is the promise? When was it given? Who is it for?

### 1) IT IS THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

I am sending upon you **what my Father promised**; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for **the promise of the Father**. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me" Acts 1:4

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the **promise of the Holy Spirit**, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. For **the promise is for you**, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:33, 39

### 2) IT WAS FIRST GIVEN TO ABRAHAM, THEN TO DAVID:

... in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive **the promise of the Spirit** through faith. Gal 3:14

Of this man's posterity (David) God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he **promised**; And we bring you the good news that what God **promised** to our ancestors (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc.), he has fulfilled. Acts 13:23, 32



It is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the **children of the promise** are counted as descendants.  
Romans 9:8

### 3) IT WAS FORE-SHADOWED UNDER THE OLD COVENANT:

He came on particular people at particular times for particular tasks.

**Bazalel for artistic work:** “I have **filled him with the Spirit** of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts-- to make artistic designs... and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship.” (Exodus 31:3-5)

**Gideon for leadership:** “But Lord, "Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." Then **the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon.**” (Judges 6:15, 16, 34)

**Samson for strength:** “The **Spirit of the LORD came upon him** in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands.” (Jdg 15:14)

**Isaiah for prophecy:** “The **Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me**, because the LORD has anointed me to preach the gospel...” (Isaiah 61:1)

### 4) IT WAS RE-AFFIRMED BY THE PROPHETS:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant:** I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
Jer 31:31, 33

A new heart I will give you, and a **new spirit** I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put **my spirit** within you, and make you

follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.  
Ezek 36:26-27

I will pour out **my spirit** on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions... on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out **my spirit.** Joel 2:28-29

All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Peter, standing with the eleven... addressed them, “This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel.” Acts 2:4, 14, 16

### 5) IT WAS FULFILLED IN CHRIST:

**Jesus was the first true ‘Spirit-Man.’**

He received His power **through the Holy Spirit.** At His baptism, “the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove.” (Luke 3:22)

He declared, “The **Spirit of the Lord is on Me**, because He has anointed Me.” (Luke 4:18)

As He began His ministry He “was **led by the Spirit**” (Luke 4:1) “**full of the Spirit,**” (Luke 4:1) and operated “**in the power of the Spirit.**” (Luke 4:14)

### 6) THE PROMISED SPIRIT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL OF US:

**Jesus said we could also become ‘Spirit-Men.’**

Jesus predicted **the Holy Spirit** would come. “It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor [Holy Spirit] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 14:7)

Before His crucifixion Jesus said the Holy Spirit was **with** His disciples as long as He was with them, but that the Holy Spirit