

DO NOT BE AFRAID
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Don't be afraid of what? Don't be afraid of the Holy Spirit. What better way to limit the effectiveness of a Christian than creating fear of the Holy Spirit. Fear is a tactic used to control people. Do not fear the Holy Spirit, rather embrace Him. Fears and misperceptions blind us to the Biblical clarity of walking with the Spirit daily.

For the immersed, He is living inside you. He came to you when you were baptized into Christ. "Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) This verse doesn't say you might receive, it says you **will** receive the Holy Spirit.

For whatever reason the topic of the Holy Spirit is not studied nor preached about as much as other Biblical topics. Perhaps people equate the Holy Spirit with the Pentecostals. You know they are more active in their worship and at times it's scary.

The Holy Spirit has been around as long as God has. "1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was moving over the surface of the waters." (Genesis 1:1-2) "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:26) You notice the word Our is capitalized. Not My image, not Jesus' image, but in Our image. Plural, referring to all three of the Godhead.

The Holy Spirit is not an it. He is this: "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:11) When you realize that the "Spirit of Jesus" is dwelling in you, that, my friend, is a game changer. Stop and think about it. The Spirit of Jesus is alive inside of you. So why not embrace Him instead of being afraid of Him?

Take comfort in this. The Holy Spirit is a person who wants a relationship with you. In this relationship He controls you. No human can control the Holy Spirit. It requires you to totally surrender your will to Him. This is not a bad thing at all; rather, it's a beautiful place to be with Jesus and His Spirit. The Holy Spirit will continually prompt you in your relationship with Him about where to go, what to think, what to do, and what to say. He will always prompt you to live for God's purpose. In His will is a great place to be.

When the Spirit shows up in power and people of God surrender to His loving leadership, awe-inspiring movements of God emerge. When surrender has occurred, then character is transformed, doors are opened, fruit emerges, and unimaginable dreams become reality.

Walking with the Holy Spirit is not something done on occasion. It's something that you must do every day of your life. If the walking daily does not happen then you have a broken relationship with the Holy Spirit. Once realized, that we were created to walk the path created for us to take and abiding in Him was God's plan from the beginning, not something God added on or an afterthought.

Remember His Spirit is in your life, giving you opportunities to serve. Yes, this might be scary because you do not believe you can accomplish the task. The Holy Spirit in you gives you abilities you never imagined. This life transformation requires total surrender to God. Please take this verse to heart and let it motivate you. [“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” \(Philippians 4:13\)](#)

God desires to do great works in and through us. This will not happen apart from the Helper (another name for the Holy Spirit.) We must cultivate a life in which He dwells. To help anything planted it must be cultivated to help it grow to its full potential. Same thing is true with your Spiritual life. To do otherwise is not a fully surrendered life to Him.

The question is not “Have I ever been filled with the Spirit.” The question is, “Are you full of the Holy Spirit?” You see, yesterday’s filling is no guarantee for today. You need to ask yourself this question every day.

When you come to Christ and have trusted Him to be your Lord and Savior you are sealed with the Holy Spirit. [“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,” \(Ephesians 1:13\)](#)

God has made you His son or daughter provided you accepted Him as your Lord and Savior. [“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” \(2 Corinthians 5:17\)](#) His Spirit has taken up residence in your life and you are forever sealed with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a part of the trinity. Understanding this is key to understanding that the Holy Spirit is not an it, not a female, rather, He is a person. This is a vital part of learning how to walk in the Spirit with fullness of the Spirit. Don’t forget—this is a relationship and must be treated as one just like you would with any other person. The relationship with the Holy Spirit is paramount, much more important than any other relationship you have. Remember to walk with the Holy Spirit daily. Have a blessed week.

Holy Spirit:

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