

# History of the Holy Spirit

## 1. The Lord and Giver of Life

### A. Natural Life

#### **Genesis 1:2 Preparing for life**

*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. [He was preparing the formless deep for new life. As we will see, all life comes from Him.]*

#### **Genesis 2:7 Adam's life**

*Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

**Job 32:8 Our understanding**

*But it is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.*

**Job 33:4 Our life**

*The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

**Job 34:14-15 All flesh**

*If He should determine to do so, If He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath, <sup>15</sup> All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.*

**Psalms 104:29-30 Animal life**

*You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire And return to their dust. <sup>30</sup> You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.*

## **B. Spiritual Life**

**John 3:5-8** *Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

**Titus 3:5-6** *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

## C. Resurrection Life

**Romans 8:11** *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.*

**1 Corinthians 15:42-44** *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; <sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural [lit. soulish] body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*

## **2. The Divine Equipper for Service**

### **Numbers 11:17 Moses and 70 elders**

*Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it all alone.*

### **Judges 3:9-10 The judges**

*When the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. <sup>10</sup> The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim*

### **1 Samuel 16:13-14 King David**

*Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. <sup>14</sup> Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.*

### **2 Samuel 23:1-2 Inspiration of the Psalms**

*Now these are the last words of David.... "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue."*

### **Acts 4:31, 33 The church and the apostles**

*And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.... And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.*

### 3. The Spirit in Old Testament and New Testament Saints

#### A. What Old Testament believers had from the Spirit

##### **New Birth**

*Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel? (**Ezekiel 18:31**)*

*Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances (**Ezekiel 36:26-27**).*

### **3. The Spirit in Old Testament and New Testament Saints**

#### **A. What Old Testament believers had from the Spirit**

**New Birth**

**Fellowship with God** (think of the Psalms)

**Perseverance** (think of **Hebrews 11**)

**Holiness** (**Psalm 143:10**)

*Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.*

## **B. What is New in the New Testament?**

### **Acts 1:8 Power for world-wide evangelism**

*... but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.*

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-13. The church as the body of Christ**

*For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6. Gifting of every believer for service**

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.*

**Galatians 4:4-7. A sense that God is our Father**

*But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.*

## **4. The Holy Spirit in Adam and Christ**

### **A. The Holy Spirit in Adam**

#### **Genesis 2:7 Conditional gift of the Holy Spirit**

*Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

#### **John 20:21-22 Restoring what Adam lost**

*So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

#### **In Ezekiel 37 Breath, wind = Holy Spirit**

*"I will put My Spirit with you, and you will come to life" (v. 14).*

## **B. The Holy Spirit in Christ**

**Kept sinless from birth Luke 1:35.** *The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.*

**Anointed for ministry Luke 3:21-22.** *Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,<sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."*

**Filled with the Spirit Luke 4:1-2.** *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness<sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil.*

**Preached and performed miracles** in the power of the Spirit.  
**Luke 4:14.** *And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.*

**Luke 4:18-19.** In Nazareth, Jesus read this passage from Isaiah and applied it to Himself: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.*

**Acts 10:38** *You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

## 5. The Spirit in You

### A. The Christian's conflict

**Romans 8:12-14** *So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--<sup>13</sup> for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.<sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

**Galatians 5:16-18** *But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.<sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.*

## **B. What this means for you**

**Unsaved: Dominated by the flesh**

**Unsaved: Cannot get yourself born again**

**John 1:12-13.** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**Saved: Helpless apart from the Holy Spirit**

**Saved: Jesus is your model**

**Finally—Revelation 22:17**

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.*

**If you are unconverted, come!**

**The Bride of Christ (the church) invites you to come.**

**The Spirit invites you to come to Christ.**