

Understanding the Holy Spirit

When Do I Receive the Holy Spirit?

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Acts 19:1-7

1 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

Romans 8:9-11

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 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.

- Paul is clear that a person cannot be a believer of Jesus Christ (aka Christian) without having the Holy Spirit.
- When does this happen?

Romans 8:1 ...who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 7:6 *But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

Romans 6:3-4 *3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

Romans 5:1 *1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

A person who puts their faith in Jesus Christ has the Holy Spirit.

Discipleship Homework:

The scriptures have a lot to say about when and how the Holy Spirit works in our salvation. Spend time this week journaling and meditating on many scriptures listed in the notes. Use the questions below as a guide to help you connect with Holy Spirit.

- Do you have the Holy Spirit? If you'd like to talk more about this with pastor Jarrod, please email him at jarrod@1116.church.
- In what ways has the Holy Spirit worked in your life? What about in the last week?
- What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit? James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." Ask Him to reveal the answers to the questions you have and start reading scripture and listening.

Here is a guide prayer you can use this week:

"Holy Spirit, You are God. Thank you for working in my life. You guided me into salvation, renewed my dead spirit, and you opened my eyes to the Truth. Thank you.

Help me to see you more clearly – to recognize your movement in my life. Make me more sensitive to you so I can follow you more closely. I need you to help me be obedient when I recognize your leading. I need you.

In Jesus' name, Amen."