

GLORY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
A Case for the Holy Spirit
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IV. The Holy Spirit and Salvation

A. The Spirit of God and our knowledge of God.

Question: What do these texts tell us?

I Corinthians 12:2-3 (NKJV)

You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

II Corinthians 3:13-17 (NKJV)

Unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

I Thessalonians 1:5 (NLT)

For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you.

I Peter 1:12 (NCV)

It was shown them that their service was not for themselves but for you, when they told about the truths you have now heard. Those who preached the Good News to you told you those things with the help of the Holy Spirit who was sent from heaven—things into which angels desire to look.

I Corinthians 2:1-16 (NKJV)

II Corinthians 2:12 (NKJV)

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

II Corinthians 2:13(NKJV)

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

II Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

John 16:13 (NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

B. Salvation is being regenerated by the Spirit

John 1:12-13 (NKJV)

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, 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.

Question: How do we possibly connect the Holy Spirit to this text?

John 3:5-8 (NKJV)

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 6:63 (NKJV)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Romans 8:2 (NKJV)

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Titus 3:5 (NKJV)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

John 3:5 (NKJV)

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I Peter 1:3, 11-12 (NKJV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)

Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...

John 3:1-8 (NKJV)

John 3:6 (NKJV)

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:8 (NKJV)

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:1 (NKJV)

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins...

C. Salvation is being baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV)

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Mark 1:8 (NKJV)

I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

John 1:26 (NKJV)

John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.

John 1:33 (NKJV)

I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

John 3:16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Acts 1:5 (NKJV)

For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

Acts 11:16 (NKJV)

Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

II Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

Acts 8:16 (NKJV)

For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:5 (NKJV)

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Romans 6:3 (NKJV)

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

I Corinthians 10:2 (NKJV)

All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

Matthew 3:6 (NKJV)

And were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

Matthew 3:13 (NKJV) – by John

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:14 (NKJV)

And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”

Mark 1:5-9 (NKJV)

Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”