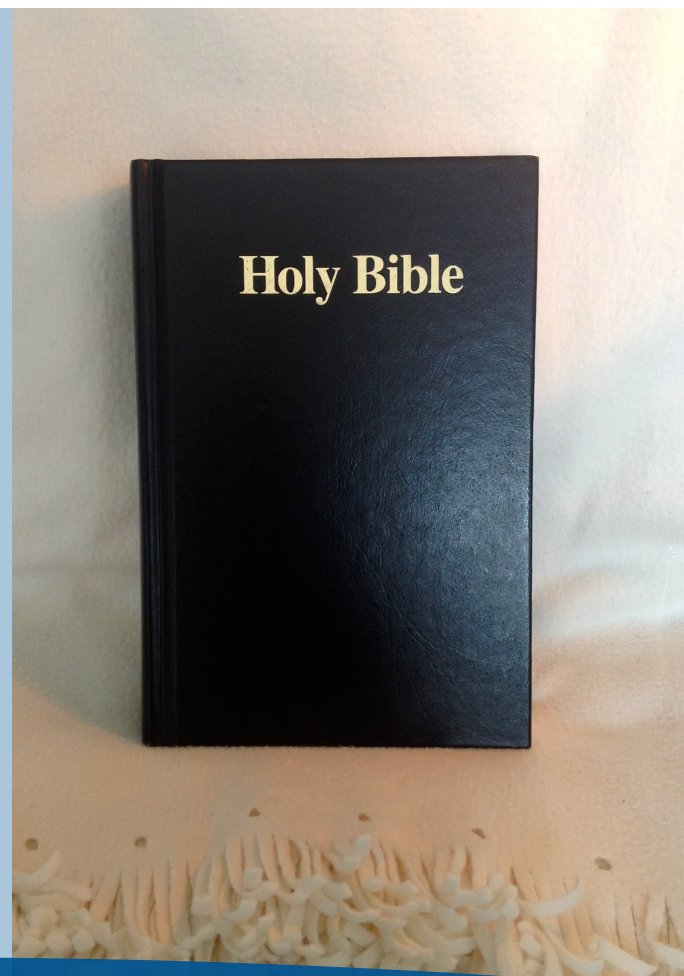


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# Learn to Read the Bible More Effectively

EXPLORING  
BIBLE  
TEACHING ON  
HOLY SPIRIT  
GIFTS



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## 1. WHAT IS IT TO BE BORN AGAIN OF THE SPIRIT?

### John 3

**3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

**5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit **is spirit.**

### 1 Corinthians 15

**50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE DOES IT SPEAK OF HOLY SPIRIT POSSESSION AS BEING  
BORN AGAIN

SO WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT BEING BORN OF THE SPIRIT?  
IS IT NOW OR FUTURE?

lets see the context:

### 1 Corinthians 15

**42** So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

**44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is **a spiritual body.**

**50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit **incorruption.**

**53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on **immortality.**

**54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

SO WE MUST ADMIT ONE

“cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (Jno 3:5) as an eternal citizen “Except” by being “born... of the Spirit,” as “a spiritual body”(v44) in “incorruption”(v50) in “Immortality” (vv53,54)

THIS ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION - “Death.. swallowed up in victory”(v54)

## 2 Peter 1

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

IS NOT BEING BORN OF THE SPIRIT & ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION?

## Romans 8:

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the **firstfruits** of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, **the redemption of our body.**

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the **firstborn** among many brethren.

**“the redemption of our body”**

**“the firstborn among many”**

**“the firstfruits of the Spirit”**

There is no mention of re-birth but rather Jesus Christ the “firstborn.”

## 2. HOLY SPIRIT GIFTS DEFINED AS FIRSTFRUITS

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## New Living Translation

And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

## 2 Corinthians 5

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but **clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**

5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who **also hath given unto us the earnest** of the Spirit.

EXB version for v 5

This is what God made [designed; prepared] us for, and he has given us the Spirit to be a guarantee for this new life [deposit; down payment; 1:22].

## **2 Corinthians 1**

**21** Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

**22** Who hath also sealed us, and given **the earnest** of the Spirit in our hearts.

### **3.THE GRAVITY OF HOLY SPIRIT POSSESSION**

## **Hebrews 6**

**4** For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have **tasted** of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

**5** And have **tasted** the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

**6** If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

### **4. HOW WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT A SIGN OF THE GOSPEL?**

## **Ephesians 1**

**13** In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

**14** Which is the **earnest** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

**19** And what is the exceeding greatness of his **power to us-ward** who believe, according to the working of **his mighty power**,

**20** Which he wrought in Christ, **when he raised him from the dead**, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

## **Acts 2**

**32** This **Jesus hath God raised** up, whereof **we all are witnesses**.

**33** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, **he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear**.

## **Romans 1**

**1** "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto **the gospel of God**,"

**And the Gospel is....**

## **Romans 1**

**3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ** our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And **declared to be the Son of God** with power, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead:**

### **Colossians 1**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

This truth was the main point of the Gospel of the Apostles

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from **the hope of the gospel**, which ye have heard, and **which was preached to every creature which is under heaven;** whereof I Paul am made a minister;

### **Mark 16:15**

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

### **Mark 16:20**

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

## **5. APOSTLES: EYE WITNESSES WHO BESTOWED THE SPIRIT**

### **Acts 1:**

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, **must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

### **Acts 2:**

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Paul, the thirteenth apostle was an eyewitness to the resurrection and glory of Christ when Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus. Then and on later occasions Christ spoke directly to Paul so he could preach the good news, as Christ said to him:-**

### **Acts 26:16**

But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and **a witness** both of these things **which thou hast seen**, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

### **Paul obeyed and witnessed far and wide:-**

### **Romans 15**

**18** For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, **19** Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

## **6. HOLY SPIRIT ESSENTIAL FOR THE MAKING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

### **John 14:26**

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you** all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.

**Their word had to be infallible -the word of God. This was also the case with the prophets of the Old Testament:-**

### **2 Peter 1:21**

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

**Until the Bible was completed it had to be an age of miracles we have seen that Holy Spirit possession was essential for creating the old and new testaments. It was also essential for the gospel to be preached throughout the civilised world by the apostles and (in the absence of the as yet unwritten New Testament) that people might believe.**

## **7. THE 13 APOSTLES RECEIVED THE SPIRIT IN EXCEPTIONAL WAYS, THEREAFTER THEIR PRESENCE WAS REQUIRED FOR ONE TO RECEIVE A GIFT**

### **Acts 8**

**14** Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they **sent unto them Peter and John:**

**15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, **that they might receive the Holy Ghost:**

**16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

**17** Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

**18** And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

**19** Saying, **Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.**

### **Romans 1**

**11** For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

The individual gifts that the believers received were not transferable, and died out with them. And once the apostles had passed away, there was no possibility of new believers receiving the Holy Spirit gifts. But by that time the spirit word of the New Testament was in their midst and the Ecclesias were established throughout the civilised world, so possession of Spirit gifts was no longer required:

**They had done there work!**

**8. When a spirit gift was bestowed upon a believer by an apostle it was a specific supernatural gift, for the edification of others:-**

### **1 Corinthians 12**

**8** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of **wisdom**; to another the word of **knowledge** by the same Spirit;

**9** To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of **healing** by the same Spirit;

**10** To another the working of **miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another divers kinds of **tongues**; to another the interpretation of tongues:

**but notice: No one received the gift to pass on the Spirit**

### **1 Corinthians 12**

**28** And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

**29** Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

**30** Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

**31** But covet earnestly the best gifts: and **yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.**

**The churches make out that if you don't have the gift of the holy spirit you cannot be saved, but what if instead we have the "more excellent way" of which Paul proceeds to speak:-**

### **1 Corinthians 13:**

**1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

**2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

**8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there **be knowledge, it shall vanish away.**

**13** And now abideth **faith, hope, charity, these three**; but the greatest of these is charity. **In other words spirit gifts were only for a time, for the practical purposes of that day.**

**The scriptures- once written and circulated- were sufficient to obtain the faith hope and love that saves. Those who walk thus are truly in Christ:-**

### **1 John 2:**

**5** But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.”

**And finally it is clear that some - indeed many - who did have the holy spirit in the first century, failed with regard to the “more excellent way” which alone brings salvation:-**

### **Matthew 7:**

**22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

**23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”