



UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST

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The Holy Ghost

**WHO IS THE
HOLY GHOST?
HE IS NOT
A “THIRD
PERSON”!**



WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST?

- The Spirit of Jesus (Philippians 1:18-19)

PHILIPPIANS 1:18-19 (ERV)

¹⁸ ...I will continue to be glad,

¹⁹ because I know that your prayers and the help the Spirit of Jesus Christ gives me will cause this trouble to result in my freedom.

WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST?

- Christ in you (Colossians 1:27)

COLOSSIANS 1:27 (ERV)

God decided to let his people know just how rich and glorious that truth is. That secret truth, which is for all people, is that Christ lives in you, his people. He is our hope for glory.

WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST?

- When the Bible talks about receiving the “gift of the Holy Ghost,” it specifically refers to being filled with the Spirit of Christ

WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST?

- There's only one Spirit (Ephesians 4:4); so the Spirit of Jesus, also known as the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit, is none other than the Spirit of God

EPHESIANS 4:4 (ERV)

There is one body and one Spirit,
and God chose you to have one
hope.

WHY THE HOLY GHOST?

- We can't be saved without it
(John 3:3-5)

JOHN 3:3-5 (ERV)

³ Jesus answered, “I assure you, everyone must be born again. Anyone who is not born again cannot be in God’s kingdom.”

JOHN 3:3-5 (ERV)

⁴ Nicodemus said, “How can a man who is already old be born again? Can he go back into his mother’s womb and be born a second time?”

JOHN 3:3-5 (ERV)

⁵ Jesus answered, “Believe me when I say that everyone must be born from water and the Spirit. Anyone who is not born from water and the Spirit cannot enter God’s kingdom.”

WHY THE HOLY GHOST?

- According to John 3:3-5,
 - Everyone **must** be born again
 - Can't enter the Kingdom of God without it

WHY THE HOLY GHOST?

- We don't belong to God unless we have His Spirit (Romans 8:9; Ephesians 4:30)

ROMANS 8:9 (ERV)

But you are not ruled by your sinful selves. You are ruled by the Spirit, if that Spirit of God really lives in you. But **whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ.**

EPHESIANS 4:30 (ERV)

And don't make the Holy Spirit sad. **God gave you his Spirit as proof that you belong to him** and that he will keep you safe until the day he makes you free.

EPHESIANS 4:30 (ERV)

- When we understand who the Holy Ghost is (the Spirit of Jesus), it becomes easy to understand why we can't be saved if we don't have Him (Jesus) in our hearts!

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- It completes our New Birth of water and Spirit (John 3:5)

JOHN 3:5 (ERV)

Jesus answered, “Believe me when I say that everyone must be born from water and the Spirit. Anyone who is not born from water and the Spirit cannot enter God’s kingdom.”

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- It makes us belong to Jesus (Romans 8:9)

ROMANS 8:9 (ERV)

But you are not ruled by your sinful selves. You are ruled by the Spirit, if that Spirit of God really lives in you. But **whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ.**

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- It gives us power (Acts 1:8)

ACTS 1:8 (ERV)

“But the Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power. You will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about me—in Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world.”

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- It helps us walk in “newness of life”
(Romans 6:4)

ROMANS 6:4 (NLV)

We were buried in baptism as Christ was buried in death. As Christ was raised from the dead by the great power of God, so we will have new life also.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- It sets us free (2 Corinthians 3:17)

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 (ERV)

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- It gives us righteousness, peace and joy (Romans 14:17)

ROMANS 14:17 (ERV)

In God's kingdom, what we eat and drink is not important. Here is what is important: a right way of life, peace, and joy—all from the Holy Spirit.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- It will raise us from the dead when Jesus comes for His church (Romans 8:11)

ROMANS 8:11 (ERV)

God raised Jesus from death. And if God's Spirit lives in you, he will also give life to your bodies that die. Yes, God is the one who raised Christ from death, and he will raise you to life through his Spirit living in you.

HOW TO RECEIVE IT?

- Believe (John 7:37-39)

JOHN 7:37-38 (ERV)

³⁷ The last day of the festival came. It was the most important day. On that day Jesus stood up and said loudly, “Whoever is thirsty may come to me and drink.”

JOHN 7:37-38 (ERV)

³⁸ If anyone believes in me, rivers of living water will flow out from their heart. That is what the Scriptures say.”

JOHN 7:37-38 (ERV)

³⁹ Jesus was talking about the Spirit. The Spirit had not yet been given to people, because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory. But later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Spirit.

HOW TO RECEIVE IT?

- Obey (Acts 5:32)

ACTS 5:32 (ERV)

“...God has given this Spirit to all those who obey him.”

HOW TO RECEIVE IT?

- Receive! (Acts 2:38)

ACTS 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

HOW TO RECEIVE IT?

- Since you can't see the Holy Ghost, God will give you a miracle to let know you have received His gift – He will make you speak in “other tongues” or “different languages” that you don't otherwise know how to speak (Acts 2:4)

ACTS 2:4 (ERV)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to do this.

ACTS 10:44-47 (ERV)

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his speech.

ACTS 10:44-47 (ERV)

⁴⁵ The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the Holy Spirit had been poured out as a gift also to people who were not Jews.

ACTS 10:44-47 (ERV)

⁴⁶ They heard them speaking different languages and praising God. Then Peter said,

ACTS 19:6 (ERV)

Then Paul laid his hands on them,
and the Holy Spirit came on them.
They began speaking different
languages and prophesying.

WHO CAN RECEIVE IT?

- All people! (Acts 2:17-18)

ACTS 2:17-18 (ERV)

¹⁷ 'God says: In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will have special dreams.'

ACTS 2:17-18 (ERV)

¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit on my servants, men and women, and they will prophesy.'

WHO CAN RECEIVE IT?

- Sons
- Daughters
- Young men
- Old men
- Men servants
- Women servants

WHO CAN RECEIVE IT?

- The promise is unto **you**, your **children**, and **everyone...** (Acts 2:39)

ACTS 2:39 (ERV)

“This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for the people who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself.”