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The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are always active. However, God the Father was prominent during Old Testament times, God the son (Jesus) was prominent during His time on earth and God the Holy Spirit is prominent here and now.

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will

make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.

John 16: 12-15

The Holy Spirit leads us into relationship with Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus is the way to a relationship with God the Father.

After His resurrection, Jesus spoke to His disciples. These are people who had **salvation** but they needed something else in order to be **effective**.

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you . . .

Acts 1:4-5, 8a

So who is the Holy Spirit?

He is God. Just like God the Father, and God the Son. He is God the Holy Spirit. He wants to give you POWER to live your faith in Christ with victory and courage.

He is not a vapor. He is not a dove. He is not a wind. These are just some of the pictures that represent Him in scripture. The Holy Spirit is a person.

Attributes of the person of the Holy Spirit: He...

- Teaches (John 14:26)
- Counsels (John 14:26)
- Comforts (John 14:16)
- Convicts (John 16:8)
- Testifies (John 15:26)
- Leads (Romans 8:14)
- Reveals truth (John 16:13)
- Strengthens (Acts 9:31)
- Encourages (Acts 9:31)
- Helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26)
- Intercedes (Romans 8:26)
- Searches the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:11)
- Sanctifies (Romans 15:16)

How do we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Ask

If you then . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him! Luke 11:13

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Have a spirit-filled believer lay hands on You

And they laid hands on them...
Acts 8:17, 9:17, 19:6

And you will receive the Holy Spirit.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God now lives inside you and there are gifts that He gives as He wills.
1 Corinthians 12:11

Gifts are mentioned in a few places in scripture:

- Serving
(Romans 12:7)
- Teaching
(Romans 12:7)
- Encouraging
(Romans 12:8)
- Giving
(Romans 12:8)
- Leadership
(Romans 12:8)
- Showing mercy
(Romans 12:8)
- Ability to give wisdom
(1 Corinthians 12:8)

- Word of knowledge
- Faith
(1 Corinthians 12:9)
- Gifts of healings
(1 Corinthians 12:9)
- Working of miracles
(1 Corinthians 12:10)
- Prophecy
(1 Corinthians 12:10)
- Discernment
(1 Corinthians 12:10)
- To speak in different kinds of tongues
(1 Corinthians 12:10)
- Interpretation of tongues
(1 Corinthians 12:10)

There are many examples of receiving the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. In almost every example there is one common experience either stated, or implied. When these early believers received the Holy Spirit they began to speak in tongues.

Occasionally people don't speak in tongues immediately, but everybody has the ability to do so. If you do not speak in tongues immediately, don't be concerned. You have received the Holy Spirit. Just continue in your relationship with Him.

Why Speak in Tongues?

To edify yourself

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.

1 Corinthians 14:4

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 20

Praying in tongues strengthens and builds your spirit. The way you look after your body is by eating well and exercising. They way you build your spirit is by speaking in tongues.

It helps you hear more clearly from God. It helps shut out distractions. It brings peace and increases your faith.

Personal Intercession

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the

Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:26 & 27

With speaking in tongues, we have been endowed with the ability to make supernatural prayer on our own behalf. This is inspired language from the Spirit, through us, to God.

Devotional Ministry to God

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

1 Corinthians 14:2

Our ability to worship God effectively is limited by our finite mind.

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." For those who worship Him must do so in spirit and in truth.(add scripture reference) Therefore, he has provided us with the ability to do so in the spirit.

John 4:24

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Intercession for Others

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

No one knows God's will like the Holy Spirit. By praying in the spirit, we can be assured that we're praying for His kingdom to come and His will to be done.



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