

Why We Need the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is more than just speaking in tongues.

The Holy Spirit is more than goosebumps.

The Holy Spirit is the empowering presence of God. WE need the Holy Spirit because, without Him, we are running a supernatural race with natural strength.

Too many Christians are living their daily lives tired, defeated, and overwhelmed, they find themselves right back in the same sinful patterns, and the same weariness.

Jesus knew this would happen. That is why, after His resurrection, He gave the disciples a command: **“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (Acts 1:4-5)**

Why did they need this "gift"? And why do we need it today? Here are just a few reasons:

In Life we have an enemy....this enemy wants to kill, steal and destroy our life.... **In John 10:10 AMP Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows.)**

Sin destroys us..... **This is why you don't wean yourself from sin.... You abandon sin....any sin you try to wean yourself will become your friend.**

There are numerous unhealthy habits that people find comfort in.... sin is not to comfort you..... The Spirit of God is to comfort you...

The Spirit brings the fullness we are looking for..... Grief depletes our energy.... rejection steals our joy. Hurt, pain, trauma....tries to destroy's us...the Spirit restores us ... **Psalm 16:11 In His presence there is fullness of Joy.....**

Pour water into the bottle... why does the enemy try to distract you from prayer, or distracted from God's word... or to keep you too busy to come to church.... Here is why.....**The Spirit is your daily source for a full life.**

The Holy Spirit is not optional if you want to live a full life..... If you do not have the Spirit of God... you only have self pouring into you...

Self doesn't have the power to say no to sin... Self doesn't have the ability to produce the character of God in us... self can't live holy. Self cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit....

I know nonbelievers who are kind, gentle, and patient. They love their families, they help their friends, and they serve the world.

There are people who do good things for a lot of reasons, but whatever does not come from the Holy Spirit is done out of pleasure for self.

In other words, when the flesh is our source of our fruit, the motivation isn't to magnify God's reputation.

When flesh is the source of our fruit it is to magnify our own reputation.

The Bible says, **Matthew 6:5-6 "The Pharisee's love to pray to be seen by men" their fruit was prayer, their source was pride.**

Even those who seem selfless and good, at the root of it, they are just serving themselves. The Bible says...you can give all your goods to feed the poor and without love...it profits you nothing...I just read this yesterday....

"If you want to feed the homeless, feed the homeless, but the moment you post it on social media all you are feeding is your ego."

Why we need the Holy Spirit is to produce the fruit of the Spirit. **The fruit of the tree doesn't live to satisfy itself, it is meant to satisfy the owner and serve the hungry.**

The scripture says "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8) I do believe this verse means to personally experience God's goodness...

But I wonder, could it mean that when a person tastes the fruit of your life.... it causes them to want a life that looks more like yours... Jesus spent three and a half years of His life full of the Spirit.... And at the end of his life the disciples wanted to be like Him.

When the Disciples started following Jesus the fruit from their life was pride, His was meekness, their fruit was hate, His was love, they were anxious for position, power, prestige... He was at peace.

Why do we need the Holy Spirit...The Holy Spirit is the only power to make you like Jesus...Why did Jesus tell his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit empowers them..... Acts 1:4,5,8....we cannot become like Jesus without His spirit dwelling in us.

The Scripture says....**Romans 8:9-11 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

If we do not have the Spirit of God. We are not Sons and Daughters. **John 3:5 Jesus said, "If we are not born again of the water and of the Spirit, we can't enter the Kingdom of God."** If the Spirit does not dwell inside of us.... We are not Sons/Daughter...We cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit... We are not given the gifts of Spirit...We cannot enter the Kingdom of God.....

Why do we need the Spirit.....Keep walking with me ...look at what the Spirit also does...Ephesians 2:1- And you hath he quickened, (that means made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins; ² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: ³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh (our self) and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, (against God) even as others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

God caused our spirit to come alive.... Before our spirit came alive....we only lived to please ourselves.

Here is a principle that is so important.... It is the Spirit that awakens you to the emptiness of self...and God's Word is a mirror that shows you your blind spots...

While 95% of people believe they are self-aware, research suggests only 10–15% of the population truly possesses high self-awareness.

Your mind cannot be renewed without the Spirit of God.

Ephesians 4:23 (NLT) instructs believers to 22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupt by lust and deception....23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God....truly righteous and holy. 25 So stop telling lies....

Without the Spirit we don't capture toxic thoughts and align them with Christ's. (as described in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

We need the Holy Spirit....so we can think like Jesus. Live like Jesus.... Love like Jesus...

Is the Holy Spirit your diploma? No...it's your birth certificate so you can start to do the good works like He did...

So what do you want me to do.... I want you to surrender to God right now.... As in the next 5 minutes.

If you don't have the baptism of the Holy Spirit....ask God for it...

I want you to go to God every day this next week and invest time Praising God... Speaking words of Gratitude.... I want you to get still and allow the Holy Spirit to pour back into you...

Do you want a full life or an empty one?

Do you want yourself to be your source.....or would God be a better choice?

Pray this prayer:

God, I surrender to you today. I open all the secret places of my heart to you and say, "Come in." I surrender my time, my treasures, my talents.

I surrender my whole life to you, the past, the present, and the future.

I ask You to Forgive me of all my sin, so that I may come near to you....Take my sin and Cover me in your righteousness, take my sin and fill me with your Spirit,

Transform my life through your love. Heal me from the inside out. My greatest need is to be forgiven, washed and cleanse.....Make Me Whole.... Draw me close to you

We ask for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. Fill us, empower us, and lead us, that we may like you on the Earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

