



The Holy Spirit's Role in the Believer's Life

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to another faith ^[f] by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of ^[a] healing ^[h] by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ and to another the ^[i] effecting of ^[m] miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the ^[k] distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He ^[w] wills.

The manifestation of gifts of Holy Spirit are always Holy Spirit working directly through us to bring glory to Jesus. These works are supernatural, power filled, and bring the kingdom of heaven into the earth realm. The exclusive goal of these gifts to bring glory to Jesus, not to the vessel through which they flow. The use of these gifts is the clearest example of the presence of God among us, and by their power and goodness show the nature of God most evidently. No person, by their own will can manufacture these gifts, and the sin of blasphemy against Holy Spirit is the only unforgivable sin. This sin was highlighted when a person gave Satan credit for a miracle done by Holy Spirit. (Matt 12:31)

One of the works of the Holy Spirit, is to bring us into right alignment with creation. And here we have a ghastly tough problem in the Christian community, because the only framework most people have of the Holy Spirit and creation is physical healing. Well, yes, absolutely positively, that is the domain of the Holy Spirit. I have no issues with that. But it's far more, and each one of us is designed by God to identify most fully with one member of the Trinity. ^[4]

Almost every human dilemma at a personal level can be categorized as either fear (emotional difficulty), or doubt (intellectual difficulty). Our emotions and intellect constitute our soul and govern the choices we make (our will). Doubt, fear, and inner turmoil—compounded by things that happen to people throughout the course of their lives—are real hindrances that oppose your peace and deteriorate your confidence. The Holy Spirit desires to reach down inside of us, remove obstructions to our wholeness, and heal our pain. He wants to fill our souls with God's peace, but there's a distinct way in which that peace flows.

When Jesus spoke about rivers of living water, He was speaking about the Holy Spirit. The indwelling of the Spirit is given to us at the time we receive Jesus. The overflow of the Spirit has to do with when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at the dimension that He comes from Jesus with power. The Book of Acts makes very clear: repent, be baptized, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who then gives us gifts to answer specific needs. There's no more outstandingly manifested flow than that seen in Acts 2—manifest evidence of the Spirit of God working in people. ^[9]

There's a direct relationship between what God does in me, what He freely does through me, and the flow of the Holy Spirit happening in me (Romans 8:26-27). The Holy Spirit is "The Great Psychiatrist." The prophet Isaiah described the Holy Spirit as wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord (11:1-2).



The Bible says that he who speaks in a tongue is speaking to God “mysteries” (1 Corinthians 14:2), referring to things that were not known before, but now are being brought into the light. When the Word of God comes alive in a person, you are experiencing a flow of the Holy Spirit. It’s not the letter on the paper, but the Word of God animated in you by the Holy Spirit quickening it. The Word of God is a spiritual resource that enables us to make wise choices (John 8:32).^[9]

When those two things are put together—the Word made alive by the quickening of the Spirit, and Holy Spirit life being released through the flow of spiritual language—then you have a river of living water that will filter through the deep recesses of the psyche, uncovering and breaking down those things which have become obstacles to your liberty in Christ (1 Corinthians 14:2; 2 Timothy 2:19-22):^[9]

If you will allow the Holy Spirit to flow in your life, both through the Word of God and through the ongoing exercise of prayer language, that flow can penetrate the conscious mind and produce deliverance from any hindrance to God’s fullest purpose for you. God’s program of redemption is to bring every one of us into wholeness and full partnership with Him. Through the release of our spiritual language, the Holy Spirit—*The Great Psychiatrist*—is available to give us peace of mind in the face of great trial and stress, and the sustaining power to persevere in spiritual warfare.^[9]

God has sent forth this outpouring that we may all be brought into a revelation of our sonship - that we are sons of God, men of power, that we are to be like the Lord Jesus Christ, that we are to have the powers of sonship, the power to lay hold of that which is weak and to quicken it. The Baptism of the Spirit is to make us sons of God with power. We shall be conscious of our human limits, but we shall not limit the Holy One who has come to dwell within. We must believe that since the Holy Ghost has come upon us we are indeed sons of God with power. Never say that you can’t. All things are possible to them that believe. Launch out into the deep and believe that God has His all for you, and that you can do all things through Him who, strengthens you.^[10]

The Lord wants all saved people to receive power from on High--power to witness, power to act, power to live, and power to show forth the divine manifestation of God within. The power of God will take you out of your own plans and put you into the plan of God. You will be unmantled and divested of that which is purely of yourself and put into a divine order. The Lord will change you and put His mind where yours was, and thus enable you to have the mind of Christ. Instead of you laboring according to your own plan, it will be God working in you and through you to do His own good pleasure through the power of the Spirit within. Someone has said that you are no good until you have your “I” knocked out. Christ must reign within, and the life in the Holy Ghost means at all times the subjection of your own will to make way for the working out of the good and acceptable and perfect will of God within.^[10]

