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THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.” (Ephesians 1:13)

Objectives

Knowledge of God’s Will	The Holy Spirit is vital to our salvation. The evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.
Knowledge of God	God is Spirit.
Good Work	Be aware of misconceptions related to receiving the Holy Spirit.

A. The Importance of the Holy Spirit

1. *The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our heavenly inheritance (Eph 1:13)*
2. *The presence of the Holy Spirit during water baptism allows us to be reborn (Jn 3:5)*
3. *The Holy Spirit bears witness that we are children of God (Rom 8:16)*
4. *The Holy Spirit quenches our spiritual thirst (Jn 4:14; 7:37–39)*
5. *The Holy Spirit helps us to bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23)*
6. *The Holy Spirit is our Helper in our walk of faith (Jn 14:26)*
7. *The Holy Spirit can give us power to transform our lives (Acts 1:8)*

B. The Evidence of Receiving the Holy Spirit

1. *The disciples receive the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1–4)*
2. *Cornelius and his household receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 10)*
3. *The disciples in Ephesus receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1–7)*

C. Common Misconceptions About Receiving the Holy Spirit

1. *“We receive the Holy Spirit when we believe in Jesus Christ.”*
As shown by Paul’s encounter with the disciples in Ephesus, we do not immediately receive the Holy Spirit upon believing in Jesus (Acts 19:5–6). Our belief is a separate event from receiving the Spirit.
2. *“We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized.”*
The Bible clearly records receiving water baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit as two different events. Simon the sorcerer, for example, came to believe and was baptized, but did not immediately receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:13–16).
3. *“Exhibiting virtues of the fruit of the Holy Spirit means that we have the Holy Spirit.”*
Cornelius is a clear example of a virtuous person who did not receive the Holy Spirit until Peter came to his house to preach (Acts 10:44). From this, we can see that being virtuous or doing good deeds does not mean that we have the Holy Spirit.

Life Application: Defending the Truth

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Lesson 7 Homework Assignment

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Ephesians 1:13):

1. According to the memory verse, what is the process of receiving salvation?
 - a.
 - b.
3. How do we know that we do not receive the Holy Spirit when we believe or are baptized?
4. What is the most important aspect of the Holy Spirit to you personally, and why?