

Receiving The Holy Spirit Is it For Every Christian?

You understand that the Holy Spirit has power. But what about receiving the Holy Spirit so that His power can be evident in your life? Do you sometimes wonder if you really have access to the Holy Spirit?



If you [really] love Me,
you will keep (obey) My commands.
And I will ask the Father,
and He will give you another Comforter
(*Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate,
Strengtheners, and Standby*),
that He may remain with you
forever.
-John 14:15,16 (Amplified)

Let's examine this scripture a bit more closely for a clearer understanding of how you go about receiving the Holy Spirit.

God Works in Covenants

Like you will notice throughout the Bible, Jesus is making a covenant with us. A more modern term would be a binding promise. If you keep your part of the covenant, He will keep His.

So, what is your part?

1. Really LOVE Him.
2. Keep His commands. (John 14:15)

What is His part?

1. He will ask the Father,
2. He will give you the Comforter (John 14:16)

If loving Jesus and following His commands is all we have to do to have access to the Holy Spirit, why are so many Christians living without this spiritual powerhouse? Why are more of us not receiving the Holy Spirit?

Sometimes, we do not obey the commands of God, and do not realize we have sinned. The command may be from the Bible. But, often, the commands are the whispers of the Holy Spirit as He speaks to you personally within your heart.

If we constantly dismiss His advice and counsel, why would He keep hanging around? Until we repent of our disobedience as sin, the Holy Spirit's power is not accessible to us.

Another reason people live without the Holy Spirit is that they are deceived by Satan into thinking that having access to this gift is only for *special* people. But this is a lie. It is just a way to keep you powerless.

Not only does not accessing the Holy Spirit keep you powerless against the enemy's attacks, but it makes you powerless in reaching out and making a huge impact for God. God is no respecter of persons. He said:

*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children:
how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?-*
Luke 11:13

If you feel, in your heart, that you have never really received the Holy Spirit, then take a second right now and simply take God at His Word - Ask Him for It. If the Bible makes it that simple, there is no reason we should try to complicate it.

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Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever thought that having access to the Holy Spirit was not for you? Why?

The "Self-sufficient Christian"

Sometimes, depending on our personalities and personal experience, we feel this strange need to be "INDEPENDENT." We constantly bang our heads against the wall before we realize what we are doing isn't working.

Part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life is to help you when you cannot help yourself. But, it is your responsibility to stop what you are doing, and ask for assistance.

Hold on to the truths that you learned in the introduction to this Holy Spirit course about all of the help the Holy Spirit is here to provide you. Here is a quick refresher.

Next Time You Hit A Wall:

- If you are having a hard time making a decision. It's probable a good job for the **Counselor**.
- If you are not sure how you are going to get it all done. It's time to call in the **Helper**.
- If your heart is heavy and joy is nowhere in sight. Tap into the soothing powers of the **Comforter**.
- When something is troubling you, but you don't know what to pray about. You better reach out to the **Intercessor**.
- When your situation calls for favor with God and man, the only one who can help you is the **Advocate**.
- When an emergency arises and you're not sure who to call. Cry out to the **Standby**.
- And when you feel like you may not be able to keep going much longer. There is no one to call but the **Strengtheners**.

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2. Jesus says here that He will send the Holy Spirit into each of our lives. We often read It described as the "Comforter," but the Amplified Bible gives us a more complete explanation of how Jesus meant it.

What is your reaction when you read that The Holy Spirit is your *Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners and Standby* ?
