

## How To Receive The Holy Spirit 3018

### I. Introduction

- A. The Holy Spirit is referred as both *it* and *He*—both *personal* and *impersonal*
- B. Ps. 139:1–12—Through the Holy Spirit God pervades the universe, both omnipresent and omniscient (compare Jer. 23:24).

### II. Operations Of The Holy Spirit In The Old Testament

- A. Ps. 3:6—God’s Word and Spirit together brought the universe into being (Gen. 1:2–3)
- B. Ex. 31:2–5—Bezaleel was filled with the Holy Spirit for a *practical task*: to make all the furniture of the tabernacle.
- C. Deut 34:9—Moses transferred the spirit of wisdom to Joshua, to make him his successor.
- D. Judges 6:34—The Holy Spirit “clothed” Gideon to make him a military leader.
- E. 2 Sam. 23:1–2—The Holy Spirit gave the psalms to David (compare Ps. 51:11).
- F. 2 Pet. 1:21—All Old Testament prophecy came by the Holy Spirit.

### III. The Holy Spirit Prepares The Way For Jesus

- A. In preparation for the coming of Jesus, John the Baptist and both his parents were filled with the Holy Spirit
  - 1. Luke 1:15—John the Baptist from the womb
  - 2. Luke 1:41–42—Elizabeth was filled and prophesied
  - 3. Luke 1:67—Zechariah was filled and prophesied
- B. John 1:29–34—John introduces Jesus as “the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit.” John’s baptism in water was a prefiguring of the baptism in the Spirit.

### IV. Jesus Prepares The Way For The Holy Spirit

- A. John 7:37–39—Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will be given to believers *after He himself has been glorified*.
- B. John 14:15–18—“Another” Person to come as Comforter to the “orphaned” disciples and to abide with them forever.
- C. John 14:25–26—Two ongoing ministries of the Holy Spirit when He comes:
  - 1. Teacher
  - 2. Remembrancer
- D. John 16:5–7—An exchange of Persons: first Jesus will depart; then the Holy Spirit will come in His place.
- E. John 16:12–15—The Holy Spirit will take over and complete the ministry of Jesus, revealing and imparting our inheritance to us.

### V. Between Resurrection And Ascension

- A. John 20:19–22—The *resurrected* Christ and the *inbreathed* Spirit. The disciples are *regenerated*. Compare the *first creation* (Gen. 2:7).
- B. Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, 8—However, this experience of the disciples on the Resurrection Sunday was not the fulfillment of “the promise of the Holy Spirit.”

### VI. Pentecost: The Promise Fulfilled

- A. Acts 2:1–4—The *glorified* Christ and the *outpoured* Spirit.
- B. The promise fulfilled in three phases:

1. Immersion (baptism)
2. Infilling
3. Outflow—in speech

## **VII. How To Receive**

### **A. John 7:37–39—Three requirements:**

1. Be *thirsty*
2. *Come* to Christ as baptizer (See John 6:37)
3. *Drink*—receive with open mouth

The *result*: Outflow in speech

### **B. Two ways that Satan attacks:**

1. “That’s not real, you’re doing it yourself.” Answer: “I’m doing the speaking, the Holy Spirit is giving the words.”
2. “How to do you know you got the right thing?” Answer: Because God promised that if I ask Him for the right thing, I will never get the wrong thing” (see Luke 11:9–13).