

Receive the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-22 (NIV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that **he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."**

I. Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Acts 10:38 (NIV)

³⁸ how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit** and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Romans 1:4 (NIV)

⁴ and who through **the Spirit of holiness** was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. A Person

Genesis 1:1-2 (NASB)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

B. The Exchange of Persons

John 16:5-7 (NASB)

⁵ "But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

II. What is the Holy Spirit Here to Do?

A. To Complete the Ministry of Christ

1. Jesus returns in the Holy Spirit

John 14:3, 16-18 (NASB)

³ "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. . . . ¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

2. _____ and reminder

John 14:25-26 (NASB)

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. ²⁶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

3. Guide--- _____

John 16:12-13 (NASB)

¹² "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

Hebrews 11:7 (NIV)

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Luke 17:26 (NIV)

²⁶ "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

4. Administration of _____

John 16:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. ¹⁵ "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

B. To Empower the Body of Christ

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, You are welcome in my life. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear---I choose to cooperate with You. Grant me a revelation of the Living God. Help me to honor Jesus of Nazareth in my life. Bring understanding of God's provision for my life ---His love, His great power expressed towards me and through me. May the hope of the Living God surround my life today. In Jesus' name, amen.