

Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

 John 15:26

Jesus went to Heaven (we celebrate this on **Ascension Day**), but He did not leave people alone. He sent the Holy Spirit to help us. In the original text (Greek), it says **paraklétos** there. This means: defender, mediator, helper, support.

The Holy Spirit is God. You cannot see Him with your eyes. He can be everywhere at once and is always with you.

How do you receive the Holy Spirit?

When you come to believe in Jesus, His Spirit comes to dwell in you. The Holy Spirit goes to work. He will help you to see the things that are not good for you.

 John 14:23-27

 Romans 8:12-16

to think about

- ▶ Has the Holy Spirit been given all the space in me? Am I still holding things back? Is there perhaps something holding me back?

What is 'the baptism in the Holy Spirit'?

 Matthew 3:11

The root text uses the Greek word **baptizo**. This means **to immerse**. Totally immersed in what the Holy Spirit can and wants to give to us.

 Acts 1:4,5 and 8

Here you see this group of Christians receiving extra power from the Holy Spirit.


 Acts 10:37,38

God also gives Jesus this power of the Holy Spirit. So even Jesus needed this power. *It's not a nice extra option, it is essential for us!*

to think about

- ▶ What would happen if you too received that extra power of the Holy Spirit?

What happens at the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

 Acts 2:1-4 - The coming of the Holy Spirit is clearly seen and heard here.

 Acts 8:12-17

 Acts 19:5-6

During the Jewish Feast of Pentecost (=Feast of Weeks), people thought back to the appearance of God on Mount Sinai, where God's coming was accompanied by sound and fire. So it is extraordinary that exactly during this feast the Holy Spirit of God comes in much the same way!


 Exodus 19:16-20.


 **to think about**

- ▶ Am I baptised in the Holy Spirit? How do I know?
- ▶ What exactly about 'speaking in tongues'? (There is a study on this topic on our website: [click here.](#))
- ▶ Ask God if He wants to baptise you in the Holy Spirit. Of course, you can also ask someone else to pray with you.

What is 'being filled with the Holy Spirit'?

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the very first time the Holy Spirit comes into you with His power. And that is just the beginning. The Holy Spirit very much wants you to **remain** full of His power. We call that: being filled with the Holy Spirit.

 Ephesians 5:18 - The root text says: "be filled with the Holy Spirit **continually**".

 Acts 4:8 and 31 - We need to be filled with God's Spirit so that we can tell about Jesus and do what Jesus did without fear. The power is so great that miracles are also possible! You may ask for healing, for yourself and for other people.

 Luke 11:9-13

You may trust that He always gives you the power of the Holy Spirit when you ask for it!

 **to think about**

- ▶ How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- ▶ How can I stay filled with the Holy Spirit?
- ▶ Pray every day for the power of the Holy Spirit - Look for what God wants, read in your Bible and ask for God to fill you in such a way that you may overflow with His love and power. You will notice that and so will those around you!


 John 7:37-39



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Additional info

 Acts 10:44-48 - Peter goes to the house of a Gentile man, Cornelius. At that time, they thought gentiles had to become Jews first, and only then could they belong to Jesus; gentiles were outside the covenant with Abraham, the progenitor of all Jews. The Holy Spirit showed that Gentiles can belong too!