

# AFTER PENTECOST

What was the source of the miraculous power?

“And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, ‘Which,’ He said, ‘you heard of from Me, for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:4 NAS). (Luke 24:49)

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He [Christ] poured out this which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:33 NAS).

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, **He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’**” (John 20:21-22).

*Note: Christ received the Holy Spirit from His Father.  
He then poured this Spirit upon His disciples.*

“And I will ask the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may be with you forever” (John 14:16 NKJ).

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you **from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father**, He will testify of Me” (John 15:26).

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?**” (Luke 11:13 NKJ).

“For this reason I bow my knees to **the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **that He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 3:14-18).

*Note: The Spirit of the Father dwelling in, and flowing through His Son, enables Christ to dwell in us. Both the Father and the Son live in us. We partake of their nature - and we are thus changed - and healed.*

“But if **the Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, *He* who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you**” (Romans 8:11).

*Note: The Father raised Christ from death (1Peter 1:3; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:17-20).*

“No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and *His* love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in *Him*, and *He* in us, because **He has given us of His Spirit**” (1John 4:12-13).

*Note: No man has seen the Father (John 6:46).*

“And this is *his* [the Father’s] commandment, that we should believe in the name of *his* Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as *he* has commanded us. All who keep *his* commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that *He* abides in us, by **the Spirit which *he* has given us.**” (1John 3:23-24 RSV).

“Yet for us there is one God, **the Father, from whom are all things** and for whom we exist, *and* one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (1Corinthians 8:6 RSV).

**CONCLUSION: THE HOLY SPIRIT ORIGINATES FROM GOD THE FATHER.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CALLED A “GIFT” FROM THE FATHER

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and **comes down from the Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17-18).

“*He* who did not spare *His* own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **how shall *He* not with Him also freely give us all things** (including the gifts of the Spirit)?” (Romans 8:32).

*Would not “all things” include the “spirit of Christ” which is given to us by the Father?*

“... **giving thanks always for all things to God the Father** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20).

“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**’ (Acts 2:38).

*Conclusion: The Holy Spirit originates with the Father, and is given to us by the Father. But .... we communicate with the Father and He communicates with us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the “one mediator between God and man.” (I Timothy 2:5)*

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FROM THE FATHER - THROUGH CHRIST - TO MEN

“This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Titus 3:6 NRS).

Acts 2:33 “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He [Christ] poured out this which you now see and hear.”

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me” (John 15:26).

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me [Jesus] is mightier than

I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire**” (Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33).

*Anything repeated four times in Scripture is absolutely foundational!!!!!!!!!!*

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, **He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’**” (John 20:21-22).

**Conclusion: The Holy Spirit is given to us by the Father, through His Son.**

WHAT FORM OR PERSONALITY DOES THIS SPIRIT TAKE?  
WHOSE PRESENCE DO WE EXPERIENCE?  
WHOSE VOICE DO WE HEAR?

Galatians 4:6 “And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’**” (Galatians 4:6 NAS).

“For this reason I bow my knees to **the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **that He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 3:14-18).

*Note: The Spirit of the Father dwelling in, and flowing through His Son, enables Christ to dwell in us.*

This is why Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he is not His” (Romans 8:9).

*The Spirit of God [our Father] dwells in us,  
and we experience this presence as the Spirit of Christ.*

“For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and **the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**” (Philippians 1:19).

[Jesus prayed to His Father:] “**I in them**, and **You in Me**; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that *You* have sent Me, and have loved them as *You* have loved Me” (John 17:23).

Romans 8:10-11 “And if **Christ is in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

*“Christ is in you” through “the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead.”  
God the Father raised Christ from the dead (Gal. 1:1, 1Pet. 1:3).*

*The dead will come forth when they hear “the voice of the Son of God” (John 5:25). The reason why Jesus can raise the dead is because “the Father has given to the Son to have life in Himself” (John 5:26). How does the Father do this? The Father dwells in the Son by His Spirit, enabling Him to dwell in us - and someday to raise the dead.*

## HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES

To the church of Ephesus: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” “These things says He who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.” “To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life...” (Rev. 2:7, 1).

*It is the Son of Man, who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. (Rev. 1:12-13).*

To the angel of the church of Smyrna: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” “These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:” “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Rev. 2: 11, 8, 10).

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos: “These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword (1:13,16):” ... He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna ...” (Rev. 2:12, 17).

*A sharp two-edged sword comes from the mouth of the Son of Man. (Rev 1:13-16).*

And to the angel of the church in Thyatira: “... “These things says the Son of God” ... ‘I am He who searches the minds and hearts. ... He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’” (Rev. 2:18, 23, 26, 29).

And to the angel of the church in Sardis: ““These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God. ... He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father ... He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”” (Rev. 3:1, 5, 6).

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia: “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God ... He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”” (Rev. 3:7, 12, 13).

And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans: “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”” (Rev. 3:14, 21, 22).

*Conclusion: To hear the Holy Spirit is to hear the voice of Christ!!*

## THERE IS ONE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:4 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of you calling;”

Ephesians 2:18 “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”

THAT SPIRIT IS CALLED “THE ETERNAL SPIRIT.”

Hebrews 9:14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

John 4:24 Jesus said, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

*But go back, and read verse 23. “But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” Notice – Jesus did NOT say that men would worship the Spirit. He said that men would worship the Father.*

Ephesians 4:6 “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

ONE GOD - WHO IS SPIRIT - AND JESUS CALLED HIM “FATHER.”

John 8:29 “And He who sent me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

John 16:32 “I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”

John 15:15 “All things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

John 17:21 “You, Father, are in Me...”

John 14:10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? ..... The Father who dwells in Me, He does the works.”

SO THEN -

THAT SPIRIT OF THE FATHER -

WHICH INDWELT CHRIST

WHICH WAS GIVEN TO CHRIST WITHOUT MEASURE

IS THEN GIVEN TO US - BY OR THROUGH CHRIST

AND WE EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US/ AND IN US

This is how we abide in the Father and the Son (1John 1:24).

This is how “we have fellowship with the Father and with the Son.” 1 John 1:3

Jesus said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and Make Our home with him.” John 14:23

## **THE RIVER OF LIFE FROM THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB**

“Then he showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb” (Revelation 22:1 RSV).

“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:38 RSV).

*We are “baptized” in water, and we are baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Mark 1:8)*

*Christ gives to us “living water” which cleanses our heart and then flows out from us. (John 7:38)*

*We are washed and made spiritually clean by “water and the word.” (Ephesians 5:26)*

*The “early rain” and “latter rain” symbolize the outpouring of the Spirit. (Hosea 6:3)*

*Water for Israel flowed from the smitten rock (Exo. 17:6).*

*We drink of the “water of life.” (Revelation 21:6)*

*The “river of life” flows from “the throne of God and the Lamb” (Revelation 22:1).*

*The “river of life” is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which flows from the Father and the Son.*

## **DIFFICULT PASSAGES CONCERNING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**1 Corinthians 15:45** “And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam [Christ] became a life-giving spirit.’”

*This passage is not puzzling, when we know that the Spirit of the Father, given to us through Christ, comes to us AS the Spirit of Christ. Consider the following:*

2 Corinthians 3:17 “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Ephesians 4:10 “He that descended [into the grave] is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.”

## **ANOTHER COMFORTER**

**John 14:16-18** “Jesus said, ‘I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, .’”

Let’s look at the entire passage:

“And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Helper (Comforter), that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him for He dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:16-18).

*First: Jesus asked the Father. He did not ask the Spirit (as if the Spirit were a third divine being).*

*Second: It's pretty obvious that Jesus was speaking of Himself. He said, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."*

*Third: There are two Greek words, which are both translated into English as "another." One is "allos," (#243) meaning another exactly like the first - a duplicate. The other is "heteros" (#2087) meaning another which is not of the same class, kind, or nature. The word in John 14:16 is "allos." God the Father would send another Jesus.*

## HE WILL GLORIFY ME

Jesus said this "spirit of truth" "will testify of Me" (John 15:26) and "will glorify me."

**John 16:13** "However, when He the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority; but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine, and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

*First: Jesus spoke of Himself in third person, calling Himself "He, the Son of Man." (See Matt 13:41; Mark 8:38; Luke 18:31-33).*

*Second: "I do not speak of my own authority" Jesus said. (Jn 12:49; Jn 5:30; Jn 14:10) So.. If Jesus did not speak on His own authority, we would not expect the Spirit to do this, IF the Spirit IS Christ.*

*Third: To "take of what is Mine" is just another way of saying that He would take of those things that are the Father's (for they ARE His) – that is - prophetic knowledge. He would tell us "things to come."*

*Fourth: We read that "the Spirit was not yet given, because Christ was not yet glorified."*

*In Jesus last public prayer are the words: "Father, glorify me." (John 17:5)*

*How did the Father glorify Christ? - He filled Him with His Spirit - which Christ then poured out upon the believers on earth - and they went out preaching and teaching with power - working miracles.*

*The Bible says "many wonders and signs were done by the apostles (Acts 2:43). And these miracles testified to/ or verified the truth of Christ's resurrection. Romans 15:19 says, "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."*

*"But I have a greater witness than John's for the works which the Father has given Me to finish- the very works that I do-bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me." (John 5:36).*

## THE SPIRIT MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US

As Peter said, Paul wrote some “things hard to understand.”

**Romans 8:26-27** “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now **He who searches the hearts** knows what the mind [intent and purpose] of the spirit is, because **He makes intercession** for the saints according to the will of God.”

*First: Jesus said, “I am He who searches the minds and hearts.” (Revelation 2:23)*

*Second: Jesus knows the Father. Matthew 11:27 “...no one know the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”  
He knows the mind of God the Father - who IS Spirit (John 4:24).*

*Third: Jesus is the ONLY intercessor/mediator between God and men. (I Timothy 2:5) If you say that the Spirit is a third divine being, who is making intercession then you have just introduced another mediator. Why would both Christ and the Spirit intercede with the Father? If the Spirit is just as fully God as the Father (according to the doctrine of the Trinity) then would not Christ need to intercede on our behalf with the Spirit, because He is the Mediator “between God and men?”*

*Christ searches the hearts of men. He gives to us His Holy Spirit. That presence comes to each person with comfort and inspiration tailored to his or her needs. The Spirit presence of Christ inspires our prayers, so that we will pray for that which is best. In this sense, it is still Christ who intercedes for us. When we pray “in the Spirit,” our prayers are inspired by the Spirit of Christ. (Eph 6:18; Jude 20-21) Jesus is our Advocate with the Father (1Jo. 2:1) He stands at the throne of God. The Spirit presence of that same Jesus is our Comforter. The Greek word translated “Comforter” or “Helper” in John 14:16, John 14:26, and Heb. 13:6, is translated “Advocate” in 1Jo. 2:1.*

*“We have only one channel of approach to God. Our prayers can come to Him through one name only - that of the Lord Jesus our advocate. His Spirit must inspire our petitions. The Lord Himself must kindle in our hearts the burning desire, if our prayers are to be acceptable. The Spirit of Christ within must help us to pray, making intercessions for us, “with groanings that cannot be uttered.””*

“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba Father!’ (Galatians 4:6).

## THE SPIRIT SEARCHES THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11** “But God has revealed them [the good things He has prepared] to us through *His* Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, even the deep things of God. For what man knows the things [thoughts] of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

*“God is Spirit” and He was called Father, by Christ. Jesus said, “Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (Matt. 11:27). So... if the Spirit IS Christ, then obviously He would search out all the deep things of God His Father*

OR

*Only the man himself knows his own deep thoughts, so only God knows His own “deep things.”*

*Obviously this is not a proof text. But it does suggest that God is NOT three co-equal divine beings. Jesus said, concerning the end of the age, “of that day and hour no man knows, not even the angels, but My Father only.” (Matthew 24:36). If the Spirit is a third coequal divine being, wouldn’t He know? But Jesus said, “My Father only.”*

## GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and **comes down from the Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17-18).*

*“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things (including the gifts of the Spirit)?**” (Romans 8:32).*

*“. . . **giving thanks always for all things to God the Father** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20).*

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but **the same God who works all things in all persons. . . . But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He [God] wills**” (1Corinthians 12:4-11 NAS).*

*Note: The “He” in this text might refer to the Spirit or to the “God who works all things.” I believe they are one and the same. Because this verse may be understood in more than one way - it is not a proof text.*

*“**God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?**” (Hebrews 2:4).*

*Note: The Father’s will is supreme.*

*“**Our Father who art in heaven**, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven**” (Matthew 6:9-10).*

*“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of **Christ’s gift**. Therefore He says: **‘When He [Christ] ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men’**” (Ephesians 4:7-8).*

*Conclusion: The “gifts of the Spirit” are given to us from the Father - by and through Christ.*

## SEVEN SPIRITS BEFORE HIS THRONE

**Revelation 1:4** “John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.”

*The “seven spirits” may be a reference to angels, who are called “spirits sent forth to those who shall be heirs of salvation” (Hebrews 1:7; Psalm 104:4). Revelation 8:2 reads, “I saw the seven angels who stand before God.”*

## THE SPIRIT AT CREATION

**Genesis 1:2** “The earth was with form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

*Note: Many read in this verse the action of a third divine being. Your understanding of this verse depends upon your viewpoint. The text says, “the Spirit of God.” It does NOT say “God the Spirit.”*

*“You send forth Your Spirit. The are created; and You renew the face of the earth” (Ps 104:30).*

*The Son of God was the creator, acting as the agent of His Father. (Hebrews 1:1-3 & 8-10; I Cor. 8:6; Rev. 4:9-11; Eph. 3:14-15; Eph 3:9; John 1:3&10; Col. 1:12-16)*

## THE GLORIOUS DOVE

**Luke 3:22 (John 1:32)** “And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased””

*Note: Your understanding of this scene will depend upon whether you believe that the Spirit at the time of the baptism was the manifest presence of the Father - a third separate divine being, or a third manifestation of one divine being. It is therefore not a proof text*

“THE LORD GOD AND HIS SPIRIT HAVE SENT ME.”

“Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me” (Isaiah 48:16 NKJ).

[Compare.] “And now the Lord God has sent me and His spirit”  
(Isaiah 48:16 ASV, NAS, RSV, NRS).

*Note: In the newer translations, God is noted as the sender of both “Me” [Christ] and “His Spirit.” When the Son of God incarnated, the communion between the Father and mankind was restored. With His Son, the Father sent His Spirit.*

[Compare.] “And now the Lord God has sent me, endowed with His spirit” (TANAKH)

“Behold! *My* Servant whom *I* uphold, *My* Elect One in whom *My* soul delights! I have put *My* Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles” (Isaiah 42:1).

#### THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

**Matthew 12:31-32** “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.”

**Mark 3:29** “He who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation.”

*Note: If God is three coequally divine beings, then blasphemy against the Father or the Son should be equally as serious as blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Speaking against the Holy Spirit must involve something more. The Spirit is the means by which we have fellowship with the Father and the Son (1 John 1:3, John 14:23). To reject the Holy Spirit is to turn a deaf ear to the only source of saving conviction and power. To reject the Holy Spirit is to reject the Father and the Son.*

#### RESISTING THE SPIRIT, GRIEVING THE SPIRIT, QUENCHING THE SPIRIT

**Acts 7:51** “You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.”

**Ephesians 4:30** “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption”

**I Thessalonians 5:19** “Do not quench the Spirit.”

*Note: From the fall of Adam to the incarnation of Christ, the Holy Spirit was the presence of the Son of God (I Pet. 1:11). He has always been the “one mediator” between God and man (I Tim. 2:5).*

*While Christ was on earth, the Holy Spirit was the presence of the Father (John 6:44). At the incarnation, Christ had “emptied Himself” of divine power (Phil. 2:7). He must be “made like his brethren in all things” (Heb 2:17).*

*Now since Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is the vital presence of the Father and of Christ, (Rom. 8:9-11) therefore to grieve the Holy Spirit is to refuse the pleading of God and His Son.*

“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 3:14-18).

## THE LOVE OF THE SPIRIT

**Romans 15:30** “Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me” (Romans 15:30). (See the Amplified version.)

*Note: If the meaning of the text changes, depending upon the reader’s personal doctrinal bias, then it is not a proof text. The example above is such a text. The love of the Spirit could be understood to mean that love which the Spirit Himself feels toward us, or that love which we experience in our own hearts when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The same could be said of “the communion of the Holy Spirit” (II Corinthians 13:14).*

## SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT

**I Peter 1:2** “Pilgrims of the dispersion . . . . elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”

*Note: This is not a proof text, because your interpretation will depend upon your viewpoint. “Sanctification of the Spirit” could mean sanctification by the Spirit, or it could mean sanctification through the Spirit, or sanctification by means of the Spirit.*

[Compare.] “Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ” (Jude 1:1).

*Note: We are sanctified by the Father and the Son, Who dwell in us by Their omnipresent Spirit.*

## THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

**II Peter 1:21** “For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

**Acts 28:25** “So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: “The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers.””

[Compare] “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, **the Spirit of Christ who was in them** was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow” (1Peter 1:10-11).

## THEY LIED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**Acts 5:3-4** “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.’”

**Acts 5:9** “Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?”

Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out” (Acts 5:9).

*Note: Peter said, “You have lied to God.” He did NOT say, “You have lied to the third person of the Trinity.” Your understanding of this passage depends upon Whom you believe the Holy Spirit to be. I believe the Holy Spirit with us is Jesus, “the last Adam’ who “became a live giving spirit.” (I Corinthians 15:45)*

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID

**Acts 13:2** “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

**Acts 15:28** “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:”

**Acts 16:7** “After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.”

*Note: Translations from older manuscripts say “but the spirit of Jesus did not permit them.” The words of the Spirit ARE the words of Christ. (Read the messages to the seven churches in Revelation Chapt.. Three) Jesus was saying, “Separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Remember, the Spirit was never to speak “of Himself,” or “on His own authority.” Christ made it plain that He spoke for the Father, and did not speak on His own authority. The words of the Spirit are the words of Christ Who speaks for His Father. (John 16:13).\_\_*

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES

**Luke 12:12** “For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

**Mark 13:11** “But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit” (Mark 13:11).

**[Compare.]** “But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you” (Matthew 10:19-20).

*Note: The Spirit of the Father is poured out to us through Christ, and we experience the voice of Christ. He is our Teacher.*

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CALLED “HE”.

John 16:8 “And when **He** has come, **He** will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

John 16:13 “However, when **He**, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He** will guide you into all truth; for **He** will not speak on **His** own authority, but whatever **He** hears **He** will speak; and **He** will tell you things to come.”

John 16:14 “**He** will glorify Me, for **He** will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”

*First: Christ referred to Himself many time in second person, as “He.”  
(See Matt. 13:37, 16:27, 16:28, 20:18).*

*Second: The Comforter is Christ. Christ, not in bodily form, but in spirit, dwells with us and in us.  
(1Cor. 15:45, 2Cor. 3:17, Eph. 4:10).*

“And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son** into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” (Galatians 4:6).

WE ARE A TEMPLE FOR THE SPIRIT

**I Corinthians 3:16** “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

“**One God and Father of all, who is** above all, and through all, and **in you all**”  
(Ephesians 4:6).

*Note: I know of no passage of Scripture which says that we are indwelt by three divine beings. Christ called the Temple, “My Father’s house” (John 2:16). The Spirit of the Father dwells in the inner man, and by this same Spirit, Christ also “may dwell in your hearts by faith” (Eph. 3:14-17).*

ACCESS BY ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER

**Ephesians 2:18** “For through Him [Christ] we both [Jew and Gentile] have access by one [and the same] Spirit to the Father.”

*Jesus said, “I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). I believe this applies also to prayer. We come to the Father through Christ.*

*Christ is the one Mediator between God and men (1 Tim. 2:5).*

*Because of what Christ has done, the Holy Spirit has been restored to men. The presence of God Our Father dwells with us and in us. Christ said that both He and His Father would make Their home with the one who loves Christ (John 14:23). The Holy Spirit is not only the Son, but also the Father.*

“For this reason I bow my knees to **the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that **He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, that Christ may dwell in your hearts **through faith**” (Ephesians 3:14).