

Do You Have the Holy Spirit?

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Introduction

Many people wonder if they have the Holy Spirit abiding in them. I think it is a fair question.



It is important for each and every Christian
to know whether the Holy Spirit dwells in
him or her.



Is there an evident sign of the presence of
the Holy Spirit in an individual?



Can anyone say with confidence that they
have the Holy Spirit abiding within them?



I believe that there is an overt sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit in an individual.



I also believe that an individual will be able to discern if he or she has the Holy Spirit.



In the same manner, a person with the Holy Spirit will be able to discern if another person has the same Holy Spirit abiding in him/her.



Luke 1:39-45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

(39) At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,

(40) where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.



Luke 1:39-45

(41) When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

(42) In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"



Luke 1:39-45

(43) But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

(44) As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

(45) Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”



What then is the Holy Spirit? Jesus said the Holy Spirit is a gift that God gives to His faithful followers.



Jesus spoke about this promise to the disciples at the last supper. Jesus talked about the Holy Spirit in this manner.



John 14:15-21

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

(15) “If you love me, keep my commands.

(16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

(17) the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.



John 14:15-21

(18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

(19) Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

(20) On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.



John 14:15-21

(21) Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”



John 14: 25-27

(25) “All this I have spoken while still with you.

(26) But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

(27) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



John 16:12-15

(12) “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

(13) But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.



John 16:12-15

(14) He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

(15) All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”



Jesus promised that after His departure He would send another counselor, a comforter, to be with His people – the Holy Spirit.



Since the word for 'Spirit' is expressed in the masculine majestic grammatical gender in the English Bible, many erroneously and automatically presume that the Holy Spirit is a separate divine being.



However, the original Hebrew word for 'Spirit' is in the feminine form 'Ruach' and in neuter form 'Pneuma' in Greek.



It only took on a masculine grammatical form when translated to Latin as “Spiritus” which was eventually translated into English as ‘Spirit’ in the masculine gender.



It is worth noting that both “Ruach” in the original Hebrew and “Pneuma” in Greek literally mean “wind or breath.”



In the New Testament, the spirit of God is rendered as the Holy Spirit which means “the breath of God.”



The account in Luke 1:35 tells us that the Holy Spirit is the power of the Most High; thus the Holy Spirit is not a divine person but the power of God.



Luke 1:35

(35) The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.



The Giving of the Holy Spirit

After having taught the disciples for 40 days after His resurrection, He instructed the Apostles to stay at Jerusalem to wait for the coming of the promised Holy Spirit.



Acts 1:2-9

(2) until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

(3) After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.



Acts 1:2-9

- (4) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.
- (5) For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”



Acts 1:2-9

(6) Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

(7) He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.



Acts 1:2-9

(8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

(9) After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.



Ten (10) days after the ascension of Jesus,
the Holy Spirit came upon God's people.



This happened at the Day of Pentecost – the day God poured out His promised Holy Spirit on the disciples and all those who are faithful.



Acts 2:1-4

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

- (1) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
- (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.



Acts 2:1-4

- (3) They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.
- (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to
speak in tongues with power to proclaim
Christ and His resurrection.



A large number of the people who went to Jerusalem to observe the Day of Pentecost were pricked in their heart when they heard the disciples preach. They asked what they needed to do in order to be saved.



Peter replied saying in Acts 2:38-39:

(38) Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(39) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”



God promised to give the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes and accepts the sacrifice of Christ.



These faithful people will be sanctified by
the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit will take his abode in the person. Paul said, we will then become the temple of the Holy Spirit as the Holy Spirit dwells in us.



1 Corinthians 6:19

(19) Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;



True to what Jesus said: we will come to him
and abide with him – the faithful followers
of Christ.



Spirit of Adoption

Why do you need the Holy Spirit? This afternoon I want to share with you the unique role of the Holy Spirit in God's plan for you.



This insightful perspective of the role of the Holy Spirit comes from the Apostle Paul. Paul described the Holy Spirit as the spirit of adoption to son-ship.



Ephesians 1

(1) Paul, an apostle (A) of Christ Jesus by the will of God, (B)

To God's holy people (C) in Ephesus, (D) the faithful (E) in Christ Jesus:

(2) Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (F)



Ephesians 1

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

(3) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

(4) For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.



Ephesians 1

In love (5) he predestined (pre-planned and pre-purposed) us for **adoption to sonship** through Jesus Christ (the executive creator and redeemer), in accordance with his pleasure and will—

(6) to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.



Ephesians 1

- (7) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- (8) that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,



Ephesians 1

(9) he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, **which he purposed in Christ,**

(10) to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. (The whole plan into fruition)



Ephesians 1

(11) In him we were also chosen, having been **predestined according to the plan** of him who works out **everything in conformity** with the purpose (according to plan) of his will,



Ephesians 1

(12) in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. (Talking about the first fruits)



Ephesians 1

(13) And you also **were included in Christ** when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were **marked** in him with a **seal**, the **promised Holy Spirit**

(14) who is a **deposit guaranteeing** our **inheritance** until the redemption (**Resurrection**) of those who are God's **possession**—to the praise of his glory. (**Therefore, the Holy Spirit is a mark and seal of ownership**).



Paul declared that the Holy Spirit is a mark
of ownership and a deposit that
guarantees our inheritance until the time of
redemption.



Mark of Ownership

What is ownership? Ownership is possession.



I know of someone who owns a cattle ranch. He raises cattle. He owns a huge tract of land and at one time he had a 1,000 heads of cattle. The cattle to land ratio is about a hectare to a cattle. So you can image the size of the grazing field.



His neighbors are also cattle raisers. So, oftentimes the cattle would get mixed up. The only way to identify the ownership of the cattle would be to put a marking on the cattle. The mark is a “seal of ownership.”



Does God have a mark or seal of ownership? The Holy Spirit is the mark, the seal signifying God's possession.



2 Corinthians 1:22

(22) set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.



It is the mark of ownership – that we belong
to Him – that we are His children.



Ephesians 1:3-6

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(5) he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

(6) to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.



The Scripture says in Romans 8:14: all those led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.



God said He knows who are His. When God looks down from heaven, He knows who His children are and those who are not.



His children have His mark – the Holy Spirit
– the mark of son ship.



Deposit

The Holy Spirit is a deposit that guarantees
our inheritance.



What is a deposit? A deposit is a pay in. It is a down payment.



It is a small token of the full inheritance in the future. It serves as a guarantee that you will get the full reward in due time if certain conditions are met. If a party breaks the agreement, the guarantee can be withdrawn.



Have you ever bought anything on an installment plan, a car, appliance or a home? How about a 0% interest for six months or a lay away plan?



You need to put down an initial payment or deposit. Once you do that, the item is considered yours – you own it. You can enjoy it and have legal right to it.



It becomes absolutely yours once payment is made in full. However, your deposit can be forfeited once you violate the condition of the agreement.



The Holy Spirit is given only when the person has repented and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior.



Repentance is not remorse or merely being sorry. Repentance is a commitment to change one's life – to hate evil and to do what is good and righteous.



Anyone who has been given the gift of the Holy Spirit must strive to do away with sin. He cannot continue sinning because he has the seed of God in him which is the Holy Spirit.



1 John 3:9

(9) No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.



He must strive to be holy and remain holy.



1 Peter 1:13- 15

Be Holy

(13) Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

(14) As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

(15) But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;



Once baptized, the person becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit, and must therefore maintain the state of Holiness.



We should not grieve the Holy Spirit or it will
be taken away from us.



1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

(19) Do not quench the Spirit.

(20) Do not treat prophecies with contempt

(21) but test them all; hold on to what is
good,

(22) reject every kind of evil.



That is really scary. When David sinned against God he prayed that God would not take the Holy Spirit away from him.



Psalms 51:1-2

- (1) Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- (2) Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.



Psalms 51: 9-11

- (9) Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
- (10) Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me
- (11) Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.



David knew the consequence of God withdrawing the deposit of the Holy Spirit. It would mean the loss of his salvation.



Therefore, do not grieve the Holy Spirit with
which you are sealed for redemption. Do
not lose it! It is your guarantee of eternal
inheritance!



Guarantee

What is a guarantee? Guarantee is an assurance, warranty, pledge and surety. A guarantee is the surety of a commitment.



Why is the Holy Spirit called a guarantee of
our inheritance?



The Holy Spirit is the agent of the resurrection. This is the ultimate role of the Holy Spirit. It is the guarantee of the resurrection.



Romans 8:9-11

(9) You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.



Romans 8:9-11

(10) But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

(11) And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.



- The Spirit of God lives and dwells in us
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit that was in Christ Jesus
- Christ is with us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- If Christ is in us, even if our body is dead we will live in the spirit – talking about the hope of resurrection.
- The resurrection is through and by the Holy Spirit that is in us!



Therefore, if one has the Holy Spirit of God dwelling in Him until his death, he will be resurrected at the last days – upon the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



You need to have the Holy Spirit because it
is the only means by which you will be
resurrected to eternal life!



Inheritance

The Holy Spirit guarantees our inheritance.



What is this inheritance? What is an inheritance? An inheritance is a bequest, heritage and legacy given by parents to children. It is a birthright! It is about the right and privilege of a son/daughter.



We have an inheritance from God because we are His children. The Holy Spirit is a deposit and a guarantee of this birthright!



The birthright is to become a member of the
Divine Family as a son of God.



2 Peter 1:3-4

Confirming One's Calling and Election

- (3) His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
- (4) Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



Romans 8:14-16 expounds it further being
heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ!



Romans 8:14-16

- (14) For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
- (15) The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, *“Abba, Father.”*
- (16) The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.



The Holy Spirit is the seal of ownership and the deposit of our inheritance. The Holy Spirit dwells within the believers as a sign that we belong to God. It is the same Spirit that was in Christ.



Galatians 4:6

(6) Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.”



God knows who His children are because
they are stamped with God's seal of
ownership.



He looks down from heaven and He sees
those who have His mark – His Holy Spirit.
They are His heirs and co-heirs with
Christ.



Have you been marked as an heir of God?



Do you have the Holy Spirit?

Do you want to know if you have the Holy
Spirit dwelling in you?



During the time of the Apostles it was easy to know. The disciples were empowered to speak in tongues, to heal, to prophecy and to understand the deep things of God; among others.



But, Jesus said the most overt and important
of these gifts is the empowerment of
understanding.



John 16:13-14

(13) But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

(14) He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.



John 14:15-26

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(20) On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.



John 14:15-26

(21) **Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.** The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

(22) Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”



John 14:15-26

(23) Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

(24) Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. **Talking about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**



John 14:15-26

(25) “All this I have spoken while still with you.

(26) But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**



John 15: 26-27

(26) When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

(27) And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Understanding the truth.



John 16: 7-11

(7) But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

(8) When he comes, **he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:**



John 16: 7-11

(9) about sin, because people do not believe in me;

(10) about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

(11) and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. **Conscious of sin.**



John 16: 12-15

(12) “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

(13) But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you into all the truth.** He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and **he will tell you what is yet to come.**



(14) He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

(15) All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said **the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.**”
Know God’s plan.



If you can understand the secret things of
God, then Jesus said you have the Holy
Spirit.



Test

Now, let us test if you have the Holy Spirit. I will read 3 scriptures. If you understand all of them, then you can be sure you have God's Holy Spirit dwelling in you. Okay?



1. Understanding the Truth

How do you understand 1 John 1:1-5?

The Word Became Flesh

- (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- (2) He was with God in the beginning.



John 1:1-5

(3) Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

(4) In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

(5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



Question: Who is Jesus Christ? Is He a man, angel or Son of God? Is He divine from the beginning?



Answer: He is the divine Son of God. John 1:1-5 and 14 clearly declares that Jesus is the Son of God.



John 1:14

(14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



The understanding of the truth about Christ is a revelation of the Holy Spirit. If you understand Jesus to be the Son of God and that He is not a man, not an angel and not a persona of the Triune God, then you can be sure you have the Holy Spirit abiding in you.



Matthew 16:13-17

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

(13) When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

(14) They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”



Matthew 16:13-17

(15) “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

(16) Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

(17) Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.



Any understanding other than Matthew 16 is
in error and is not from God.



1 John 4:2

(2) This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,



2. Conscious of Sin

How do you understand 1 John 3:4-5?

- (4) Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.
- (5) But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.



Question: Is the 10 commandments still enforced today or they have been abolished and no longer to be kept?



Answer: The law continues to be enforced today. What Jesus took away was the sin and not the law. Jesus Christ came to ransom us from death which is a penalty of sin. He died in our stead.



1 John 3:7-10

(7) Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

(8) The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.



1 John 3:7-10

- (9) No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.
- (10) This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.



1 John 3:19-24

(19) This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:

(20) If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.



1 John 3:19-24

(21) Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God

(22) and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.



1 John 3:19-24

(23) And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

(24) The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.



Romans 3:19-20

(19) Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

(20) Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.



If you understand that sin is the transgression of the law and the 10 commandments are enforced today in the live of a Christian, this understanding comes from the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit in you becomes your conscience and counselor. As the Holy Spirit lives in you, you are conscious of sin.



3. Know God's Plan

How do you understand Galatians 4:4-7?

- (4) But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
- (5) to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.



Galatians 4:4-7

(6) Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.”

(7) So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.



Question: What is God's plan for you?



Answer: To make you a son.



Romans 8:14-16

- (14) For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
- (15) The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, *“Abba, Father.”*
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Romans 8:14-16 said that to understand that
God is making you a son; an heir of God
and co-heir with Christ is a revelation and
a testimony of the Holy Spirit.



If you understand this; you have the Holy
Spirit dwelling in you.



Now, if you understand these 3 scriptures properly, you can assure yourself you have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you. If not, you better get baptized in the right church!



Gifts

Many people look for gifts as signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit, such as: ability to preach, teach, heal, speak in tongues, prophesy, etc.



We know these gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12. But what if someone does not manifest any of these gifts, does it mean he has no Holy Spirit?



The answer is a NO!



1 Corinthians 12 was written primarily to admonish people against looking for particular gifts.



Paul was saying that there are all kinds of gifts. There is no need to compare or brag about it or to be jealous or envious or desirous of a particular gift.



Each person has his own unique gift. There is absolutely no need to make comparisons, more so we all have and possess the same spirit that forms one body.



And if there is a superior gift – it is faith,
hope and love. And, love will be the
greatest!



Others look for the fruits of the Holy Spirit.



The fruits of the spirits are not gifts; they are
fruits we develop with the help of the Holy
Spirit.



In short, we are to develop the holy and righteous character of God with the help of the Holy Spirit.



This is how we grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ in order to be like Him.



Summation

There you have it. It is clear that the Holy Spirit is both a promise and a gift. It is promised to all the faithful who keep God's command. It is a gift given to anyone who has repented and has been baptized.



When these two conditions are met, God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. It is no longer a question of whether you have it or not. It is certain that you will receive it.



Therefore, those who are baptized and continue to keep God's commands can be assured that the Holy Spirit resides in them.



The Holy Spirit is the seal of ownership.
The Holy Spirit marks you as a son, a
daughter - a child of God.



It sanctifies the recipients as God's very own children – His treasured possession. It is a deposit – a token of your inheritance as an heir of God and co-heirs with Christ. It is a guarantee – your assurance of the resurrection to eternal glory in Christ.



This spirit – the Holy Spirit that is in you is the same spirit that is in Christ Jesus. It is the spirit of adoption to sonship – the seal of God's ownership.



Jesus said; the hallmark of the Holy Spirit is
the spirit of truth and understanding.



Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord.



The gift of the Holy Spirit is your counselor
and comforter to enable you with the
ability to discern spiritual truth, to
understand the deep things of God so that
you may grow into the stature of His Son
Jesus Christ, worthy to inherit the
Kingdom of God.

