The Promise of the Holy Spirit

**Experience Receiving the Holy Spirit**

**Monday**

Read Genesis 1:1-3, 26, Isaiah 44:6, Matthew 3:16-17, Deuteronomy 6:4

The Holy Spirit is that part of God that is with you all the time. **Study** these scriptures on the Trinity.

**Tuesday**

Read Matthew 1:18-20, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Ezra 7

The Holy Spirit puts things in your heart that you didn’t used to have. **Journalize** your thoughts.

**Wednesday**

Read Genesis 1:2, Matthew 3:11, Matthew 12:28, Romans 8:13, Luke 10:21

The Holy Spirit hovers over us and protects us, reveals things to us, baptizes us and drives out evil. **Meditate** on these things.

**Thursday**

Read Luke 12:12, John 14:25-27, 1 Peter 5:7 John 15:26

The Holy Spirit teaches, reminds, defends, takes over our anxieties, gives peace and replaces lies with truth. **Pray** these scriptures over yourself today.

**Friday**

Read 2 Kings 4:1-7, Luke 11:11-13

If you feel empty, you are the perfect candidate to be filled with the Holy Spirit. **Spend time** **asking** Him to fill your emptiness.

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Genesis 1:1-3, 26 New International Version (NIV)

**1**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2**Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**3**And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

**26**Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness,

Three persons in one, referred to as the Trinity

The word Trinity is not found in the Bible, but the concept of the Trinity is found throughout the Bible.

Matthew 3:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

**16**As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17**And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Deuteronomy 6:4 New International Version (NIV)

**4**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

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What does the Holy Spirit do?

**Matthew 1:18-20 New International Version (NIV)**

**18**This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19**Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

**20**But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit conceives things in us (joy, solution, answer)

1 Corinthians 2:9 New International Version (NIV)

**9**However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,

    what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived”—

    the things God has prepared for those who love him—

**Genesis 1:2 New International Version (NIV)**

**2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

    Moving - brooding, hovering over young, protecting, fertilizing, to relax over

The Holy Spirit hovers over us, protecting us and maturing us

**Matthew 3:11 New International Version (NIV)**

**11**“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The Holy Spirit baptizes us with His presence and power, giving us passion and purpose

**Matthew 12:28 New International Version (NIV)**

**28**But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Romans 8:13 New International Version (NIV)**

**13**For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

The Holy Spirit drives out evil

You can ‘hack’ your way through the jungle of evil you face or you get behind the bulldozer (the Holy Spirit)

**Luke 10:21 New International Version (NIV)**

**21**At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

The Holy Spirit reveals things to us.

Example: I finally understand I can trust God

**John 14:25-27 New International Version (NIV)**

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But theAdvocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will sendin my name, willteach you all things and willremind 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 anddo not be afraid.

Defends us/teaches/reminds/peace/takes our anxieties

1 Peter 5:7 New International Version (NIV)

**7**Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**John 15:26 New International Version (NIV)**

**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.

Tells us the truth (exposes lies)

Examples:

No one loves you…you are loved.

You won’t amount to anything in life…God has a plan to prosper you life.

You have reason to be fearful…You have reason to be peaceful and confident.

**Acts 1:4-5 New International Version (NIV)**

**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.”

* + *Refrain:*  
    He will fill your heart today to overflowing;  
    As the Lord commandeth you,  
    “Bring your vessels, not a few.”  
    He will fill your heart today to overflowing  
    With the Holy Ghost and pow’r.

**2 Kings 4 New International Version (NIV)**

**4**The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”

There hasn’t been a single time in all of history where someone cried out to God for help and He didn’t help them.

**2**Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.”

Remember that we learned that oil in the Bible represents the Holy Spirit.

All your little, seemingly insignificant life (small jar) needs is to be full of Holy Spirit. You may not have anything else, but really you don’t need anything else.

**3**Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few.

* + *Refrain:*  
    He will fill your heart today to overflowing;  
    As the Lord commandeth you,  
    “Bring your vessels, not a few.”  
    He will fill your heart today to overflowing  
    With the Holy Ghost and pow’r.

**4**Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”

The same Holy Spirit that has filled you, is primed and ready to fill those you love and care for! Bring to Jesus those that are empty and He will fill them with His Holy Spirit!

**5**She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. **6**When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.”

But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

Jesus wants to fill everyone and the flow of the Holy Spirit won’t stop

**7**She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”

Who does the Holy Spirit want to fill? Empty lives. If you feel empty you are the perfect candidate to be filled.

1. Are you longing for the fullness  
   Of the blessing of the Lord  
   In your heart and life today?  
   Claim the promise of your Father;  
   Come according to His Word,  
   In the blessed, old-time way.
2. Bring your empty earthen vessels,   
   Clean through Jesus’ precious blood.  
   Come, ye needy, one and all;  
   And in human consecration  
   Wait before the throne of God  
   Till the Holy Ghost shall fall.
3. Like the cruse of oil unfailing  
   Is His grace forevermore,  
   And His love unchanging still;  
   And according to His promise,   
   With the Holy Ghost and pow’r  
   He will every vessel fill.

**Luke 11:11-13 New International Version (NIV)**

**11**“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?**12**Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13**If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

With one hand the Father takes us as His cup, and in the other hand pours His Spirit into us.