**The Gift**

There are several passages in the Bible that describe the Holy Spirit as a gift.

**John 4:7;9;10;14 “A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.**

**9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.**

**10 Jesus answered and said to her, “*If you knew the gift of God,* and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”**

**14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”**

When Jesus said: “if you knew the gift of God” He was referring to the Holy Spirit.

**John 7:37-39(…)“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”**

**Who is the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is not a force or a mystical presence. He is fully divine and a distinct individual.

**1 Corinthians 2:10-13 (…)For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things 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. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

The Holy Spirit is a gift sent by the Father and Jesus.

**John 14:26“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,” (…)**

**John 16:7 ”Nevertheless 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 depart, I will send Him to you.”**

When Jesus spoke to his disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit and how He would come to live in them they did not fully understand what that meant because it was a foreign concept to them.

The disciples knew that in the Old Testament the Spirit of God would come upon Kings, Prophets and Priests on certain occasions but than He would depart from them.

After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 the disciples had more understanding and revelation of what Jesus meant when He spoke about the Holy Spirit.

**1 John 4:13 “By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”**

**Paul wrote: 1 Corinthians 6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”**

There are very important reasons why the Holy Spirit was sent:

**1. No one can be saved unless the Holy Spirit makes it happen.**

**Titus 3:5 “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”**

**2. The Holy Spirit is the guarantee and He seal us.**

**2 Corinthians 1:22 “who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”**

**Ephesians 1:13-14 “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, *you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,* 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”**

**Romans 8:16 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,”**

**3. We are kept by the power of Holy Spirit.**

**1 Peter 1:5 “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”**

**4.** **We need a Helper**.

The Holy Spirit is our Helper, our Teacher, Guide, Counselor and Comforter.

**John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—“**

**John 14:26 “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 things that I said to you.”**

**5.** **We need the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”**

**Why do I need power?**

1. To testify of Jesus, to be a witness.
2. To be able to resist sin.
3. To destroy the works of the devil and do the works of God.

Walking in the Spirit

**Galatians 5:25 “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”**

The early Church walked in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit was involved in everything that they did.

**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 13:2 “While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."**

**Acts 8:29 “Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot."**

How do we walk in the Spirit in a practical way?

**We need to spend time in God’s Word and in prayer every day. We also need to be obedient to the Word.**

**We need to be more sensitive to the presence of our Helper, the Holy Spirit.** When we have a regular and consistent relationship with Him we do not feel helpless or hopeless when we face life’s challenges and difficulties.

WE CANNOT WITHDRAW POWER FROM AN EMPTY ACCOUNT

**Ephesians 5:18 “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,”**

**Let’s continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit and walk in the Spirit.**

**Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”**