



Who is the Holy Spirit (Ghost)? Do you know Him? Do you talk to Him? Does He make a difference in your life?

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *You need the Holy Spirit!*

1. Jesus M _____ a Promise to You v. 49

What promise was made to Jesus' followers that involved power?

Let's go back 3 days to the Upper Room on Thursday evening.
John 14:15-18; 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:4, 8

Jesus' promise was the coming of the Holy Spirit to fulfill new functions in the life of His church. This was new...and huge!

2. Jesus F _____ His Promise, pt. 1 John 20:22

That the fulfillment of the promise would come in two parts is hinted at through the use of the pronouns "in" and "upon". The Holy Spirit would come to live "in" you. He would also come "upon" you to take control of you and what is happening around you.

The first phase was to send the Holy Spirit to "indwell" each of Jesus' followers. John 14:16-18; 1 Corinthians 6:19

1) When Does the Holy Spirit "Indwell" People?

John 20:22

2) What B _____ Do the "Indwelling" Holy Spirit Bring to Me?

⇒ I K _____ I am Saved! Romans 8:9, 16; Ephesians 1:12-14

⇒ I Am Not an O _____! John 14:18

⇒ I Can G _____ into a Child that Pleases My Heavenly Father!
John 14:26; 16:13

3. Jesus Fulfilled His Promise, pt. 2 Acts 1:8; 2:4, 41

After Jesus began fulfilling His promise by indwelling His followers on Resurrection Sunday, He continued to instruct them to wait in Jerusalem for power that was a part of the promise. Luke 24:49

The second phase was to send the Holy Spirit to “empower” each of Jesus’ followers. He would come “upon” them.

1) When does the Holy Spirit “Empower” People?

40 days after resurrection, on the day of ascension...Acts 1:4, 8
10 days later, on the Day of Pentecost...Acts 2:4, 41

This coming “upon” them is called the “filling” of the Holy Spirit. It occurred multiple times to the same people in Acts 2 & 4.

It fulfilled God’s promise of power coming to enable the fulfilling of the great commission He gave to His followers.

2) What Benefit Does the “Filling” Holy Spirit Bring to Me?

His filling results in a supernatural usefulness of my life, primarily in witnessing. John 16:7-11

What happens when the Holy Spirit indwells saved church members but is not actively exercising control in their lives? When He indwells but does not fill? How does this impact the church family?

God challenged just such a church – the church in Thessalonica: “Quench not the Spirit.” 1 Thessalonians 5:19

What had the Holy Spirit accomplished in the church’s earlier years?

1st – Powerful Conversions 1:5

2nd – Positive Attitudes During Persecution 1:6

3rd – Moral Living by Members 4:8

Oh the danger of the Holy Spirit not exercising control!