

## THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY GHOST

### INTRODUCTION:

"God is Spirit" (John 4:24 NLT). The Spirit of God is often referred to as the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit. It was the Spirit of God that created the world and everything in the world. This same Holy Spirit caused Mary to become the mother of Jesus. The Holy Spirit in Jesus is what made Him God and raised Him from the dead.

God's Spirit wants to live in everybody. He wants to make you His house, (1 Corinthians 6:19 NLT). This is what takes place when you receive the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Christ comes to live in you.

### WHO CAN RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

It is promised to all people everywhere (Acts 2:39 NLT). All you have to do is repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, and ask God for It (Acts 2:38, Luke 11:13 NLT). It is God's desire to give the Holy Spirit to you. Ask Him, trusting Him to do it, and He will.

In the Old Testament, God told men that in the last days He would send His Spirit on all men (Joel 2:28). John the Baptist said that Jesus would be the One to baptize with the Holy Spirit, (Matthew 3:11). Jesus explained to His followers that he had to leave them but that He would return to them in the form of the Holy Spirit (John 14). "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. The Holy Writings say that rivers of living water will flow from the heart of the one who puts his trust in Me. Jesus said this about the Holy Spirit Who would come to those who put their trust in Him. The Holy Spirit had not yet been given. Jesus had not yet been raised to the place of honor" (John 7:37-39 NLT).

Ten days after Jesus left the earth to return to heaven He did what He had promised. One hundred and twenty of His followers were waiting in Jerusalem. "All at once there was a sound from heaven like a powerful wind. It filled the house where they were sitting. Then they saw tongues which were divided that looked like fire. These came down on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:2-4 NLT). Many people came to see what was happening. Peter explained to them they also could receive the Holy Spirit. Three thousand more obeyed and received that day.

Peter & John prayed for the Samaritans and they received the Holy Ghost (Acts 8). Peter preached to the Gentiles and they also received It (Acts 10). Soon there were many thousands of people who were putting their faith in God and receiving the Holy Spirit. Thousands and even millions are still receiving the Holy Spirit today.

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you put your trust in Christ?" Paul asked that question to some followers in Ephesus (Acts 19). You need to ask that to yourself. You must receive the Holy Spirit to belong to Jesus Christ. "No one belongs to Christ if he does not have Christ's Spirit in him" (Romans 8:9 NLT).

### HOW DO I KNOW THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT?

You will speak in a new language which the Holy Spirit gives you when you receive the Holy Spirit. The first time the Holy Spirit was given in Acts 2:4 (NLT) the Bible says, "Then they began to speak in other languages which the Holy Spirit made them able to speak."

God spoke through Isaiah in the Old Testament saying this would happen, "Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people" (Isaiah 28:11 NIV). Jesus said that people who put their trust in Him would speak with languages they had never learned (Mark 16:17).

Peter knew that the Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit at Cornelius' house because he "heard them speak in special sounds" (Acts 10:46 NLT). In Acts 19:6 (NLT), "When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them. They started to talk in special sounds and to speak God's word." This is talking about the followers at Ephesus. God's people still speak in new tongues when they receive the Holy Spirit.

### CONCLUSION:

Jesus told Nicodemus, "For sure, I tell you, unless a man is born of water and of the Spirit of God, he cannot get into the holy nation of God" (John 3:5 NLT). To be denied entrance into the holy nation of God means you will be punished forever for your sins.

God wants you to enter His holy nation. If you will repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you will be able to get into the holy nation. Therefore, you will enter a life of joy and peace that will last forever.

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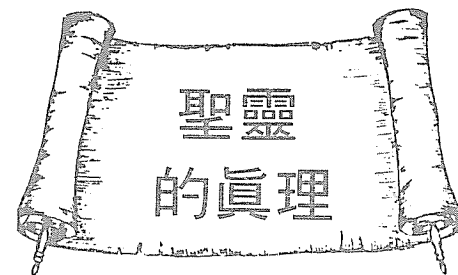
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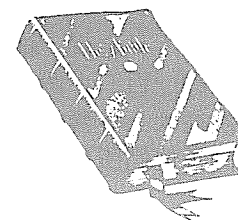
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# 聖靈的真理

## 指引 —

「神是個靈」（約翰福音四章二十四節），神的靈就是聖靈，就是創造這個世界和宇宙萬物的神靈，亦是使到瑪利亞懷孕而誕下耶穌的聖靈，在耶穌裏的聖靈使到祂從死裏復活過來。

神的靈想住在每一個人的身上，祂想你成為祂的殿。（哥林多前書六章十九節）。這就是當你領受聖靈的時候，耶穌的靈就來到住在你那裏。

### 誰人可以得到聖靈？

這個應許是給予每一個地方每一個人的（使徒行傳二章三十九節）。你所要做的，就是悔改，奉耶穌名受洗和求神賜你聖靈（使徒行傳二章三十八節，路加福音十一章十三節）。神是很願意賜給你聖靈的，祈求祂和信任祂，祂是會實踐這應許的。

在舊約聖經中，神告訴我們在末世的時代，神會將祂的靈灌漑所有的人。（約珥書二章二十八節）。施洗約翰說耶穌會來用聖靈給人施洗。（馬太福音三章十一節）。耶穌告訴祂的使徒，他是一定要離開他們的，不過祂又會以聖靈的樣式回到他們那裏。「人若渴了，可以到我這裏來喝。信我的人，就如經上所說，從他腹中要流出活水的江河來。耶穌這話是指着信祂之人，要受聖靈說的，那時還沒有賜下聖靈來，因為耶穌尚未得着榮耀。」（約翰福音七章三十七至三十九節）。

耶穌離開地上回到天國十日之後，祂就實行了祂所應許的。有大約一百二十個信徒在耶路撒冷等候祂。「忽然從天上有響聲下來，好像一陣大風吹過，充滿了他們所坐的屋子。

又有舌頭如火焰顯現出來，分開落在他們各人頭上。他們就都被聖靈充滿，按着聖靈所賜的口才，說出別國的話來。」（使徒行傳二章二至四節），有很多人都到來看看到底發生了甚麼事，彼得告訴他們都同樣可以得到聖靈的。當日添了三千人跟從主和接受聖靈。

彼得和約翰為撒瑪利亞人禱告之後，他們就得到聖靈了。（使徒行傳第八章）。彼得向一班外邦人傳道，他們亦都得著聖靈。（使徒行傳十章）。不久，就有成千上萬的人相信神和領受聖靈，今天仍然有數以百萬計的人領受聖靈。

「你們信的時候受了聖靈沒有？」保羅就是這樣問那些在以弗所的信徒。（使徒行傳十九章）。你亦需要這樣問一問自己，你要屬於耶穌的話，你就一定要領受聖靈。「人若沒有基督的靈，就不是屬基督的。」（羅馬書八章九節）。

### 我怎樣知道我已得著聖靈？

當你受到聖靈充滿的時候，聖靈會使你用新的語言說話，聖靈第一次降臨是在使徒行傳二章四節的時候，聖經記載：「他們按着聖經所賜的口才，說起別國的話來。」

神藉著以賽亞在舊約聖經裏說：「不然，主要藉異邦人的嘴唇和外邦人的舌頭，對這百姓說話。」（以賽亞書二十八章十一節）。耶穌說信的人能夠說出他們從未學過的說話來。（馬可福音十六章十七節）。

彼得知道那些外邦人在哥利流家裏得著聖靈，因為他「聽見他們說方言。」（使徒行傳十章四十六節）。在使徒行傳十九章六節中，「當保羅按手在他們頭上，聖靈便降在他們身上，他們便說方言，又說豫言。」這裏所指的是在以弗所的信徒，今天當信徒受聖靈充滿的時候，也是一樣說出新方言的。

## 結論：

耶穌對尼哥底母說：「我實實在在的告訴你，人若不是從水和靈生的，就不能進入神的國。」不能進入的國就是說你會因為你的罪而受到永遠的責罰。

神希望你能進入祂的天國。如果你能夠悔改，奉耶穌的名受洗和領受所賜的聖靈，你就可以進入這天國。這樣你就可以得著一個永遠喜樂與和平的生命。

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