

# *The Power of the Holy Spirit*



*Part 2*



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## Why Take On This Series?

*On our own power*





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*Power of God's Spirit*



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## **Why Take On This Series?**

- Many of us have never considered the role of the Holy Spirit in our life.
- The Holy Spirit is the least understood, and the least taught about, person of God.
- The Holy Spirit gives us direct access to the power of God, but most of us live our life in Christ relying only our own power.



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*"The inescapable fact is this: most (yes most) Christians you and I know have very little dynamic or joy in their lives. Ask them! They long for depth, for passion, for a satisfying peace and stability instead of a superficial relationship with God made up of religious-sounding words without feelings and on-going struggles without healings. Surely there is more to the life of faith than church meetings, Bible study, religious jargon and meaningless prayers."*

Charles Swindoll  
*Embraced by the Spirit*



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*"On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."*

*John 7:37-39*





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## What We Are Not Covering



Understanding the Trinity



Spiritual Gifts



The Mystery of God's Will

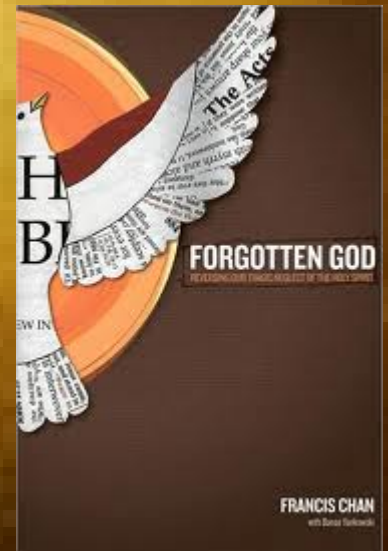
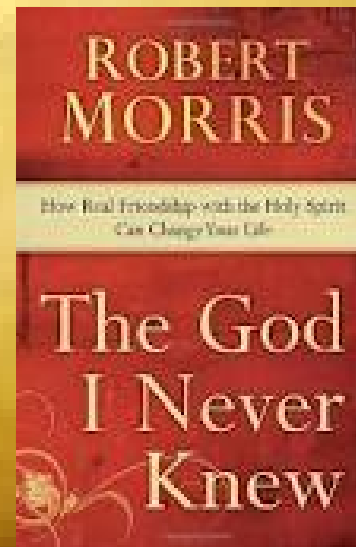
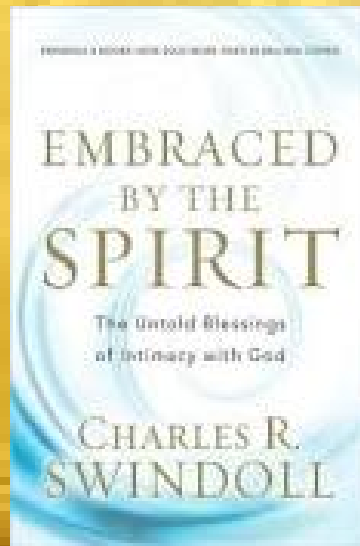
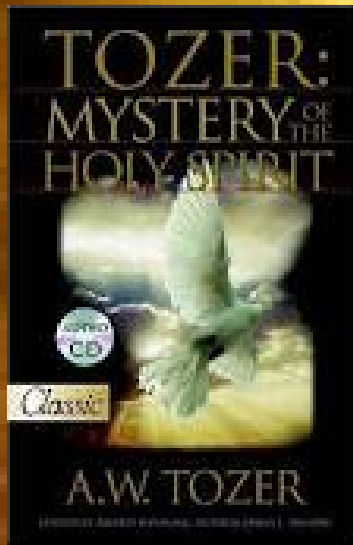


Hearing God



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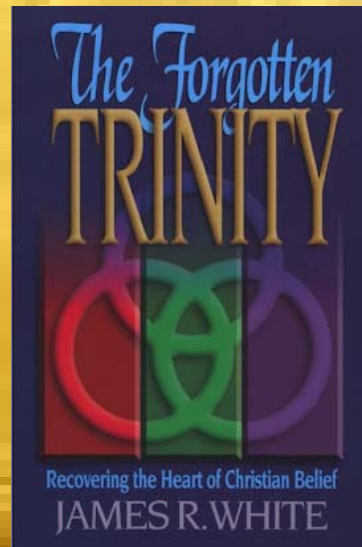
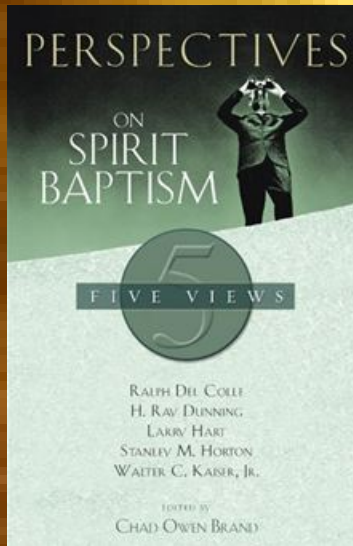






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### **Most Asked Questions:**

Is "baptism by the Holy Spirit" synonymous with receiving Him when you are saved?

Is "baptism by the Holy Spirit" different than water baptism?

### **Questions We'll Cover in Coming Weeks:**

Can you have a healthy walk with God without knowing/understanding the Holy Spirit?

How does the Holy Spirit make your life better/more effective?

How does the Holy Spirit work in our daily lives?

How do we know when the Holy Spirit is present?

Can the Holy Spirit be earned? Can you lose the Holy Spirit?



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## What Questions Do You Have?

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Can someone deny the Holy Spirit?

What responsibility do we have for "losing touch" with the Holy Spirit?

Did the Holy Spirit indwell people before Christ came to the earth?

What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to fall upon a person or a group?

What are the boundaries/limitations of the Holy Spirit (if any)?

Can you pray to the Holy Spirit?

Are prayers to the Holy Spirit supposed to be structured differently?

What do you do to communicate with the Holy Spirit?

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Is the Holy Spirit's power manifested in individuals or in the church at large?

Is indwelling of the Spirit dependent on our understanding of this reality, or rather an attitude/posture of the heart?

To what degree does one have an influence on the experience of / drawing on the Spirit?

Does doubt interfere with the Holy Spirit's work?

What matters about the Holy Spirit beyond the spiritual gifts?

Is guidance from the Holy Spirit necessary for salvation?

What does the power of the Holy Spirit look like (also compared to the power of the Father or Christ)?

How can you know it's actually the Holy Spirit speaking to you instead of just your subconscious mind being active?





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How do you determine what the Holy Spirit is, as opposed to deceiving yourself?

Are we capable of anything without the Spirit and His gifts?

What are some of the clearer verses that detail the Holy Spirit and how we should interact with the Spirit?

Since the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Three in One, are you not engaging all parts of the Trinity when you engage any part of God?



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### Questions We Will Cover Tonight:

Does the Holy Spirit have a personality?

What is the name of the Holy Spirit?

Is the Holy Spirit an extension of power of Christ (He is referred to in one instance as the Spirit of Christ)?

Should we address the Spirit or talk to Him like we do to the Father/Son?

What are the roles/responsibilities of the Holy Spirit?

To what extent is the Holy Spirit responsible for our ability to experience God, for faith and for belief?

Why is the Holy Spirit's work hidden or difficult to discern?

Why is the Holy Spirit the least known / least talked about of the Trinity?

Why has the church failed so miserably at teaching about the Holy Spirit and how do we improve that?



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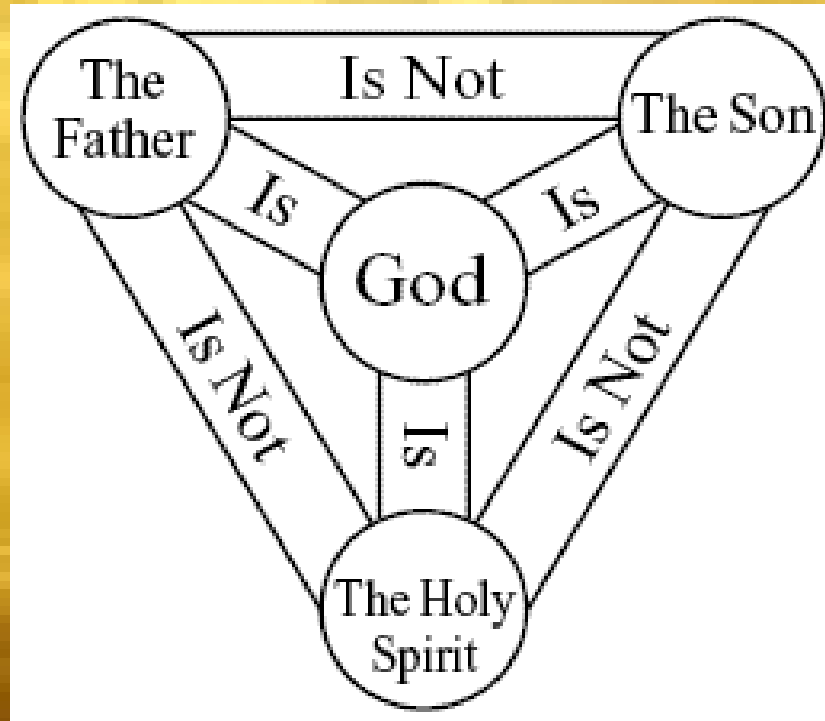
You can . . .

- blaspheme the Spirit (Matthew 12:31-32);
- insult the Spirit (Hebrews 12:29);
- grieve the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30).



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**Within the one Being that is God,  
there exists eternally three  
coequal and coeternal persons,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

*- James R. White, The Forgotten Trinity*





# The Holy Spirit

## The Holy Spirit: *He*, Not *It*

“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.

- John 15:26

While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for **I** have sent them.”

-Acts 10:19-20

While they were worshiping 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 13:2



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## **The Names of the Holy Spirit**

1. Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30)
2. The Spirit (Matthew 4:1; John 3:6; 1 Timothy 4:1)
3. Comforter (or Advocate) ( John 14:16,26; 15:26)
4. Spirit of truth ( John 14:17; 15:26)
5. Spirit of the Father (Matthew 10:20)
6. Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11)
7. Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:11)
8. Spirit of glory (1 Peter 4:14)
9. Spirit of revelation (Ephesians 1:17)
10. Spirit of the Son (Galatians 4:6)
11. Eternal Spirit (Hebrews 9:14)
12. Spirit of the Lord (Acts 5:9)
13. Spirit of wisdom (Ephesians 1:17)
14. Power of the Highest (Luke 1:35)
15. Spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10)
16. Spirit of holiness (Romans 1:4)
17. Spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15)
18. Spirit of life (Romans 8:2; Revelation 11:11)
19. Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10:29)



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“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



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## **What Is The Role of the Spirit?**

### **John 14–16: To Indwell the Believers**

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—<sup>17</sup>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.”





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### John 14–16: To Convict (Convince) the World

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### **Other Roles: To Bring Us to Faith in Christ**

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*-1 Corinthians 12:3b*





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### Other Roles: To Pray/Intercede For Us

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“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

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### Other Roles: To Give Spiritual Gifts to Believers

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“Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. All of these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

*-1 Corinthians 12:1, 11*



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### **Other Roles:**

To give us power to enable us to do God's will. (Acts 1:8, Rm. 8:26)

To help us speak when we need words to witness. (Mk. 13:11, Lk. 12:12)

To give us life and not condemnation, and to set us free from the sins of our bodies. (Romans 8:2-4)

To adopt us as sons and daughters of God (Romans 8:15-16) and to act as a deposit and guarantee of what is to come (2 Cor. 1:21-23; 5:5).

To allow us to "overflow with hope" by His power. (Romans 5:13)

To transform us to become more and more like the Lord with "ever-increasing glory." (2 Cor. 3:18)

To produce fruit in us led by the Spirit, of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Gal. 5:22-23)



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**Do You Want More of God in Your Life?**

*“It is possible to know Him in increasing intimacy. I want to ask you, do you know God better now than you knew him a year ago? I want to ask you, do you know God more intimately, warmly, than you knew Him a year ago? Are you growing in grace? . . . Are you nearer to God now than you were a year ago? Are you closer to the heart of God now? . . . If you are not, something is seriously wrong, and you should consider doing something about it no later than tonight.”*

A. W. Tozer

*Mystery of the Holy Spirit*

# *Next Week...*



*What would my life look like  
if the power of the Holy Spirit  
was evident in me?*