

Bible Extra Extra

**Expecting the Spirit without being
sensationalist**

Part 1

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“The doctrine of the Spirit over the last half-century has been shrouded in a mist. This confusion has not come by accident. Satan knows that Spiritless Evangelicalism is as deadly as modernism or heresy and he has done everything in his power to prevent us from enjoying our true Christian heritage.”

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- He is God
- He is personal

He is God

- Direct evidence (2 Cor 3:17)
- Divine names
- Divine qualities
- Divine association with the Father & the Son (Mt 28:19, 2 Cor 13:14)
- Divine works

He is personal

- Personal pronouns (“he” & “him”, not “it”)
- Personal titles
- Personal characteristics
- Personal acts
- Personal relationships

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

- In the OT He comes upon particular people at particular times for particular tasks
- Temporary clothing rather than permanent indwelling
- God's temple is a building to which people go
- A new heart is promised Ezek 36:24-27
- A new out-pouring is promised Joel 2:28-29

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

- John the Baptist Luke 3:16
- Jesus Jn 7:37-39, 14:15-20
Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4-5
- Pentecost Acts 2

The Holy Spirit and the New Birth

“You must be born again of the Spirit”

- REGENERATION Titus 3:5
- ADOPTION/ASSURANCE Rom 8:15-16
Gal 4:6
- SEALING Eph 1:13-14
- INDWELLING Jn 14:17
1 Cor 3:16, 1 Cor 6:19

The Holy Spirit and the New Birth

“If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ he does not belong to Christ.” Rom 8:9

AND THEREFORE ALSO, BY SIMPLY LOGIC:

If anyone does belong to Christ, he does have the Spirit of Christ.

The Holy and Christian Living – his part

- He transforms our character
- He enables and facilitates our Christian walk
- He equips us with specific gifts

The transformer of our character

- Bearing good fruit Gal 5:22
- Becoming like Christ 2 Cor 3:18

The facilitator of ALL our Christian Life

- Worship Jn 4:24
- Witness Acts 1:8
- Understanding 1 Cor 2:12, Eph 1:17,
1 Jn 2:20&27, Jn 14:26
- Prayer Rom 8:26-7, Eph 6:18
- Guidance Acts 11:12
- Victory over sin Rom 8:12-14, Gal 5:16
- Courage/strength Acts 4:31, Eph 3:18

The Holy and Christian Living – our part

- Do not grieve Him Eph 4:30
- Do not quench Him 1 Thes 5:19-20
- Be filled Eph 5:18
 - Imperative mood - a command
 - Passive voice - done to you, not something you do
 - Present continuous tense - an ongoing command

The Holy Spirit and the Church

He is present in our worship	Mt 18:20
He anoints the church's preaching	Acts 4:8
He drives the church's mission	Acts 13:2
He builds and indwells the body	Eph 2:22
He creates the church's unity	Eph 4:3, 1 Cor 12:12-13
He equips the church with gifts	1 Cor 12,13,14