

How do you know if it is the HOLY SPIRIT?

“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

“Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6)

“It will come about after this - That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind” (Joel 2:28)

I. You know it is the HOLY SPIRIT...

A) Because the Holy Spirit is...

- (Rom. 8:9,14) “the Spirit of God,” “the Spirit of Christ,” (Gal. 4:6) “the Spirit of His Son,” (2 Cor. 3:17) “the Lord is the Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord,” (Matt. 10:11) “the Spirit of your Father,” (Heb. 9:14) “eternal Spirit,” (1 Cor. 3:16) indwelling Spirit,
- (Nehemiah 9:20) “good Spirit to instruct”,
- (Isaiah 11:2) the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
- (Ezekiel 36:26-27) the Spirit who gives new heart and new spirit, the Spirit who cause us to walk in His way and obey His rules,
- (John 7:38-39) the river of living water flowing out of believer’s heart,
- (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13-14) the Helper (Comforter, Advocate), the Spirit of truth,
- (Romans 8:1-2) the Spirit of life! (v. 8:15) the Spirit of adoption as sons,
- (1 Corinthians 6:11) the Spirit who sanctifies and justifies,
- (Titus 3:5) the Spirit of regeneration and renewal,
- (Hebrews 10:29) the Spirit of grace,
- (1 Peter 4:14) the Spirit of glory and of God!

B) When you see... (From the Book of Acts)

- The Spirit's passion to be Christ's witness to all nations! (Acts 1:8)
- Spiritual insights and understanding of God's Word and Christ! (Acts 2:16-35)
- Boldness to stand up and proclaim Christ, Him crucified, and salvation from this corrupt generation! (Acts 2:36, 39; 4:31)
- Conviction of sin and willingness to repent, be baptized in the Name of Jesus! (Acts 2:37-38)
- Gladness and sincerity of heart to be devoted day by day to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and prayer! (Acts 2:42-48)
- Boldness to heed God over heeding human authority and prayer for greater courage! (Acts 4:18-20, 29-31)
- Divine encounters for God's sovereign plan of salvation! (Acts 8:29)
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C) When you experience ...

- The Helper (Comforter, advocate, intercessor, strengthener)! (John 14:16)
- The Spirit of truth who guides us into all truth and discloses to us about Christ! (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13-14;)
- Assurance of salvation and of being a child of God! (Romans 8:16)
- The comfort of the Spirit who intercedes and teaches us how to pray when we are weak! (Romans 8:26-27)
- Strengthening of the inner man with power, faith and love of Christ! (Ephesians 14-19)
- Conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment! (John 16:7-11)
- Regeneration and renewal by the Spirit! (Titus 3:5)
- Teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training by God's Word! (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Abounding hope from the God of hope! (Romans 15:13)
- The fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control! (Galatians 5:22-23)
- The gifts of the Spirit expressed as an act of worship, in the will of God, compelled by love, and to minister to others! (Romans 12:1-9)
- The filling of God's love to exult in tribulation, perseverance, proven character, hope that does not disappoint! (Romans 5:2-5)

II) How can I be filled with the HOLY SPIRIT?

Wait for the Spirit ...

- **Persevering in prayer together** until the Holy Spirit is poured out! (Acts 1:8)
“But stay...until you are clothed with power from on high”! (Luke 24:49)
- **Ask your heavenly Father** for the Holy Spirit! (Luke 11:13)
- **Repent and be baptized!** (Acts 2:38)
- **Love Jesus, obey His commands and follow Him!** (John 14:21; Acts 5:32; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- **Do not quench** the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:18), **resist** the Spirit, **grieve** the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)! (Ex) Israel **rebelled and grieved...** (Isaiah 63:10)
- **Be controlled by** the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), **walk by** the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), and **be filled** (drunk) with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)!
- **Live out the fruit of the Spirit by faith!** (Galatians 5:22-23)