

“Built for Action; Powered by the Spirit!”

“Making Us New” Core 37

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

A. The Holy Spirit is...

1. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He was present in Creation, assumed different forms throughout the Old Testament, evidenced at Jesus’ baptism, and promised by Jesus as our Advocate.

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make human beings in Our image, to be like Us.’” Genesis 1:26

“But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of Truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about Me.” John 15:26

2. The Holy Spirit is omnipotent – all-powerful.

“The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.” Genesis 1:2

3. The Holy Spirit is omniscient – all-wise.

“But it was to us that God revealed these things by His Spirit. For His Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

4. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent – all-present.

“I can never escape from Your Spirit! I can never get away from Your presence! If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I go down to the grave, You are there.” Psalm 139:7-8

5. The Holy Spirit is a person with a mind, will, and emotions.

Mind: *“No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 2:11*

Will: *“It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.” 1 Corinthians 12:11*

Emotions: *“Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:30*

“And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, He has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

B. The Holy Spirit was promised...

1. The Holy Spirit came to personally indwell all believers as Jesus promised. He was recognized as the Advocate who represented Jesus.

“But when the Father sends the Advocate as My representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.” John 14:26

“But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of Truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about Me.” John 15:26

2. The Holy Spirit was promised to always be with us.

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.” John 14:16

3. The Holy Spirit came to give us power.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

4. The Holy Spirit came to bring us joy.

“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17

5. The evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the fruit of the Spirit.

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” Galatians 5:22-23

C. The Holy Spirit acts...

1. The Holy Spirit identifies, authenticates, and affirms who Jesus is.

“But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of Truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about Me.” John 15:26

2. The Holy Spirit indwells, directs, transforms, and sanctifies all believers.

“As for us, we can’t help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth.” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23

3. The Holy Spirit inspired, applies, instructs, and affirms God’s Word in our lives.

“Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.” 2 Peter 1:20-21

“asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.” Ephesians 1:17

D. Realize the Spirit’s work and be filled with the Holy Spirit...

“And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. The Spirit is God’s guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify Him.” Ephesians 1:13-14

“I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit.” Ephesians 3:16

“Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.” Ephesians 5:3-4

“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,” Ephesians 5:18

1. Begin by surrendering all your past, present and future to God.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him.” Romans 12:1

2. Express your desire for His filling in your life by asking or inviting Him to fill your life.

“So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.” Luke 11:13

3. Be willing to fully surrender your will in obedience to His will.

“We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to those who obey Him.” Acts 5:32

4. By faith, confidently believe and receive His presence in your life.

“Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.” Galatians 3:2

“He made no distinction between us and them, for He cleansed their hearts through faith.” Acts 15:9