



## THE PROOF OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit Sermon Series #4  
Galatians 5 & 1 Corinthians 12  
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### REVIEW

1. The Promise of the Holy Spirit... Joel 2:28,29 and Acts 2
2. The Purpose of the Holy Spirit... John 16:8-11
3. The Person of the Holy Spirit... John 14:16-17
4. The Proof of the Holy Spirit... Galatians 5, 1 Corinthians 12 (today)

**SERIES MAIN CONCEPT** ... To understand the Scriptural teachings about the Holy Spirit in order that we may seek a personal & growing relationship with the Holy Spirit.

**SERMON MAIN CONCEPT** ... Scriptures teach that there will be clear evidences of the Holy Spirit's abiding presence in my life.

**QUESTION** ... What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? What are the biblical evidences/proofs of the Holy Spirit?

**Evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in my life...Spiritual Fruit**  
(Galatians 5:16-25)

- **Fruit of the Sinful Nature**... Galatians 5:16-21 ("Acts" = plural)
- **Moral sins** (against self): Sexual immorality impurity, lustful pleasures
- **Religious sins** (against God): Idolatry, sorcery
- **Social sins** (against others): hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, division, envy
- **Uninhibited sins**: drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.
- Not a definitive list of sins
- **Fruit of the Spiritual Nature**... Galatians 5:22-26 ("Fruit" = singular)
- "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control"

**Evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in my life...Spiritual Gifts**

- (1 Cor. 12:1-11, 1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:4-6a, Ephesians 4:11)
- **Romans 12**: exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy, prophecy, service, teaching
  - **1 Corinthians 12**: Administration, apostle, discernment, faith, healing helps knowledge, miracles, prophecy, teaching, tongues<sup>^</sup> & interpretation, wisdom
  - **Ephesians 4**: Apostle, evangelism, pastor, prophecy, teaching
  - Other refs: Celibacy, hospitality, martyrdom, missionary, voluntary poverty
  - **Supernatural endowments** given to us at the discretion the Holy Spirit for ministry (ref 1 Corinthians 12:11)
  - **Talents** are natural abilities that can be developed and used for good or bad.
  - Not a complete list of gifts given by the Holy Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit may change your gift to fill a need in the Church.

<sup>^</sup>Note: The gift of tongues/languages is carefully explained:

- The proper use of tongues... 1 Corinthians 14:26
- The priority of tongues... 1 Corinthians 12:28
- The procedure of tongues... 1 Corinthians 14:27,28
- The pride of tongues... 1 Corinthians 14:36
- The permanence of tongues... 1 Corinthians 13:8-11

### APPLICATION

- Are there enough direct evidences in my life to "convict" me of the Holy Spirit's control in my life?
  - To what extent is the evidence of the Holy Spirit in my life revealed through the fruit of the Spirit?
  - To what extent is the evidence of the Holy Spirit in my life revealed through my use of my Spiritual gifts?
  - Are there areas in my sinful nature that I need to surrender to the Holy Spirit?
  - In what areas of the Church am I using my Spiritual Gifts for God?
- PRAYER**... Heavenly Father, I need the Holy Spirit's transforming presence in my life. Show me any sinful ways that need to be cleansed and forgiven. Show me what Spirit fruit I am lacking. Cleanse me from my sin, fill me with your Holy Spirit, put me to use in your church for your glory. Amen!

\* Finding Your Spiritual Gifts Personal Survey... See pastor Dunn

\*\* More on Gifts of the Holy Spirit... <https://mintools.com/gifts-list.htm>