

# Mount Pisgah A.M.E Church

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*Series: The Holy Spirit*

## Review

- The Holy Spirit is an eternal part of what is known as The Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit is a PERSON, not just an impersonal force.
- You can engage the Holy Spirit as you would a friend, a guide, a counselor, or a companion.
- The Holy Spirit's work involves drawing unbelievers, and inspiring and maturing believers.
- The Holy Spirit leads disciples by God's Word and through the indwelling of The Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit brings disciples through a process to mold them into the image of Christ.
- The Holy Spirit teaches and inspires believers so that they know Jesus better and are reminded of His principles and instruction.

## *The Holy Spirit Empowers Us*

One of the main things that is associated with the Holy Spirit is power. Jesus promised that disciples would receive power (Acts 1:8). What is the nature of that power?

The word "power" in the English Bible is translated from the Greek word *dunamis*. The definition for our application here is *supernatural ability*. In other words, Jesus is promising something that either explosively builds on our inherent strength, or that enables us to go above and beyond our human capacity.

The Holy Spirit gives disciples power to do things that either gives a supernatural boost to their natural abilities (in a much healthier way than steroids 😊) or empowers them to go above and beyond their natural abilities. The purpose is for people to be able to clearly see that what is operating IN and THROUGH disciples comes from GOD, and is not merely attained through the development or enhancement of their own natural development.

The Holy Spirit gives people power to go above and beyond what they would otherwise have the capability to do, so that ONLY GOD could possibly get the glory.

### Old Testament Examples:

- Judges 3:9-11 – Othniel elevated to lead Israel to deliverance
- 1 Samuel 10:1-11 – Saul was not "by nature" a prophet but God changed him
- Joel 2:28-32 - A forecast of God's empowerment of the disciples

### New Testament Examples:

- Acts 2:1-6, 14-21 – The apostles filled to preach the gospel in other languages
- Acts 8:26-39 – The Spirit directs Philip in sharing the gospel with an African servant

The Spirit is given to disciples to MAKE THEM WITNESSES (Acts 1:8).

The Spirit empowers disciples to enable them to do a number of things:

- Boldly proclaim the gospel.. (Acts 1:8; Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:18-21)
- Pray when we do not know how. (Romans 8:26-27)
- Appreciate the mystery of the gospel. (Ephesians 3:16-19)
- Deny our flesh and live rightly. (Romans 8:2, 10-11; Galatians 5:16)
- Abound in hope and be filled with joy and peace. (Romans 15:13)
- Change! (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Display ministry gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Power prerequisites;

- Salvation
- Repentance from known sin
- “Yieldedness”
- Receptiveness/openness

In what ways have you seen The Holy Spirit operate IN you or THROUGH you in ways that go beyond your natural abilities?

What are you seeking by the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

The Spirit is available to take you outside of yourself so that you can live and operate in unpredicted and unprecedented ways!