

About the HOLY GHOST...?

{ the Comforter }

*"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth... And the **Spirit of God moved**... [Genesis 1:1]
And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... [Genesis 1:26]
And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,**
and man became a living soul." [Genesis 2:7]*

Defined:

Holy	→	[Hebrew 6944] gôdesh (<i>ko,-desh</i>) – a sacred place or thing; sanctity: consecrated, dedicated, hallowed, holiness, saint, sanctuary
Ghost	→	[Hebrew 1478] g>va' (<i>gaw-vah</i>) – to breathe out, i.e. (by implication) expire: die, be dead, give up the ghost, perish [Genesis 25:8,17; 35:29; 49:33; Job 3:11; 10:18; 13:19; 14:10; Lamentations 1:19]
	↘	[Greek 4151] pneuma (<i>pn̄yoo.-mah</i>) – a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc or (superhuman) an angel, demons, or divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit; ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind
[Matthew 1:18,20; 3:11; 12:31-32; 27:50; 28:19; Mark 1:8; 3:28-29; 12:36; 13:11; Luke 1:15,35,41,67; 2:25-26; 3:16-22; 4:1; 12:10,12]		
spirit {Spirit}		[Hebrew 7307] rwach (<i>roo.-akh</i>) – wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (include its expression & function): air, anger, blast, breath, cool, courage, mind, spirit (-ual), tempest
[Genesis 1:2; 6:3; 41:38; Exodus 28:3; 31:3; 35:31; Numbers 11:17,25-26; 14:24; 24:2; Deuteronomy 34:9; Judges 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6,19; 15:14; 1 Samuel 10:5-7,10; 11:6; 16:13-14; 19:20-24; 2 Samuel 23:2; 2 Kings 2:9,15; 1 Chronicles 2:18; 28:12; 2 Chronicles 15:1; 20:14; 24:20]		

The Holy Ghost is the *promise & gift* of God the Father Almighty.

[read - Joel 3; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5,8; 2:38-39]

Isaiah 44:1-6 *"...I will **pour my spirit upon** thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring..."*

Matthew 3:11 *"...he shall **baptize** you with the **Holy Ghost and with fire.**" (Mark 1:8; Luke 3:15-16; John 1:33)*

Read: *the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost descending on Jesus* [Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:32-34]

Matthew 12:31-32 *"...but the blasphemy against the **Holy Ghost** shall not be forgiven unto men...but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."
[Mark 3:28-29; Luke 12:10]*

*"...He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath saith, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** But this spake he of the **Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: for **the Holy Ghost was not yet given:** because that Jesus was not yet glorified." [John 7:37-39]*

*"But the **Comforter**, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." [John 14:26] (Luke 12:12; Acts 9:31)*

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“...after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen...wait for the promise of the Father, ...For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...” [Acts 1:2, 4-5,8]

“Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** everyone of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**. For **the promise** is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord shall call.” [Acts 2:38-39] (see Ephesians 1:13-14)

Day of Pentecost – What happened???

[Acts 2]

- Tarrying in Jerusalem, prayer & supplications, all on one accord in one place, v.1
- Suddenly, rushing mighty wind from heaven filled all the house, v.2
- Appearance of cloven (divided) tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them, v.3
- They were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and they began to **speak with other tongues** (not unknown tongues), **as the spirit gave them utterance** (no man taught them other tongues/languages how to speak), v.4
- Jews dwelling at Jerusalem out of every nation under heaven, v.5
- Multitude of Jews confounded because every man heard them (Galilϕans) speak in his (Jews) own tongue/language wherein they (Jews) were born, v.6-8
- Nations of tongues (different languages of people) were amazed wondering what this meaneth (Galilϕans speaking Jews language of birth), v.9-12
- Apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and said, “*Be this known unto you, ...This is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel (Joel 3), And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh ...*,” v.14-21

“Jesus being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.” [Acts 2:32-33]

filled with Holy Ghost

(13 counts)

1. Luke 1:11-15, 41 (Elizabeth baby John filled w/Holy Ghost from mother's womb)
2. Luke 1:41 (Elizabeth filled w/Holy Ghost at Mary's salutation)
3. Luke 1:67 (Zacharias filled w/Holy Ghost & prophesied)
4. Luke 4:1 (Jesus filled w/Holy Ghost after being baptized)(see Luke 3:21-23; Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13) (God anointed Jesus w/Holy Ghost & w/power) [Acts 10:38]
5. Acts 2:1-4 (Day of Pentecost - Galilϕans) (see Isaiah 66:18-19)
6. Acts 4:8 (Peter filled w/Holy Ghost)
7. Acts 4:31 (Jerusalem - 5 thousand filled w/Holy Ghost)
8. Acts 6:2-8 (Stephen & the 6 chosen, full of the Holy Ghost & wisdom)(see Acts 7:55-60)
9. Acts 9:17-18 (Damascus - Saul filled w/Holy Ghost)
10. Acts 11:22-25 (Antioch - Barnabus full of Holy Ghost & of faith)
11. Acts 13:9 (Saul{Paul} filled w/Holy Ghost)
12. Acts 13:49-52 (Iconium - disciples filled w/Holy Ghost & with joy)
13. Acts 19:1-7 (Ephesus - 12 disciples filled w/Holy Ghost)

filled with Holy Ghost/spoke in tongues

(3 counts)

1. Acts 2:4-18 (Day of Pentecost - Galilϕans speak in other nations tongues/languages the wonderful works of God)
2. Acts 10:44 -46 (Caesarea - Gentiles, Cornelius house) (Acts 11:1-18)
3. Acts 19:1-7 (Ephesus - 12 disciples spake in tongue & prophesied)

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spoke word of God/filled with Holy Ghost

1. Acts 4:1-4, 31 (Peter spoke, 5 thousand filled w/Holy Ghost)
2. Acts 10:44 -47 (Peter speaking word of God, Gentiles accepted, Cornelius house)
{Acts 11:12-18; 15:8-9 Holy ghost fell on, poured out; baptized}

laying of hands/received - filled w/Holy Ghost

1. Acts 8:14 -23 (Samaria - Peter & John)
2. Acts 9:17-18 (Damascus - Ananias on Saul)
3. Acts 19:1-7 (Ephesus - Paul, 12 disciples) (Holy Ghost came on them)

“...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he (Jesus) **breathes on them**, and saith unto them, **receive ye the Holy Ghost...**” [John 20:21-23]

“...Simeon;...just and devout...and **the Holy Ghost was upon him**. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.” [Luke 2:25-26]

Again, the Holy Ghost is a gift for the believer to receive; some people try to make it difficult for you to receive.

Tarrying (meaning to wait) **for the Holy Ghost**, is not scripture, except for where and when Jesus told his disciples (apostles) to tarry in Jerusalem (Luke 24:49); furthermore, **one must receive or be filled with the Holy Ghost** in order to be **more effective witnessing** and to be **more effective in the ministry** of Jesus Christ, even as the Father hath sent Him (Acts 1).

What is... “speaking in tongues”? other tongues ≠ unknown tongue (there is a difference)

*“In the law it is written, with **men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto the people;**
and for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.*

*Wherefore **tongues are for a sign**, not to them that believe, but **to them that believe not:**
but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but **for them which believe...**”*

[1 Corinthians 14:21-33]

“...**except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood**, how shall it be known what is spoken? For ye shall speak into the air. There are, it may be, so many kind of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.”

[1 Corinthians 14:7-10]

Defined:

tongue(s) [Hebrew 3956] **l>sh_lwn**, **l>sh_ln** (law-shone') {femine} **lesh_ln>h** (lesh-o-naw') – the tongue (of man or animals), used literally (as the instrument of licking, eating, speech) and figuratively (speech, an ingot, a fork of flame, a cove of water, babbler, evil speaker, language, talker, tongue, wedge)

Types of tongues: (character)

<i>crafty tongue</i> - Job 15:5	<i>wholesome tongue</i> - Proverbs 15:4	<i>cloven tongue (divided)</i> - Acts 2:3
<i>deceitful tongue</i> - Psalms 52:4	<i>naughty tongue (destructive)</i>	<i>unknown tongue (cannot understand)</i>
<i>false tongue</i> - Psalms 120:3	- Proverbs 17:4	-1 Corinthians 14:2
<i>lying tongue</i> - Proverbs 6:17	<i>perverse tongue</i> - Proverbs 17:20	<i>other tongues(of different nations,</i>
<i>just tongue</i> - Proverbs 10:20	<i>soft tongue</i> - Proverbs 25:15	<i>language; ex. Greek, Jew, Arabic,</i>
<i>froward tongue</i> - Proverbs 10:31	<i>backbiting tongue</i> - Proverbs 25:23	<i>Latin)</i> - Acts 2
<i>wise tongue</i> - Proverbs 12:18	<i>new tongues</i> - Mark 16:17	

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“The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far,...a nation whose **tongue** thou shalt **not understand**;... [Deuteronomy 28:49-50]

“And all the people returned...none moved his **tongue** against (criticized) any of the children of Israel.” [Joshua 10:21]

“The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my **tongue**.” [2 Samuel 23:2]

“...and the writing of the letter was written in the **Syrian tongue**, and interpreted in the **Syrian tongue**.” [Ezra 4:7]

“For with **stammering lips** and **another tongue** will he speak to this people.” [Isaiah 28:11]

“And these signs shall follow them that believe,...they shall speak with **new tongues**...” [Mark 16:17]

“For he that speaketh in an **unknown tongue** speaketh not unto men, but unto God: **for no man understandeth**; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.” [1 Corinthians 14:2]

“He that speaketh in an **unknown tongue** edifieth himself; but he that **prophesieth** edifieth the church. I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: **for greater is he that prophesieth** than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.” [1 Corinthians 14:4-5]

“Wherefore, let him that speaketh in an **unknown tongue** pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an **unknown tongue**, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.” [1 Corinthians 14:13-14]

“...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings...” [Romans 8:26-28]

How to receive the Holy Ghost

Matthew 6:33 “**Seek ye first** the kingdom of God and his **righteousness**...”

John 7:37 Jesus said, “If any **man thirst**, let him **come** unto me, and **drink**. He that **believeth** on me as the scripture hath said {read - Matthew 1:18-20; Mark 16:16; Luke 1:26-35; John 3:16-17; Romans 10:8-13} out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

“...whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” [Revelation 22:17]

Acts 2:38-39 **Repent, and be baptized** everyone of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**; (Acts 5:29-32; 8:14-17)

“...and so is the **Holy Ghost**, whom God hath given to them that obey him. [Acts 5:29-32](Romans 5:1-5)

“**Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you...” [Matthew 7:7-11; Mark 11:22-26; Luke 11:9-13]

“Blessed are they which do **hunger** and **thirst** after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” [Matthew 5:6]

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“Now **ye have received**, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are **freely given to us** of God which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but **which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual..”
[1 Corinthians 2:12-13]

“But the **natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**; for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know them** because they are spiritually discerned.”
[1 Corinthians 2:14](see 2 Timothy 1:14; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 John 5:7-8)

“For God hath not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**.” [2 Timothy 1:7]

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you**?
If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
What? Know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you**,
which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own**?
For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
[1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20]

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God whereby **ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.”
[read – Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:17-32]

May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, rest, rule, and abide with us, hence now, and forevermore, in the name of Jesus, AMEN.