

"What are the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit?"

<p>The Holy Spirit was manifested at and involved in creation. Thus, creation is a gift of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters (Genesis 1:1-2).</p>
<p>The greatest manifestation of the Holy Spirit is in the Incarnation of the Son of God, Who is Jesus -- true God and true man.</p>	<p>Now the Birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:18-20).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit manifested Himself at the Baptism of our Lord.</p>	<p>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art My Beloved Son; with Thee I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22).</p>
<p>My being is the work of the Holy Spirit. His gift to me is life.</p>	<p>[From the words of Elihu] The Spirit of God has made me, and the Breath of the Almighty gives me life (Job 33:4).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit manifests Himself through and is the Author of the Word of God. The Holy Bible is a gift of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God (1 Peter 1:20-21).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit works through the Word of God's Law to convict me of my sinfulness and of my sin. The Law of God and conviction are gifts of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>And when He (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no more; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged (John 16:8-11).</p>

The Holy Spirit works through my conscience to convict me of my sinfulness and of my sin. Conscience and conviction are gifts of the Holy Spirit.

When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them (Romans 2:14-15).

The Holy Spirit works through the Word given to the Apostles to teach us the truth about our sin and about the Savior's Good News.

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you (John 14:26).

The Holy Spirit gifts Himself to people.

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens; but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make Thy enemies a stool for Thy feet.' Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus Whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33-38).

The Holy Spirit grants the gift of repentance. Repentance is a gift of the Holy Spirit and is God's work, not man's.

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will (2 Timothy 2:25).

The Holy Spirit is manifested in Baptism. Baptism is God's gift, not man's work.

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew (again, from above).' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:5-8).

<p>The Holy Spirit works faith in the heart. Faith is God's gift, not man's work.</p>	<p>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life (Titus 3:4-7).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit works faith in the heart permitting the Christian to make the good confession that Jesus is Lord.</p>	<p>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit pours the love of God into the Christian's heart.</p>	<p>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:3-5).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit, along with the Father and the Son, live within the Christian.</p>	<p>Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)</p>
<p>Along with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit fellowships and communes with the Christian.</p>	<p>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit bestows the gift of being in the presence of God.</p>	<p>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me (Psalm 51:10-11).</p>
<p>The promised Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance in heaven.</p>	<p>In Him (Christ) you also, who have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:13-14).</p>

The Holy Spirit bestows the gift of being able to announce forgiveness to one another.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20:21-23).

The Holy Spirit sanctifies our offerings of time, abilities and treasure.

But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the Gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:16).

The Holy Spirit was manifested at Pentecost, and gave the gift of enabling specific people to understand and communicate in particular foreign languages at that time so they could tell the Good News of Jesus to people in their own languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God" (Acts 2:1-11).

The Holy Spirit intercedes to the Father on our behalf, taking our prayers and fashioning them in perfect form.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27).

<p>The Holy Spirit gives His fruit to the Christian.</p>	<p>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit gives the gift of His power to the Christian to be His witness and tell others about sin, the sin-Bearer, the Incarnation, the Atonement, the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus the Christ.</p>	<p>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit calls pastors to local congregations and makes them overseers.</p>	<p>Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God which He obtained with the Blood of His own Son. (Acts 20:28).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit entrusts pastors with the truth.</p>	<p>Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit Who dwells within us (2 Timothy 1:13-14).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit blesses and empowers the Christian with a bountiful hope.</p>	<p>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (Romans 15:13).</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit joins the Church in extending the invitation to the gracious Good News of God's love for the world in His Son, Jesus the Christ.</p>	<p>The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the Water of Life without price. (Revelation 21:17).</p>