

## How Do I Receive the Holy Ghost?

If you will repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us, He will. When you feel the burden and weight of guilt lift from your spirit, joy begins to come to your soul. Some people will begin to weep with love towards the Lord, others may begin to smile and laugh, others will begin to raise their hands in praise to the Lord. When these feelings begin to take place, it is not long before one receives the gift of the Holy Ghost for the first time!

According to the scripture, when one receives the Holy Ghost, they will speak with “*new tongues*” i.e. language not learned. “*They spake with other tongues...*” **Acts 2:4**, “*They heard them speak with tongues...*” **Acts 10:45 & 11:15**, “*They spoke with tongues...*” **Acts 19:5**; those who are filled with the Holy Ghost will begin to demonstrate the “*fruit of the Spirit*” **Galatians 5:22-24**, and can seek to be used in the “*gifts of the Spirit*” **1 Corinthians 12:4**.

Do you want all that the Lord Jesus has for you? Would you like to have the power to do right? Do you want more peace in your life and family? Do you have real joy? **Romans 14:17** tells us that righteousness, peace and joy are all found in the Holy Ghost. *If you want it you can get it because Jesus wants to see you with it!*”

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# The Gift of the Holy Ghost



*“...He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:”*

**Matthew 3:11**

## What do the words ‘Holy Ghost’ mean?

The word ‘holy’ is a translation of the Greek word *hagios* and means to be set apart, consecrated, and sharing in God’s purity. The word ‘ghost’ is a translation of the Greek word *pneuma* and denotes the wind or breath, invisible yet, powerful, the essence of a departed one. So, when one speaks of the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost, they are referring to an invisible yet tangible, spirit of a departed one.

### History of the Holy Ghost

The giving of the Holy Ghost was prophesied of in the Old Testament. *“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people”* **Isaiah 28:11**. *“...It shall come to pass...I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...”* **Joel 2:28**, this prophecy was fulfilled in Acts chapter 2, *“But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel”* **Acts 2:16**. John the Baptist said that Jesus would give people the Holy Ghost, *“...he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire”* **Matthew 3:11**.

### What did Jesus teach about the Holy Ghost?

Jesus was the only one able to give the Holy Spirit to others *“...the same is he, which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost”* **John 1:33**. However, during

His earthly ministry, there is no record of anyone ever receiving the Holy Ghost from Jesus Christ! **John 7:39** tells us that *“It”* would be given after Jesus was glorified (resurrected and ascended). Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for this wonderful promise of the Holy Ghost (**Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4**).

We know that Jesus considered the Holy Ghost of great importance. In fact, it is required for us to have if we would go to heaven. When He spoke to Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader, he said *“...a man cannot see...nor enter...into the kingdom of God except he is born of the water and of the spirit,”* **John 3:3-5**. The primary purpose of Jesus’ ministry was to provide salvation for us, show us how life is lived in the power and ability of the Holy Ghost, and to make the same manner of life available to whosoever will, *“...as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”* **John 1:12**, *“...for without me, you can do nothing”* **John 15:5**.

### Who is the Holy Ghost?

First, the Holy Ghost is a Spirit. Secondly, the Bible tells us that there is only **ONE** Spirit – *“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...and have been all made to drink into one Spirit”* **1 Corinthians 12:13**, *“Now the Lord is that Spirit...”* **2 Corinthians**

**3:17**, and **John 4:24** informs us that, *“...God is a Spirit.”*

As Jesus talked with his disciples, he told them that, *“...the Father...shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever; the Spirit of truth...you know him; for he dwelleth with, and shall be in you... I will come to you...But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name...”* **John 14:16-18, 26**

So, there is only One Spirit, **“IT”** is known as the Holy Ghost and the Comforter, sent from the Father, coming in the name of Jesus and **“IS”** Jesus. The Holy Ghost is also described as:

**Fire** - **Matthew 3:11**

**Wind** - **John 3:6, 8 & John 20:22**

**Rivers of Living Water** - **John 7:38**

**The Gift** - **Acts 2:38**

**Christ in You** - **Colossians 1:27**

There are some religions that believe that the Holy Ghost is given to only a select few, others teach that the Holy Ghost is no longer being given at all and some feel that receiving the Holy Ghost is not really necessary to their religious devotion. **What does the Bible say?** *“...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”* **Romans 8:9**, *“...The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call”* **Acts 2:39**.