

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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(Acts 19:1-7)

The Holy Spirit must be **RECEIVED**. He will not come on His own and live in you. The Holy Spirit must be **INVITED** into your life. Believing in Jesus **DOES NOT** mean you have received the Holy Spirit. There is a major **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BELIEVING AND RECEIVING.**

Believing will require you to make a confession. Receiving will require you to pursue what you want. The Holy Spirit must be pursued! The way you pursue the Holy Spirit is by **ASKING** Him to come in your life. The Holy Spirit is not a thug. He will not bombard you.

The Holy Spirit is a gentleman. The most common mistake people make is believing that accepting Jesus is the same as receiving the Holy Spirit. This is far from the

truth. Jesus and the Holy Spirit **DO NOT** come as a package deal. One must be **BELIEVED** (Jesus) and the other must be **RECEIVED** (Holy Spirit).

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON
BELIEVES IN JESUS BUT IS VOID OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT?

(Acts: 19:1-7)

When a person believes in Jesus while being void of the Holy Spirit, their heart and life will change for the better. However, they will **NOT** have the ability to **EXTRACT** the power of God. This is why Christians are kind yet, **VOID** of influence. They are gentle in speech yet, void of authority. They are caring toward others yet, unequipped to transform lives.

In Acts 19:1-7 the Apostle Paul asked a very important question to the People he encountered on his route to Ephesus. He asked them, "*did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?*"

In this statement, the Apostle Paul showed us how a person can believe in Jesus while being void of the Holy Spirit **SIMULTANEOUSLY**. Never assume that a person is in the position to please God. Unfortunately, the appearance of Godliness does not mean a person has the **POWER** to be Godly. **THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU THE POWER TO BE GODLY.**

HAVING FAITH IN JESUS MAKES YOU RIGHT
WITH GOD.

HOWEVER, RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT
ENABLES YOU TO WALK IN THE POWER OF
GOD.

Romans 10:9 says, *"If you use your mouth to say, "Jesus is Lord, "and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. We believe with our hearts, and so **WE ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD**. We use our mouths to say that we believe, and so we are saved."* It is important to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. When Jesus becomes your Lord, the devil becomes your enemy.

It is also important to **ASK** the Holy Spirit to come in your life because He is the person who will empower you to make a difference in people's lives.

There is nothing more discouraging to God than to look at a **POWERLESS** Christian. Christians are people who are stuck in religion. Kingdom citizens are people who live in God's Kingdom.

In Acts 19:2, the Apostle Paul asked the people did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? The people's answers were frightening. They said, "**WE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF A HOLY SPIRIT?**" These people had no idea that the Holy Spirit was a person.

They had no idea that the Holy Spirit is the funnel in which God's power flows. These people were completely ignorant of God's power. However, they were knowledgeable of Jesus. How many people in today's society fit in this category? Unfortunately, there are too many.

A multitude of churches do not teach on the Holy Spirit. They do not tell their congregants that He needs to be **INVITED** into their lives. Are you a **POWERLESS** Christian? Are you saved by grace **BUT** bound by sin? Are you right with God **BUT** weak in spirit?

ASK

(Luke 11:13)

Luke 11:13 says, "*Even though you are bad, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who **ASK HIM!***" The Holy Spirit is waiting on you. Walking in the power of God is not complicated. The reason demonic agendas demonize people and evil strategies prosper is because there are too many Christians and not enough Kingdom citizens. The Holy Spirit does not live in Christians. He lives in Kingdom citizens.

If you are not sure if the Holy Spirit lives in you, you have **NOT** received Him. If you cannot hear the voice of the

Holy Spirit, you have **NOT** received Him. If you are struggling to live a righteous life, you have **NOT** received Him. The presence of the Holy Spirit is obvious.

The presence of the Holy Spirit cannot be denied. When He lives in you, you will feel His impact!! If the Holy Spirit does not live inside of you, **ASK** Him to come into your life today.

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