

Eastgate Creative Christian Fellowship Holy Spirit Encounter Meetings

The Holy Spirit

1. There are 3 distinct ways Scripture explains in the Greek how God's Holy Spirit will come to you.

a. "PARA" _____ The spirit draws a person to Christ . John 14:17 "The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives **with** you and will be in you."

b. "EN" _____ The spirit comes to live INSIDE the believer - John 14:20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are **in** me, and I am in you.

c. "EPI" _____ The spirit COMES UPON the believe in supernatural, miracles working power.

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes **upon** you; and you will be my witnesses..."

Acts 8:16 ...the Holy Spirit had not yet come **upon** any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 10:44 "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came **on** all who heard the message".

Acts 19:6 "When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came **on** them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."



2. So what did Jesus do or say about these 3 distinct encounters with His Holy Spirit?

John 20:19 "Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

Gen 2:7 - God breathed IN Adam, now Jesus breathed ON the disciples - John 20:19

Acts 1:4-5 "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses..." (This is also documented in Luke 24:49 "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.")

3. THIS SHOWS THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT; BETWEEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMING _____ TO RECEIVE _____ and _____ TO RECEIVE _____.

The Holy Spirit "EN" is a work of _____ and the "EPI" is for _____.

What do you need power for to overcome in your life today?_____

Acts 2:2-4 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

CONCLUSION & PROOF: Jesus prophesied they were going to get the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39), they got the Holy Spirit (John 20:22), but they were told they needed more of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:45,8), and then got it! (Acts 2:2-4).

4. What's the big difference in "in" and "upon?"

IN:

- changes our _____.
- releases the _____ within us.
- makes us _____.

UPON:

- pours out power to represent Jesus' _____.
- enables us to fulfill _____: "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."
- releases the workings and gifts of the Spirit within us.

5. **Examples in Scripture of people receiving what the Bible calls, "the baptism of the Holy Spirit":** (John prophesied it: Mark 1:8 "I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.")

- a. Jesus' disciples Acts 2:1-13
- b. the Samaritans Acts 8:12-19
- c. the Apostle Paul Acts 9:17
- d. Cornelius' household Acts 10:44-48
- e. Acts 11:13-16
- f. Ephesians Acts 19:1-7

6. **Speaking in Tongues: the controversial blessing.**

- a. What are the gifts of the Spirit according to 1 Cor. 12? _____
- b. Out of the 9 gifts, only _____ is unique to the New Covenant.
- c. Where are tongues prophesied in the Old Testament? *Isa 28:11 "With strange tongues God will speak to this people,"*
The New Testament? Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover."

At it's core, speaking in tongues is merely _____.

Rom. 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

1 Cor. 14:14 that "If I pray in a tongue my spirit prays." (Paul) So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

Eph 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."



7. **Do you ever have a hard time hearing God while in prayer? Yes / No**

- a. It's a way to _____
- b. It's a way to _____
- c. It's NOT a _____

"But you dear friends build yourselves up on your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit." Jude 20

Should we pray in tongues all the time? ____ What did Paul do? 1 Cor. 14:15 "So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind."

"I would like every one of you to speak with tongues." 1 Cor. 14:5

Tongues can be used to pray _____ or _____.

Most of the 1 Cor. 12 gifts of the Spirit are released through _____.

Tongues is not _____ it's a _____. You don't _____ speak with tongues, you _____.

8. **Things that will prevent your from receiving the Holy Spirit Baptism.**

- a) bad or incomplete _____
- b) lack of _____
- c) fear of _____

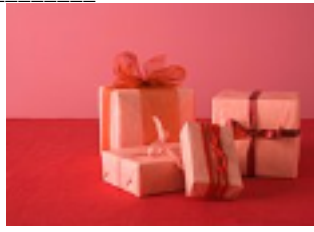
As with salvation, all the gifts of the spirit are received by _____.

1Cor. 14:39 Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

9. **How do I receive this Holy Spirit Baptism?**

- a. _____
- b. _____

- c. _____
 d. _____
 e. _____



10. What gifts do you want? _____ Which gifts do you NOT want? _____

Paul says God works *“all of them in all men”* (1 Cor. 12:6)

Can you resist salvation thru Jesus? _____ Can you resist the baptism of the Holy Spirit? _____

The Bible indicates that these gifts of the Holy Spirit seem to be available to all Christians, regardless of their _____ or _____ within the Body.

Mark 16:17-18 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover."

1 John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

“Eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.” 1 Cor. 14:1

11. Is God still speaking today? Who can hear His voice?

John 3:27 “My sheep hear My voice.”

Job 33:14-15 “Why do you complain to him that he answers none of man's words? For God does speak --now one way, now another-- though man may not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds, he OPENS the ears of men, and seals their instruction.”

God can speak to you through:

- His Word.
- Through Others (1 Cor 14:3)
- Through Dreams and Visions (Job 33:14-15)
- Through the quiet, still inner voice (1 Kgs. 19:11-12)
- Through an audible voice.
- Your surroundings: objects, signs, t.v., weather, etc.

1 Kgs. 19:11-12 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper."

Isa. 30:21 “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’”

God has been speaking since _____ . God created the world with _____ .

12. Some obstacles to hearing God’s voice (excerpts from James Goll *Foundations of Prophetic Ministry*). **A.** Lack of _____. **B.** Lack of strong _____ to Jesus as Lord. **C.** The presence of _____ and a double-standard lifestyle. **D.** Ignorance of the _____ of the believer’s privilege to hear from God personally. **E.** Lack of _____ on how to pursue such a listening prayer experience. **F.** Fear of being called a _____, _____ or mentally ill. **G.** Fear of being open to the _____ or of being led astray by the enemy.

13. If you can answer affirmatively to the following, then rest assured that what you’ve heard is God speaking to you:

A. What I heard helps me to respect (fear) the Lord and to depart from evil (Job 28:28 And he said to man, ‘The fear of the Lord -- that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.’). **B. The message increases my faith in or my knowledge and understanding of Scripture** (Prov. 4:7 Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding). **C. The actions that will result from following this will be full of spiritual fruit:** (James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.) a. Hold up a dictionary b. Hold up a Bible **D. What I heard strengthens me “with all might”** so that I can keep going no matter what happens (Col. 1:11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully), Col. 1:11 **E. It causes me to experience joyfulness** and thanksgiving to the Father (Col 1:11-12 “...and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.”)

14. Scriptural Definitions of Prophecy: HEBREW - “prophesy”: *naba*: send forth, pour out (used in Prov. 1:23, “pour out my heart”. A modern expression too. **“prophet”:** *nabhi*: one from whom the message of God springs forth or one to whom anything is secretly communicated. Spokesman or speaker, a declarer or announcer. Pouring forth the declarations of God. **“roeh and chozeh”** one who sees (1 Sam. 9:9). “(Formerly in Israel, if a man went to inquire of God, he would say, “Come, let us go to the

seer," because the prophet of today used to be called a seer." **GREEK - "prophesy": propheteia or propheteus** (pro: forth, phemi: to speak). **"Prophet": prophetes:** used in the Greek language to denote the person who speaks for a god, who is an interpreter of the oracles of the gods. Proclaimer and interpreter of the divine."

Just as "faith without works is dead" (Ja. 2:17), thus, revelation without application is useless. In the process of hearing God speaking to us, we must move from using our ears to our mouths.

15. Others' Definitions: "The gift of prophecy is the supernaturally imparted ability to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and speak God's mind or counsel. Prophecy not only ministers to the assembled group of believers, but also to individuals. It's three main purposes are to (1) edify= to build up, strengthen, to make more effective; (2) to exhort = to stimulate, to encourage, to admonish; (3) to comfort = cheer up. Thus prophecy overcomes two of Satan's most common attacks: condemnation & discouragement." Derek Prince

"Prophecy is declaring the message of God to His church for the purpose of edification. It is not a skill, aptitude or talent. It is the actual speaking forth of words given by the Spirit in a particular situation and ceases when the words (given by the Spirit) cease. This may be given in a poetic form or even in a song." John Wimber

"What is prophecy? We could say prophecy is the expressed thought of God spoken in a language that no man in his natural gift of speech could ever articulate. The substance and nature of prophecy exceeds the limit of what the human mind is capable of thinking or imagining. Prophecy comes through the mouth of man, but comes from the mind of God." James Goll

1 Cor. 12:6-12 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

16. Whenever you see the phrase, "word of God" in Scripture, it is one of two Greek words:

a) "LOGOS" - _____ b) "RHEMA"- _____



17. Summary of God speaking:

- God started out creating things by _____. He was the Word and the Word was with Him.
- The Word, Jesus, came to earth.
- Then the Word, Jesus, went back to heaven after He had completed His work for the Father while on earth.
- The Holy Spirit was then sent to us as our counselor. Thru Him, we still have constant access to the Living Word, Jesus.
- The H.S. leads us into all truth. Jn 16:13. He is our constant advisor and speaks words to us from THE living Word, Jesus.

18. False Prophets - the Psychic realm is real.

READ 1 Samuel 28: 6-15! (v.15) Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do."

All activity in the psychic realm is a counterfeit for the _____.

The defining characteristics of a false prophet is to lead people _____ from God. Giving a wrong word does not make you a _____ prophet. The Bible says that a false prophet is one who leads others away from God. You might give a _____ word, but that does not make you a false prophet. It merely makes you wrong!

19. False Prophet clearly defined in Scripture:

Jer. 23:21, 27-28 "I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied. They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name... Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully... "They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least," declares the LORD."

Deut. 13:1-5 If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul." That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he preached rebellion against the LORD your God..."

2Pet. 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord...

20. A simple test: Matt. 7:15-18 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.



21. If God can speak to you when you're _____, then surely He can speak to you when you are _____.

Ps. 16:7 I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

22. Some Dreams in Scripture:

Genesis 20:3 - God keeps Abimelech from sinning through a dream
Genesis 28:12 - Jacob dreams about angels on a ladder
Genesis 31:11 - God calls for Jacob in a dream
Genesis 31:24 - God instructs Laban in a dream
Genesis 37:5-10 - Joseph tells his dreams to his brothers and they are angered
Genesis 46:2 God tells Jacob to go to Egypt
Genesis 40 - Joseph interprets the Baker and CupBearer's dreams in prison
Genesis 41:1 - Pharaohs dreams about upcoming famine in Egypt
Judges 7:13 - Gideon overhears a Midian man's dream and realizes his victory
1 Kings 3:5 - God asks Solomon in a dream to ask for whatever he wants
Daniel 4 - Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream and Daniel interprets
Daniel 7 - Vision of the beast with 10 horns and of the Ancient of Days
Matthew 1:20 - An angel tell Joseph in a dream to take Mary as his wife
Matthew 2:12 - Joseph is warned in a dream not to go back to Herod
Matthew 2:13 - God tells Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt
Matthew 2:19-23 - God tells Joseph to take Mary and Jesus back to Israel
Matthew 27:19 - Pilate's wife admits being troubled in a dream about John the Baptist

23. Some Visions in Scripture:

Genesis 15:1 God comforts Abram with a promise
1 Samuel 3 - Samuel hears God's audible voice; it's called a "vision" (v.15)
Isaiah 1 - Isaiah explains a vision of Jerusalem and Judah
Isaiah 21:2 - Isaiah receives a "dire" vision of judgment
Isaiah 29 - Isaiah delivers a vision to a sinful people
Ezekiel 1:1 - Ezekiel sees a vision of the 4 living creatures
Ezekiel 7 - Ezekiel tells Israel of his vision for them
Ezekiel 40 - Ezekiel's visions of Israel
Ezekiel 43 - Another vision of the glory of the Lord
Daniel 2:19-45 - Daniel gets the king's dream revealed to him in a night vision
Daniel 8 - Daniel sees a vision about the end times, and sees Gabriel
Daniel 9:21-22,24 - Daniel gets a vision and a message from Gabriel
Obadiah 1 - Obadiah receives a vision for his people
Micah 1 - Micah's vision concerning Samaria and Jerusalem
Nahum 1 - Nahum's vision and message to his people
Zechariah 1:8 - Zechariah's vision of the red horse
Luke 1:22 - Zachariah realizes his vision in the temple
Acts 9:10-11 - Ananias has a vision to go pray for Paul's healing
Acts 9:12 - Through a vision Paul has already seen Ananias is coming!
Acts 10 - Cornelius has a vision to go to Peter,
and Peter has a vision in a trance that prepares him for his visit! (the lowered sheet)
Acts 16:9-10 - Paul has a vision about a man from Macedonia beckoning him to come
Acts 18:9 - Paul's vision and direction from the Lord
Revelation 9 - John's vision of the horses and riders.



24. "VISION": INNER PERCEPTION / "OPEN VISION": EXTERNAL OPTICAL PERCEPTION / NIGHT VISION: A VIVID, NOCTURNAL PROPHETIC DREAM

25. Visitations in Scripture:

Daniel 8 - Daniel sees a vision about the end times, and sees Gabriel (also 9:21-22,24)
Mark 16:9-12 - Jesus visits Mary Magdalene and others after his resurrection

John 20:26 - Jesus appears to the disciples after his resurrection
Acts 12:8-9 Peter is rescued from prison by an angel
Acts 22:6-11 Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus
Revelation - the entire book of John's visitations, visions and revelations
Daniel 10 - Daniel is fasting, sees a vision and has a heavenly visitation from Michael the ArchAngel

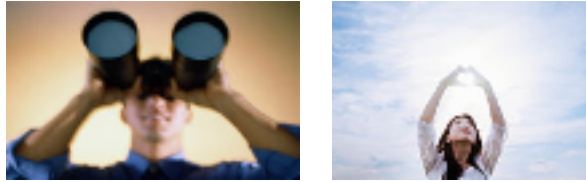
"A word was secretly brought to me, my ears caught a whisper of it. Amid disquieting dreams in the night, when deep sleep falls on men, fear and trembling seized me and made all my bones shake. A spirit glided past my face, and the hair on my body stood on end. It stopped, but I could not tell what it was. A form stood before my eyes, and I heard a hushed voice: 'Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?'" Job 4:12-17

26. Translations or "Trances" in Scripture:

Ezekiel 3:14 - Ezekiel lifted up to Talabib (3:14), Jerusalem (8:3) Babylon (11:24) and Israel (ch.40)
Acts 10 - Peter falls into a trance and then has a vision (also 11:5)
Acts 22:17 - Paul's vision of the Lord in the temple through a trance
1 Corinthians 12 - Paul describes being taken up into the third heavenlies

27. Repetitious Dreams: Dreams or their interps are sometimes repeated for emphasis: (as w/ Joseph & Pharaoh) *Gen. 41:32 "The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon."*

"Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams." NUMBERS 12:6



28. Know the Word: Prophetic people should memorize, study, and understand the doctrines and history of the Word of God. It will make you a better prophetic person. **Dan. 9:2** "in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years."

29. Be Holy. The prophetic person's purity will only widen his or her usefulness to God. **2Tim. 2:20** "In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work."

- a. The degree to which our character aligns with the Word is the degree to which people will be impacted by what we say.
- b. Our creditability will be enhanced (Don't let your own life oppose what God is trying to speak to others through you).
- c. The word will come out clearer and more distinctly.
- d. We are held in greater accountability by God. **James 3:1** "Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly."
- e. Holiness is a must because we are open to greater attack by the enemy because of our calling. **Eph. 3:4-5** "In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets."

"Old Testament prophets were men of discipleship, wisdom, counsel and insight, not of wild ecstasy." JOHN AND PAULA SANFORD

30. Concluding Questions:

1) Do you desire to be baptized in His Holy Spirit according to Scripture? Mark 1:8 "I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

2) Do you earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy? (1 Cor. 14:1)

3) Do you have previous bad experiences with prophetic people that might be a blockage to you receiving the prophetic as a legitimate ministry available to all believers? Have you thrown the baby out with the bath water? Can you forgive these immature believers?

4) Are you able to see speaking in tongues as a tool in prayer? Do you "forbid" it in your life and are you uncomfortable with it in corporate prayer? **1Cor. 14:39** *Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.*

5) Are you able to see in Scripture where God spoke to His people in dreams and visions and receive that for yourself today? Are you aware that He may be speaking to you and you're not "perceiving it" (Job 33:14-15)? Are you convinced that Scripture says in the last days there will be an increase in dreams and visions? (Joel 2 and Acts 2)

6) Can you get rid of all offense in our hearts on this topic, both those who've been hurt by prophetic types and are offended at the ministry in general now, and also the prophetic types who are offended at not being received by skeptics?

