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Jesus & the breath of God

the breath of God -- of fullness, fire, water, and wind

In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
2 The earth was formless and void,
and darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was moving
over the surface of the waters.
Genesis 1:1-2 (NASB)

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word רוּחַ (ruwach – roo'-akh)
was used when talking about the Spirit.

This word literally means WIND -- even the wind associated with BREATH!

In the New Testament, the Greek word πνεῦμα (pneuma -- pnyoo'-mah)
was used which means the BREATH or a BREEZE.

We can think of the Holy Spirit as the BREATH OF GOD!

the Holy Spirit is:

- a person
- the creator
- God
- wild like the wind (John 3:7-8)
- the purifier - like fire
- a cleanser - like water
- given as a gift
- Lord and Master
- one who makes a big deal about Jesus

Jesus & the Holy Spirit

John answered them all, saying,
“I baptize you with water,
but he who is mightier than I is coming,
the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”
Luke 3:16 (ESV)

...and the Holy Spirit descended on him
in bodily form, like a dove;
and a voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”
Luke 3:22 (ESV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordan and
was led by the Spirit in the desert...
Luke 4:1 (NIV)

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,
and news about him spread through the whole countryside.
15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.
16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up,
and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue,
as was his custom. And he stood up to read.
17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him.
Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:
18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.”
Luke 4:14-18a (NIV)

Jesus & the promised helper – (John 14-16)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Helper,
to be with you forever,
17 even the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
You know him, for he dwells with you
and will be in you.
John 14:15-17 (ESV)

next steps

Forgotten God -- Francis Chan

Baptism and Fullness -- John Stott

The Wonderful Spirit Filled Life -- Charles Stanley