



# The Enabling of the Holy Spirit

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# **John 14:15-20**



# **Acts 2:1-13**



## John 10:10 NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that you might have life and have it to the full.



# John 13:33



# **How does one live their lives without Jesus?**



## John 7:37-39

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow out from within them. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not been glorified.

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**The Holy Spirit is a promised  
gift from the Father.**






## Act 1:4-5

Don't leave Jerusalem but wait on the gift my Father promised which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.



# Discussion


Name one or two promises that God has made to you personally and kept.

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**The Holy Spirit is not only  
a promised gift, but he is also  
a Person. He is God!**

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**In the beginning God (Elohim)  
created the heavens and the  
earth ...and the Spirit of God was  
hovering over the waters.**

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**We also see the triune God or  
the Trinity in Genesis 1:26,  
Let us make mankind in our  
image, in our likeness...**



**The word “another” in the  
Greek language means  
“another” of the same kind.**



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“God was not going to give his people a cheap substitute for Jesus, but someone like him of the same essence and character of Christ.”




# John 14:14






**“How is this possible?”**



**The word “advocate” in the  
NIV is “one who is called  
alongside to assist, to enable,  
to make it work.”**

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**The Holy Spirit is not only  
a promised gift and a person,  
but he is the power supply  
of our lives.**




# Discussion

What is your greatest challenge in life? What is it that you have been overwhelmed with trying to accomplish or do on your own?



**First of all: Give it up.**


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**You need to be emptied of self  
and allow the Holy Spirit to fill  
you up. So that you can allow the  
Holy Spirit to express the fullness  
of his power in you.**



# Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk with wine that leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.



**Christ wants to be in complete control of your life and enable you to live for him, but he has competition.**





**His competition is Satan.**



## Luke 22:31

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.



# Discussion

In what ways have you been tempted to give up control to Satan rather than Christ? Under what circumstances are you most tempted?



## Romans 7:15-16, 24-25


I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. What a wretched person I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?  
Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!



**You must continually be filled  
with the Spirit.**



**The verb tense here for “filled”  
means “keep on being filled.”**



**Satan is persistent. He never gives up. His mantra is “if at first you don’t succeed, try again.”**



## Luke 4:13

When the Devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.





# **Stay full of the Spirit!**




# Discussion

Name a situation when it was clear to you that you were or are under the Spirit's control.




## Acts 2:4


All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



**Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



**The Holy Spirit's filling is made  
real when we make worship of  
God our lifestyle.**

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**Daily I will worship Thee.  
Lamb of God who died for me.  
Thou extended endless mercy.  
Daily I will worship Thee.  
Daily I will worship Thee.**



# Discussion

Talk about the ways that you worship or will worship daily!





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