

# *new* GIFT

*“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26)*

**The Godhead is made** of: God the Father, the Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit (this is also referred to as the Trinity). We hear so much about God the Father and Jesus but unfortunately, the Holy Spirit has received a bad rap because we kind of made him weird. The Holy Spirit is anything but weird. Before Jesus was crucified He promised an advocate, a Spirit of Truth, would come and be with them. He was promising them a new gift.

The Holy Spirit arrived on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 and activated new gifts in the disciples to aid them in spreading the gospel.

The Holy Spirit fills those of us who have surrendered our lives to Jesus. He guides, speaks, hears, reveals and glorifies (John 16:13-14). These attributes of the Holy Spirit will lead us in our spiritual development and bearing the “Fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5: 22-23).

He empowers us to love God and love people.

With the Holy Spirit comes unique gifts, but not all of God’s people receive the same gifts. This is intentional to build a whole and well rounded church and there is no one gift that is better than the other, they are all necessary to bring heaven to earth. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 gives us a list of different gifts that some people may have. Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of Spirits, different tongues, interpretation of tongues. These gifts are all meant to be used to build the church, not cause confusion or division. However, if these gifts are used without love being the motivation, then they are nothing more than party tricks. When these gifts are used without love and order, that is when it becomes weird.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God living in us, leading us, developing us, bringing order back into a chaotic world, working our sinful nature out of us, transforming us into the men and women we have been created to be. This is a gift Jesus left to us, a gift with power and authority. The Spirit of God raised Christ from the dead and the Spirit of God now lives on the inside of us. With His Spirit we are called to build the church, spread the gospel and tear down the gates of hell. With His Spirit we do not cower in the face of darkness we commend it to flee, with His Spirit we are empowered to make wrong things right, with His Spirit we can call on the Name of Jesus and whatever we ask shall be done. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

## ***PRAYER***

HOLY SPIRIT I INVITE YOU TO FILL ME UP TO OVERFLOW. EMPOWER ME TO BE THE (MAN/WOMAN) YOU HAVE CREATED ME TO BE AND DEVELOP THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT IN MY LIFE. TRANSFORM ME FROM THE INSIDE OUT. WORK THROUGH ME WITH POWER AND MIGHT, EMBOLDEN ME TO BRING HEAVEN TO EARTH IN NEW AND POWERFUL WAYS. MAY MY LIFE BE A REFLECTION OF YOUR PRESENCE, MAY IT BRING YOU GLORY. IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.