

# THE GIFT-GIVER

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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*A Law of Biblical Interpretation:*

**The Old Testament is the New Testament** \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Isaiah 58:11** The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. (NKJV)

**Genesis 2:10** Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. **11** The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. **12** The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there as well. **13** The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. **14** The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. (NLT)

Pishon: פִּישׁוֹן (pee-shone') - grow up, grow fat, scatter, break apart, disperse, overflow

**We need to allow the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

Gihon: גִּיחוֹן (ghee-khone') - labor; bring forth; burst forth; fight to get something revealed.

**We need to pray with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.**

Tigris (Hebrew - Hiddekel): כַּחֲדָקַל (khid-deh'-kel) - vehement, rapid, great (miraculous) power

**We should be familiar with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

Euphrates (Perath) (Hebrew): פְּרָת (per-awth') - referred to in Scripture as a boundary, border of the land promised to the Israelites.

**We should trust the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

**When we pray in \_\_\_\_\_...**

**We can pray in detail, in God's direction,  
with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, with the mind of God,  
with the power of God, trusting the \_\_\_\_\_ of God,  
hitting the \_\_\_\_\_,  
and receiving the good \_\_\_\_\_ from God,  
so that, the hidden plans of God,  
the purpose of God might be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 11:11** “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? **12** Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! **13** So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” (NLT)

**God the Father gave the Holy Spirit as a \_\_\_\_\_ gift to us.**  
**The Holy Spirit gives \_\_\_\_\_ gifts to us.**

**John 20:19** That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. **20** As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! **21** Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” **22** Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (NLT)

**Acts 1:4** Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. **5** John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” **6** So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” **7** He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (NLT)

**GIFT TO \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 2:1** On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. **2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. **3** Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. **4** And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. (NLT)

**Acts 2:7** They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, **8** and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! **9** Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, **10** Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” **12** They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other. (NLT)

**Acts 2:38** Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” **40** Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” **41** Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. (NLT)

## GIFT TO \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 8:6** Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. **7** Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. **8** So there was great joy in that city. **9** A man named Simon had been a sorcerer there for many years, amazing the people of Samaria and claiming to be someone great. **10** Everyone, from the least to the greatest, often spoke of him as “the Great One—the Power of God.” **11** They listened closely to him because for a long time he had astounded them with his magic. **12** But now the people believed Philip’s message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. **13** Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed. **14** When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God’s message, they sent Peter and John there. **15** As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. **16** The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. **18** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power. **19** “Let me have this power, too,” he exclaimed, “so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit!” *(NLT)*

## GIFT COMING \_\_\_\_\_ SALVATION

**Acts 9:17** So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18** Instantly something like scales

fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. **19** Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. *(NLT)*

**1 Corinthians 14:18** I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all; *(NASB)*

## GIFT TO \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 10:28** Peter told them, “You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. **29** So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me.” *(NLT)*

**Acts 10:39** “And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, **40** but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, **41** not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. **43** He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.” **44** Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. **45** The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. **46** For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. *(NLT)*

## GIFT COMING \_\_\_\_\_ SALVATION

## GIFT \_\_\_\_\_ AFTER SALVATION

**Acts 19:1** While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. **2** "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them. "No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." **3** "Then what baptism did you experience?" he asked. And they replied, "The baptism of John."

**4** Paul said, "John's baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus." **5** As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. **7** There were about twelve men in all. *(NLT)*

**Matthew 28:18** Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *(NLT)*

## GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 5:16** So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. **17** The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. **18** But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. **19** When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **20** idolatry, sorcery,

hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, **21** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. **22** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. **25** Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. **26** Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another. *(NLT)*

## GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 4:10** God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. **11** Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. *(NLT)*

## GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 12:7** A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. **9** The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to

Speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. (NLT)

**1 Corinthians 12:29** Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? **30** Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! **31** So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. (NLT)

Earnestly: ζηλόω - Greek: zéloó (dzay-lo'-o) - jealous, eager to possess; properly, to bubble over because so hot (boiling); (figuratively) "to burn with zeal"; "to be deeply committed to something, with the implication of accompanying desire – 'to be earnest, to set one's heart on, to be completely intent upon'

## GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

**John 4:10** Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." **11** "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? **12** And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?" **13** Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. **14** But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." (NLT)

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### **River of Edification: \_\_\_\_\_ In God's Refreshing.**

When you get frustrated. Angry. Upset. Pray in the Spirit. Allow God to renew your mind. Guide your heart. Refresh your spirit. So your God's love will overflow from your life into the lives of others. *We need to allow the Holy Spirit to refresh and edify us.*

### **River of Revelation: \_\_\_\_\_ God Fight For You.**

When you need wisdom. When you are in that Spiritual battle. Allow God to help you. Sing in the Spirit and let God fight your battle. So that God will get the glory and honor He deserves. *We need to pray with the help and power of the Holy Spirit.*

### **River of Power: \_\_\_\_\_ God's Miraculous Power.**

When you need a miracle. Pray in the Spirit. Allow God to supernaturally provide the answer you need. So that your heart, your ways line up with His heart and His ways. *We should be familiar with the power of God.*

### **River of Intercession: \_\_\_\_\_ God's Working On Our Behalf.**

When you get tired. When you wonder if the fight is worth it. Pray in the Spirit. Allow God to remind you. God has given you a promise and He keeps His word. So that your heart is set on things above, not things below. Stay Focused on that Eternal Reward. *We should trust the promises of God.*

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

- (1) Get to know the Spirit (read these verses over and over.)
- (2) Listen to the Holy Spirit Conference and this series again and again.
- (3) Remove your doubts and fear about the Holy Spirit.
- (4) Be here every week. Make every effort.
- (5) Make extra time for Bible study.
- (6) Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- (7) Talk about Him. (Family, friends, email me.)

**When you are ready...**

**Go All In and Sign the poster.**

Statement and Reminder of faith, of commitment.

**2021 Devotions:  
1 Chapter for 1 Week**

**This week: Acts 19**

Read, Dwell, Read, Think, Read, Live