

Gravitational Pull

Gravitational Pull of the flesh is toward the world and sin. (Rules not relationship)

The Word and the Spirit will always pull us toward Jesus. (Not gifts)

The Holy Spirit is “not” an attribute of God. The Word is more than ink and paper.

But I say, walk and live [**habitually**] in the [Holy] Spirit [**responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit**]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). (Galatians 5:16 AMP)

"But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law." (Galatians 5:18, ESV)

When people say that they want the Holy Spirit without the weird, they really mean that they want the Holy Spirit without the flesh.

The Holy Spirit is a Person

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, a power, an event, an experience, or manifestation.

"For it has **seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us** to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:" (Acts 15:28, ESV)

"This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And **the Spirit is the one who testifies**, because the Spirit is the truth." (1 John 5:6, ESV)

"Likewise **the Spirit helps us** in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself **intercedes** for us with groanings too deep for words." (Romans 8:26, ESV)

"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said**, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."" (Acts 13:2, ESV)

"So, being **sent out by the Holy Spirit**, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus." (Acts 13:4, ESV)

Makes Choices — 1Corinthians 12:11

Teaches — 1 Corinthians 2:13

Guides — Romans 8:14

Comforts — John 16:7

Commands — Acts 8:29

Can be lied to — Acts 5:3

Can be insulted — Hebrews 10:29

Can be blasphemed — Matthew 12:31

The Holy Spirit is God

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever, 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. "I will not leave you as orphans; **I will come to you.**" (John 14:16-18, ESV)

Helper, Gk. "one whom you call to your side in the battle or law-court."

"And because you are sons, God has sent **the Spirit of his Son** into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." (Galatians 4:6-7, ESV)

Sonship, adoption, family are here connected to the Spirit's presence in the believer.

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from **the Lord who is the Spirit.**" (2 Corinthians 3:18, ESV)

"For it is not you who speak, but **the Spirit of your Father** speaking through you."
(Matthew 10:20, ESV)

The Holy Spirit is God, and being God, His voice has priority over all voices, His will over all wills and His instruction over all other instruction. (Balance)

Is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit a privilege given to believers or a responsibility entrusted to them?

The Choice: Walk According to the Flesh or According to the Spirit

"For those who live **according** to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live **according** to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." (Romans 8:5-6, ESV)

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also **keep in step with the Spirit.**" (Galatians 5:25, ESV)

Supernatural lifestyle is the result of being yielded to the Holy Spirit

"The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit."
(Romans 8:14, TPT)

Obedience gives freedom to the Spirit of God to express His love for people

Obedience gives others access to the benefits of salvation.

Our Position in Christ

Believers need to understand the difference between **position**, *where* I stand (in Christ) and **function**, *how* I operate in the world.

My standing isn't affected by my functioning.
I don't relate to the Word or the Spirit to gain a position.
Gifts do not equal maturity.

God always **makes his grace visible** in Christ . . . he spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere we go. We have become the unmistakable aroma *of the victory* of the Anointed One

Example of Paul and Timothy

"And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been **forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia**. And when they had come up to Mysia, they **attempted** to go into Bithynia, but **the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them**." (Acts 16:6-7, ESV)

Wuest — "by a trial-and-error method they kept on attempting to discover whether it was right to go to Bithynia"

"And when Paul had seen **the vision**, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, **concluding** that God had called us to preach the gospel to them." (Acts 16:10, ESV)

"And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we **supposed** there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together." (Acts 16:13, ESV)

The measure of God's power in a believer's life depends on how much of it is lived in the gravitational pull of the Holy Spirit.

We can have encounter with God or avoid encounter with God.

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(Galatians 5:16 AMP)