

# The Fellowship of the Spirit

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## Fellowship

Php 1:3-5 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 **For your fellowship in the gospel** from the first day until now;

(NIV) because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now,  
(NASB) in view of your **participation** in the gospel from the first day until now.

Php 2:1-5 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, **if any common sharing in the Spirit**, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

(ESV) **any participation in the Spirit**  
(NASB) **any fellowship of the Spirit**

2Co 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

- The idea is that the Spirit is at work and we are participating with Him.

## The Wind - how do you experience the wind...?

- The person who is born again by the Spirit is like the wind - somewhat mysterious, but with a visible effect...there is a fellowship with the Spirit that is also evident.

## Everyone who is born of the Spirit

John 3:5-8 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' (8) **The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.**"

## Nicodemus saw the visible effect, but not the invisible Spirit

Joh 3:2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For **no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.**"

## The witness of the Spirit and Spiritual Discernment - the Spirit is LIFE

Rom 8:9-10 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact **the Spirit of God dwells in you**. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:14 For **all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God**. (15) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (16) **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

1Co 2:14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because **they are discerned only through the Spirit**.

## Example: Simeon - Spirit upon him, Spirit revealed to him, Spirit led him

Luk 2:25-30 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him**. 26 **And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 **And he came in the Spirit into the temple**, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation

## Ways we Fellowship with or Participate with the Holy Spirit

### **The Holy Spirit Guides Us**

Act 16:6-10 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not; 8 and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 10 And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 8:26 - 30 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch... The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet...

### **The Holy Spirit Comforts us**

Act 9:31 So the church throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied.

### **The Holy Spirit Gives Joy in the midst of Affliction**

1Th 1:6 And ye became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit;

### **The Holy Spirit Teaches Us**

1Jn 2:27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

### **The Holy Spirit Helps Us Preserve Sound Teaching**

2Ti 1:13-14 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

### **The Holy Spirit Helps Us Pray**

Rom 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ***[KJV groanings which cannot be uttered] - [Fee - inarticulate groanings] [groanings which cannot be put to words]*** 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

- **We don't know how to pray at times**
- **The Spirit intercedes**
- **It is the Spirit that gives utterance when we speak in tongues**
  - *Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
- **The Spirit intercedes in accordance with the will of God**