

Holy Spirit

The Posture
of a Receptive Heart

Act 8:14-19 ESV Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had **received** the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might **receive** the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they laid their hands on them and they **received** the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may **receive** the Holy Spirit."

Receiving can be
PASSIVE - like
getting or receiving
a birthday present

“Samaria had
RECEIVED the
word of God”



Receiving can also be **ACTIVE** - translated more as **to take or get hold of**
→ perhaps like getting money for your birthday

“prayed for them that they might **receive** the Holy Spirit”



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1) PERSISTENCE

Implies Asking, Seeking Knocking

Luk 11:9-13 ESV And I tell you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

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2) FAITH

Faith in What God Has Said

Mat 21:22 ESV And whatever you ask in prayer,
you will **receive, if you have faith.**"

Rom 10:17 ESV So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through **the word of Christ.**

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3) EXPECTATION

Act 3:3-5 ESV Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. 4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." 5 And he fixed his attention on them, **expecting to receive something from them.**

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4) REST

Acknowledge this as a Gift from God

Joh 3:27 ESV John answered, "A person **cannot receive even one thing** unless it is given him from heaven.

At Cornelius' house Act 11:17 ESV If then **God gave the same gift to them** as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

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