

Biblical answers about the Holy Ghost

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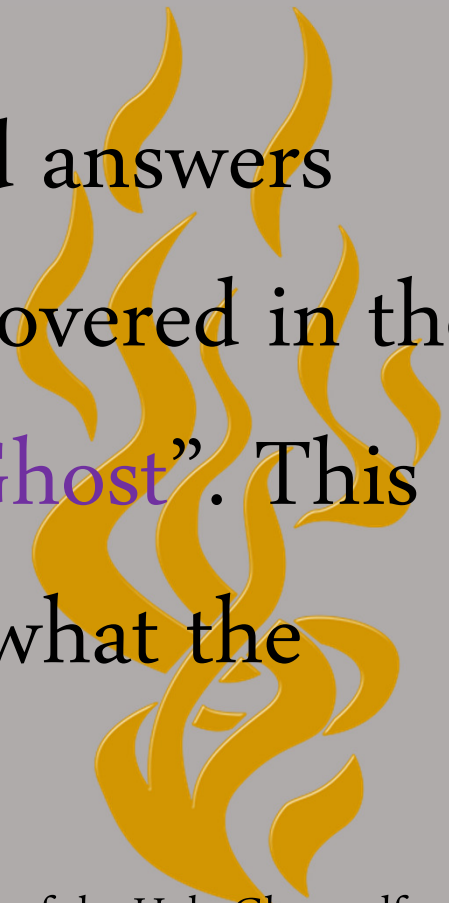
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Reference

Many of the Biblical questions and answers about the Holy Ghost have been covered in the book, “The Baptism of the Holy Ghost”. This is good to read as an aid to study what the Bible has to say.

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What is a great problem in today's churches?

Many Christians act as though the Holy Ghost is not vital for their Christian walk. They are in the same category as those who said the following:

“We have not so much as heard
whether there be any Holy Ghost.”

(Acts 19:2b)

What is a great problem in today's churches?

Thus, many Christians are very ignorant of:

- How to walk in the Spirit.
- How to be led by the Spirit.
- How to be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- How to access the power of the Holy Ghost.
- What the gifts of the Spirit are about.

Who is the Holy Ghost?

He is a Person like Christ and sent by the Father.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth ... the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:16,17a,26)

Why does He have 'Ghost' in His name?

Of men, it is written: “Then Abraham gave up the ghost*, and died in a good old age” (Genesis 25:8a) and “And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost” (Acts 5:5a).

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit who connects the spirits of men to God: “that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6b; see also Romans 8:2). This determines where a man's spirit goes to after death.

* 'ghost' = the spirit of man at the time of death. Listen to sermon “The use of the word 'ghost' in the King James Bible” on the Victory Faith Centre website.

Is the Holy Ghost actually God?

He is equivalent to Christ: “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth”. (John 14:16,17a)

He can be lied to as God: “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart **to lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ... **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.**” (Acts 5:3,4)

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He is called Lord: “So then after the Lord [the Son] had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord [the Holy Ghost] working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” (Mark 16:19,20)

He has the attributes of God: “the eternal Spirit” (Hebrews 9:14)

God is a Spirit. (John 4:24). The Holy Ghost is called the Spirit of truth.
(John 15:26).

What is the Church's historical position?

Biblical Christianity has always held to the deity of the Holy Ghost. The Council of Constantinople (381 AD) affirmed this doctrine, just as the Council of Nicaea (325 AD) clarified the doctrine of the deity of Christ.



2 TIMOTHY 3:16

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

17 that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped

Is the Holy Ghost an impersonal ‘force’?

No. The Holy Ghost (the Spirit of God) is the third Person of the Trinity*.

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” (1 John 5:7)

* Cultists deny the Trinity and call the Holy Ghost an impersonal ‘force’.

How does the Holy Ghost dwell in us?

The Holy Ghost – the Spirit of truth – has come and dwells in our born again spirit*.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” (Romans 8:11)

* Those without Christ are spiritually dead and need to be new creatures in Christ to be connected.

What is the ‘earnest’ of the Spirit?

“Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” (2 Corinthians 1:22).

This is the assurance of the Spirit that we are the children of God.

“The Spirit itself * beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God”. (Romans 8:16)

* The Spirit in His manifestation as truth: “it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth” (1 John 5:6b).

What does it mean to be led by the Spirit?

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Romans 8:14)

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.” (Psalm 37:23)



What does it mean to be led by the Spirit?

God leads us through our born again spirit.

“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man” (Ephesians 3:16)

“The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.” (Proverbs 20:27)

Read also 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 & 14:14,15a.

What is the gift of the Holy Ghost?

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth*; whom the world cannot receive” (John 14:16, 17a)

* Only Christians can receive the Holy Ghost.

Jesus said to the disciples at Jerusalem, “wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.” (Acts 1:4b see also Acts 1:5,8)



“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:4a)

What is the gift of the Holy Ghost?

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:38)

“... on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?” (Acts 10:45b-47)

Can people speak by the Holy Ghost?

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:21)

“Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.” (1 Corinthians 12:3)

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:4)

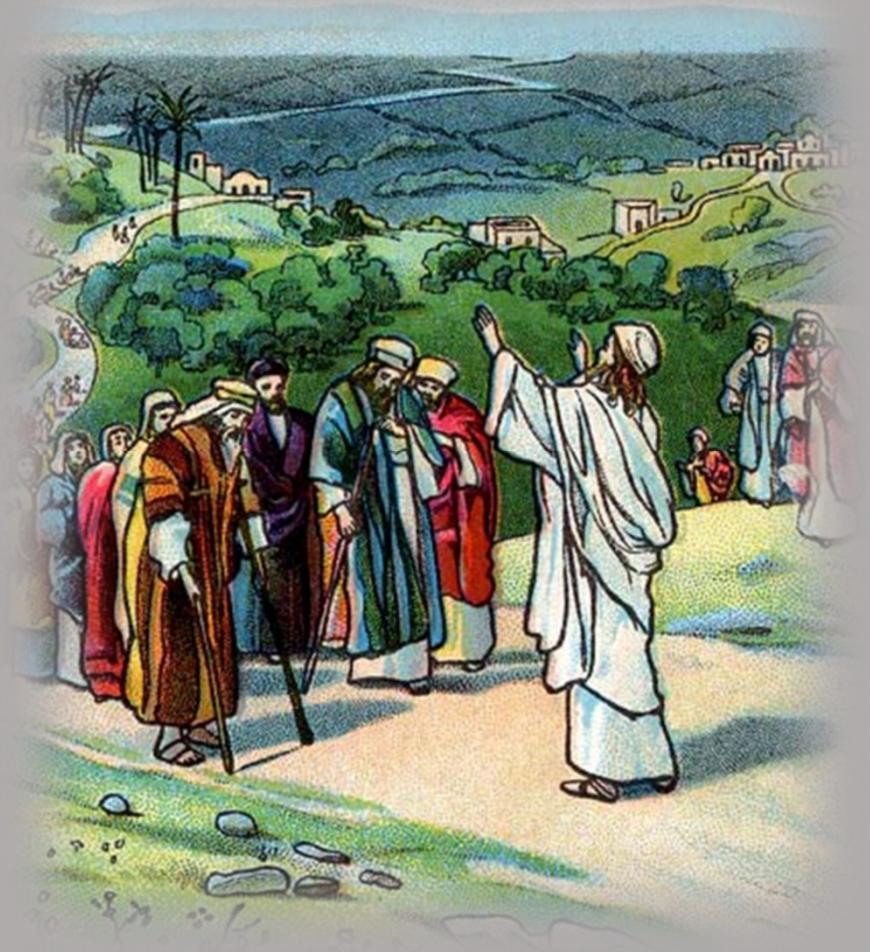
What is the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost?

“And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? ... But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.”

(Mark 3:22,23,29,30).

What is the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost?

Repentance becomes impossible when people wilfully ascribe the things of God to Satan. “And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.” (Luke 12:10)



Of what is the Holy Ghost a witness?

“Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” (Hebrews 10:15-17).

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