



## True Bible Teaching About... “The Holy Spirit”

The original words for “spirit” in Hebrew and Greek have the basic meaning of “to breathe or blow”.

When we read of “The Spirit of God” or “The Spirit of the Lord” or “The Holy Spirit”, we would expect it to mean something that God would breathe out,...some power or energy to go from God to other beings. And that is just what we find.

### **For Example:**

#### To Mary:

Lk. 1:35 : *“...The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”*

#### To Writers of the Bible:

2Pet. 1:21 : *“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 Spirit.”*

2Tim 3:16 : *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”*  
(inspiration means God-breathed).

#### To the Prophets:

Micah 3:8 : *“But truly, I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD.”*

#### To Bezaleel:

Ex. 35:30-35: *“...And God hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship.”*



To the 70 Elders:

Num. 11:24, : *“And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto  
25 Moses, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and  
gave it unto the seventy elders; and it came to pass that,  
when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied and  
did not cease.”*

To the disciples:

John 20:22 : *“And when Jesus had said this, he breathed on them,  
and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit.”*

To Jesus Christ:

John 3:34 : *“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God;  
for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.”*

The Spirit of God and the Power of God are interchangeable words.

Compare	Job 26:12	with	26:13
Compare	Lk. 24:49	with	Acts 5:32
Compare	Isa. 11:2	with	Acts 10:38
Compare	Gen. 1:2	with	Jer. 27:5 and 51:15

From the above passages, God’s Spirit is shown to be a special force or energy which comes forth from God to fulfill His will; and may be revealed through various people.

Many 1st century converts, also, were given certain powers called “Spirit gifts” for certain reasons:

John 14:26 : *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the  
Father will send in my name, he (the Father) shall teach  
you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance,  
whatsoever I have said unto you.”*

Mark 16:20 : *“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the LORD  
working with them, and confirming the word with signs  
following.”*

Eph. 4:11,12: *“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and*

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*some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”*

But when the divinely inspired scriptures were completed, the Spirit gifts would no longer be necessary, and such power was withdrawn from men.

1Cor. 13:8- : *“Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies (the  
10 gifts of prophecy), they shall fail; whether there be  
tongues (the gifts of languages), they shall cease;  
whether there be knowledge (the gift of knowledge), it  
shall vanish away. But when that which is perfect (or  
complete) is come, then that which is in part shall be  
done away.”*

The scriptures themselves, the product of God’s Holy Spirit moving men to write down God’s word, are now sufficient for salvation.

2Tim. 3:15 : *“And that from a child thou hast known the holy  
scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto  
salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*