

Revival with the Holy Spirit: We Desire the Holy Spirit

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[Gal 3:5 NASB95] 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

- Dr. Lee said, “The Holy Spirit is the senior pastor of the church. The fruit of the Spirit enables us to exhibit the character of Jesus Christ. The manifestations of the Spirit empower us to release in the power of Jesus Christ.”
- Fire Bible notes: The ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the Galatian churches involved miracles. For Paul, receiving the Holy Spirit was not just an invisible inward work in individuals’ lives, but an experience that revealed itself through God’s supernatural power working in obvious outward ways among believers. The gifts of the Spirit are a normal evidence of the Spirit’s presence and authority (cf. 1Co 12–14). Spiritual conversion (i.e., salvation; being “born again,” Jn 3:7; entering a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ) and the baptism in the Holy Spirit should continually result in the working of miracles and other supernatural expressions of the Spirit
- The manifestations of the Holy Spirit are for today and we will pursue Him.

What should be known about the movement of the Holy Spirit today?

Here are three vital truths about experiencing the movement of the Holy Spirit today.

I. The movement of the Holy Spirit should be normal in the church.

- a. Paul’s argument about living by faith is predicated upon the normalcy of the movement of the Holy Spirit and the working of miracles. It was so common he was able to use its frequency to prove it was by faith. This supply was abundant.
- b. Clark - The word ἐπιχορηγῶν, which we translate ministereth, is very emphatic, and signifies leading up the chorus, bringing up one after another, adding grace to grace, benefit to benefit; ...
- c. LISNT - The verb forms are all present, thus denoting the continuous impartation of the Spirit and the working of miracles.
- d. There is no church without the movement of the Holy Spirit.
- e. [Act 2:43 NASB95] 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.
- f. [Rom 15:18-19 NASB95] 18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
- g. The full Gospel is a Holy Spirit empowered Gospel.

II. The movement of the Holy Spirit is for everyone.

- a. The entire church was experiencing the movement of the Holy Spirit. Not just a certain few.
- b. The movement of the Holy Spirit is for everyone.
- c. Eerdmans - The Spirit is already incontrovertibly a part of their experience. It is a gift granted by God (v. 5), and it is not a private experience but comes to expression in the community’s life together (5:13–26).
- d. [1Co 12:7-11 NASB95] 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of

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spirits, to another [various] kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

- e. [Act 2:17-18 NASB95] 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.
- f. God wants you to experience the movement of the Holy Spirit. He wants to flow through you.

III. The movement of the Holy Spirit needs to be sought by faith.

- a. The implication of was that the hearing of faith was the catalyst for the movement of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. LISNT - It is God who responds to faith, not humans. They [Christians] should not wait passively for God to give the gifts of the Spirit (12:7–10). Instead, they must passionately desire and pray for those gifts, especially those that serve to encourage, comfort and strengthen others
 - c. Horton - a zeal for them that makes us strive for them, desiring eagerly and earnestly that each member function freely in this body ministry. [1Co 14:1 NASB95] 1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual [gifts,] but especially that you may prophesy.
 - d. [1Co 12:31 NASB95] 31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.
 - e. [1Co 14:39 NASB95] 39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.
 - f. Dr. Lee, "We must desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit."
- **God wants all of us to seek for the movement of the Holy Spirit as a normal part of our lives.**