

Let's talk about. The Holy Spirit. The Holy Ghost. The Spiritus Sanctus.

Going to be a summary, nowhere near complete. Might have more questions than answers at the end! Probably leave something out you want to hear about. Sorry!

Hebrew and Greek words have same meanings: wind, breath, spirit.

OT

Wind - caused flood waters to recede, Genesis 8:1. Caused plague of locusts in Exodus. Caused Red Sea to part.

Breath - breath of life throughout.

Spirit - the Spirit that comes upon and empowers. Judges 3:10, 6:34, 11:29, 1 Samuel 19:20, 23-24 (being witnesses, declaring the great deeds of God).

In some instances a sign of divine anointing. Like other things, enemy counterfeits. Towards end of OT, mostly prophetic in nature concerning God's coming kingdom, and the Spirit himself, Joel 2:28-32.

NT

Wind - Acts 2:1-4

Breath - John 20:19-22.

Spirit - Acts 1:8, 2:11 the Spirit that comes upon and empowers, declaring the great deeds of God.

As in the OT, some instances a sign of divine anointing (Paul, gentiles). Like other things, enemy counterfeits.

That's the 10k foot view. Let's get down to out 5k feet. Many ways to organize this, I like the three preposition way; with, in, upon.

John 14:15-17, followed with 20:19-22.

With - conscience? Unbelievers, He draws people to Jesus, convicting them of their need for Him. John 16:7-11.

In - seal. 2Cor 1:22, Eph 1:13-14. Applies to all believers. Can be taken advantage of or not. Walk through Gal 5:16+, Romans 8:1-17.

Upon - Acts 1:8.

Sometimes referred to as the baptism of the Spirit, Matthew 3:11, JtB. An illustrative, picture word. Define baptism.

The upon experience sometimes coincides with salvation experience. Other times seems to be before (Acts 10, Cornelius' house).

Not just a one time event, Peter repeatedly in Acts.

Nor a permanent state, Eph 5:18.

Event connected with the gifts, “graces” or “spirituals” of the Spirit, the purpose of which are to build up the body, to glorify God, not the individual.

The gift is for the person who receives it, not the person through whom it is delivered.

Not resident/permanent. Not a six shooter on your hip, but a toolbox.

Available to all, but not experienced by all.

In each case, how do we experience the HS in our lives? Asking and availability.

Ask - Luke 11:9-13. Assumes you will receive what you are given.

Availability - Assumes you will cooperate with with what you've been given.

The end goal is to be more like Jesus. He surrendered to the absolute will of His Father on our behalf and as an example for us, in order to bring people to the Father. That's what it looks like. To say you want more of the Spirit is to say you want more of that. Be sure, ask, and be available.