

**A Transformed Life  
Brings the Power  
of the Holy Spirit**

# What are some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Administration

Giving

Faith

Hospitality

Teaching

Speaking in Tongues

Helps

Mercy

Evangelism

Leadership

Shepherding

Prophecy

**Acts 19:1-5 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus.

There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive

**Do you practice yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit?**

even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said,

"John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

*This is the start of the greatest expansion of Christianity. In Ephesus (school of Tyrannus), Paul taught for 2 years to the known Roman world.*

*Repentance opens the door for the power of the Holy Spirit to enter and for sanctification to begin.*

*The message of the coming Messiah had already made it to Ephesus but it was only part of the message.*

**Acts 19:6-10 (NIV2011)** <sup>6</sup> When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

<sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all. <sup>8</sup> Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup> But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them.

He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.<sup>10</sup> This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

*Receiving the Holy Spirit brings gifts that can be used for God's kingdom.*

*Perhaps the greatest expansion of Christianity began here at the hall of Tyrannus. Paul's previous rejection would not keep him from his mission.*

*Jesus taught about not casting your pearls before pigs.*

**Do you recognize the opportunities God has placed before you?**

**Acts 19:11-15 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. <sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." <sup>14</sup> Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. <sup>15</sup> And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

*These are incredible miraculous signs. Unfortunately, miracles like this led to the reverence and worship of relics.*

*The Holy Spirit's power is NOT a process to be memorized. Only with Jesus' authority, do you have His power.*

**Do you know that ALL authority has been given to Jesus?**

**Acts 19:16-20 (NLT2)** <sup>16</sup> Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that

Do you realize that yielding to the Holy Spirit WILL result in an outward change and inward power? **Will you yield?**

happened. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord

Jesus was greatly honored. <sup>18</sup> Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. <sup>19</sup> A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. <sup>20</sup> So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.

*Without the protection of the Holy Spirit, demonic power far exceeds that of any human. The fear and reverence for God is absent among many Christians today.*

*The value of these books of divination demonstrated that a repentant heart desires to be right with God regardless of the cost.*