

It Doesn't End with Jesus - The Holy Spirit

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*After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing **proofs** that he was **alive**. He **appeared** to them over a period of **forty days** and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was **eating with them**, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the **gift** my Father **promised**, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a **few days** you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit**." But you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the **ends of the earth**." - Acts 1:3-5, 8 NIV (emphasis added)*

1. What makes the Holy Spirit confusing or how has your background shaped your view of the Holy Spirit?
2. When or how have you seen the Holy Spirit move in your life or the life of those around you? How do you know it's the Holy Spirit?

*So I say, **let** the Holy Spirit **guide** your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These **two forces** are constantly **fighting** each other, so you are **not free to carry out** your good intentions. **But** when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. But the Holy Spirit **produces** this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control....- Galatians 5:16-18; 22-23 NLT (emphasis added)*

1. Among other things, the Holy Spirit empowers us to Love (John 17:26), Forgive (Ephesians 4:30-32), Pray (Romans 8:26-27) and Live with Hope (Romans 15:13). Which is the hardest for you to submit to and why?
2. We have some responsibility when it comes to living in the Spirit: the responsibility to trust, to wait, and to be expectant. How have you found your obedience in these areas help in your submission to the Spirit?