

## The Gift of the Spirit

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1. What is the gift of the Holy Spirit?

- a. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new covenant.
- b. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus promised.

2. To whom is this gift given?

- a. To those who belong to Christ, that is, to all whom God \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. To those who belong to Christ, that is, to all who \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. To those who belong to Christ, that is, to ALL \_\_\_\_\_.

3. How does the Holy Spirit apply the benefits of the Gospel to you?

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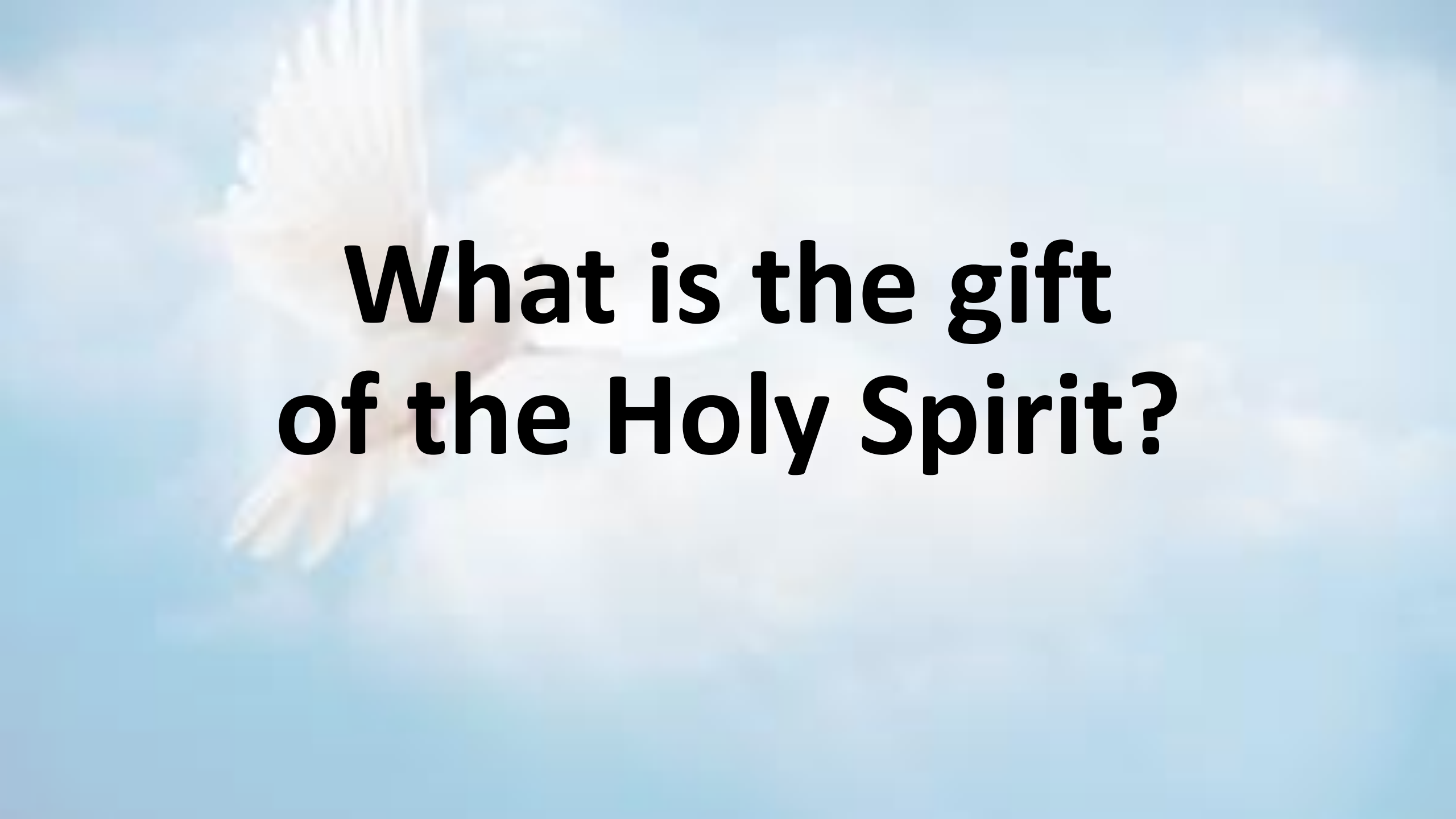
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# A Promise.

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# The Father's Promise

**Acts 2:33**

Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God,  
and having received from the Father  
the promise of the Holy Spirit,  
He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

# But what is the promise?

## Ezekiel 36:25-27

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;  
I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

Moreover, I will give you a new heart  
and put a new spirit within you;  
and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh  
and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put My Spirit within you  
and cause you to walk in My statutes,  
and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

The promise of the Spirit is the  
promise of a **new** covenant, a  
new relationship to God.

### Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will make **a new covenant** with  
the house of Israel and with the house of Judah...  
...But this is the covenant which I will make with the house  
of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD,  
“I will put My law within them,  
and on their heart I will write it;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

# What is the gift of the Spirit?

It is the promise of the new covenant.

It is the baptism Jesus promised.

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### **Acts 1:4-5**

And gathering them together,  
He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem,  
but to wait for what the Father had promised,  
“Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me;  
for John baptized with water,  
but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit  
not many days from now.”

The gift of the Holy Spirit is the baptism with the Holy Spirit and all that baptism signifies.

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Peter has in mind God's grace  
given to those whom He rescues  
from destruction.

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**Acts 2:19-21**

“And I will grant wonders in the sky above,  
And signs on the earth beneath,  
Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.  
The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.  
And it shall be, that everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”



## **Joel 2:32**

And it will come about that whoever calls  
on the name of the LORD Will be delivered;

For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem

There will be those who escape,

As the LORD has said,

“Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.”

Those whom the Lord calls  
belong to Him, and He rescues  
them from the destruction  
of sin by His grace.

# To whom is this gift given?

To those who belong to Christ, that is, to all whom God calls to Himself.

To those who belong to Christ, that is,  
to all who repent.

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All those who repent belong  
to Christ, and He freely gives  
them His Spirit.

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The promise of God has always  
included peoples of every kind  
and from every place.



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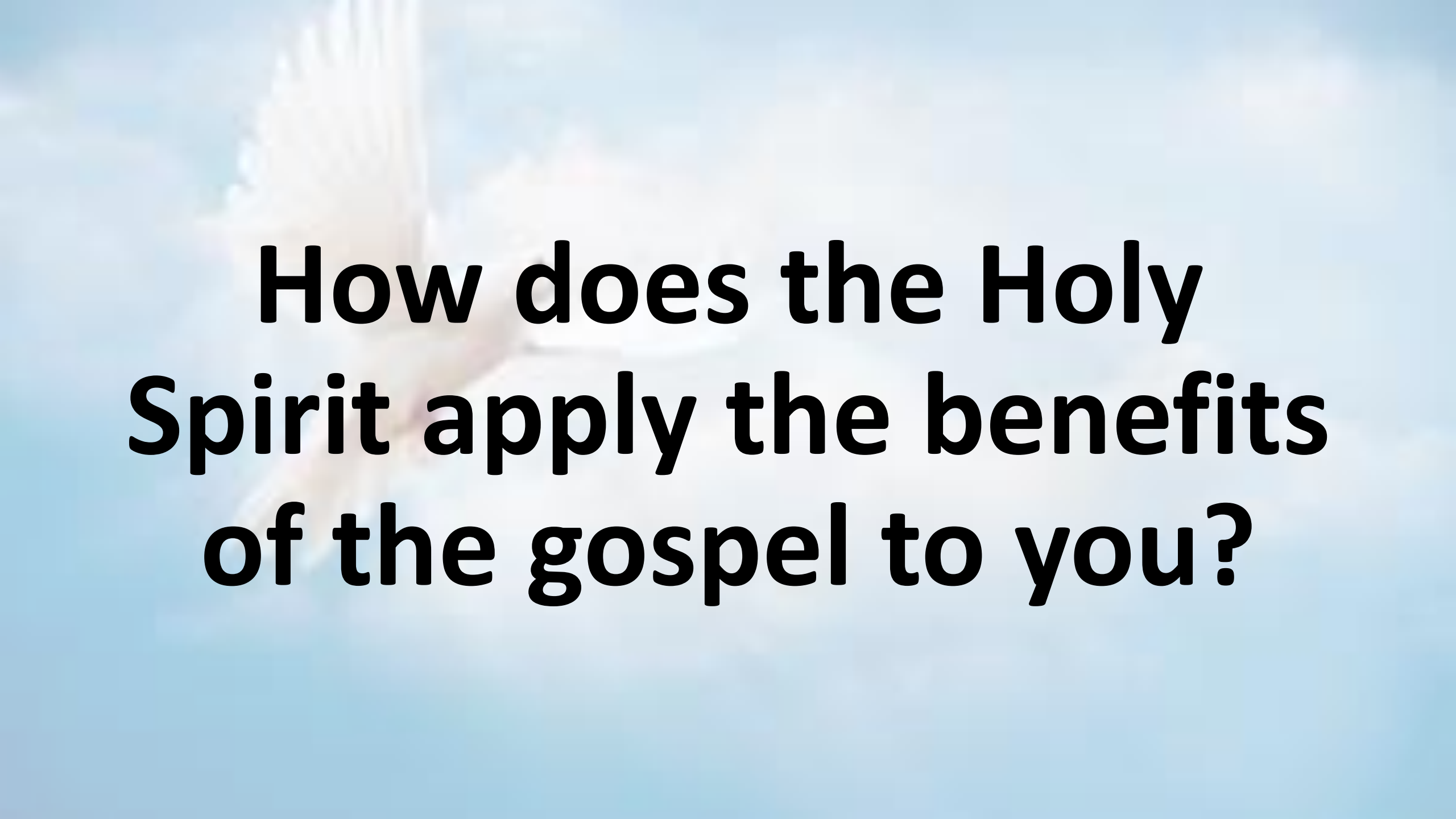
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The Spirit now indwells all those who belong to Christ, and they are now **ALL** priests and prophets.

## **Numbers 11:29**

But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake?  
Would that **all** the LORD's people were prophets,  
that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!”

# **This is what God has done!**

A hand is shown holding a glowing, golden orb of light. The background is a soft, blue sky with light clouds. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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The Spirit empowers you.

**Acts 1:8**

“...but you shall receive power  
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;  
and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem,  
and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

The power we receive begins  
with the new life created in us  
by the Spirit.

**Romans 6:4**

Therefore we have been buried with Him  
through baptism into death,  
in order that as Christ was raised from the dead  
through the glory of the Father,  
**so we too might walk in newness of life.**



The Spirit's work of regeneration leads to our renewed ability to fulfill the purposes of declaring and displaying the gospel.

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# How does He apply gospel benefits?

The Spirit empowers you.

The Spirit sanctifies you,  
giving you power over sin.

**Romans 8:13-14**

...but if **by the Spirit** you are putting to death  
the deeds of the body, you will live.  
For all who are being led by the Spirit of God,  
these are sons of God.

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**John 14:26**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in My name,

**He will teach you all things,**

and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

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**The Spirit seals you,  
securing your salvation.**

## **Ephesians 1:13-14**

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth,  
the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed,

**you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,  
with a view to the redemption of God's own possession,  
to the praise of His glory.

## **Ephesians 4:30**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,

**by whom you were sealed** for the day of redemption.



If you belong to Christ, the Holy Spirit guarantees your salvation and is applying to you all of the good gifts of the gospel.

**Merry Christmas!**