

# The Holy Spirit



## And You

The work of the Holy Spirit at MC Chapel Fellowship is the center of our mission.

Without the Holy Spirit's leading, empowerment, inspiration, healing, and giftings our efforts in following Christ and becoming like Him in character would be in vain.

Please take a moment and read this short review of how we work with the Holy Spirit in serving Christ.

The following topics are briefly discussed:

- *Receiving the Holy Spirit as a Gift*
- *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit*
- *The Baptism of Power for Ministry*
- *Character Transformation and Healing*

# Receiving the Holy Spirit as a Gift

If you have turned to Christ as your savior and Lord, you should ask your Heavenly Father to give you the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is how God's Spirit indwells all true believers. The Holy Spirit is a person and He is distinct from the Spirit of Christ and our Heavenly Father. Receiving the Holy Spirit is seldom evidenced by speaking in an unknown language or tongue, nor is speaking in tongues required to indicate you have received the Holy Spirit.

## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are various and are bestowed upon believers when they are mature enough in Christ. The gifts are not to be misused or conjured up by emotionally and mentally messaging our own personal spirit. They are given to upbuild the body of Christ and bring each to the fullness of Christ.

Many denominations and fellowships fall into disorder, confusion, and spiritual delusion because false tongues and other false manifestations are expressed. Few in these fellowships discern demonic counterfeiting in meetings and within individuals.

These kinds of expressions of spiritual gifts are demonically inspired spiritualism and are not tolerated at MCCF. If you desire more explanation and Scriptural references, please make an appointment with a MCCF leadership team member.

## The Baptism of Power for Ministry

The Apostles received the Holy Spirit just after Christ arose from the dead and before Christ ascended. Later, on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles were baptized with power for ministry and to be a witness to Christ and His Gospel. The power of the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, and did not flow into them.

Many Christians are deceived into believing that the Holy Spirit's manifested power for ministry must be injected into them internally and be associated with ecstatic feeling of ecstasy.

This is extreme error and opens the door to deeper demonic counterfeiting that suppresses painful issues of the heart caused by unhealed spiritual wounds and damaged emotions.

The selling of counterfeit spiritual manifestations has consumed a large portion of the body of Christ and has become a form of spiritual and emotional numbing. This insidious work of Satan short circuits the healing and cleansing process work of the Holy Spirit.

## **Character Transformation and Healing**

Many Christians suffer from a wounded spirit and damaged emotions and these unhealed issues cause internal anxiety, disturbing thoughts, and emotional instability. The tendency in society and in much of the body of Christ is to give instant relief to people suffering from these internal issues.

Prescribed medications such as Prozac within the mental health system are given to help suppress symptoms and maintain stability, but does not heal the root issues. Many wounded Christians fall prey to false doctrines that lead to counterfeit spiritual “good feeling” manifestations. These “so-called” Holy Spirit manifestations temporarily suppress internal pain, with no lasting results. They bypass the full healing and resolution work of the Holy Spirit from past defilements and trauma.

This work of the Holy Spirit is a process that brings death to the old nature issues and instills newness of life within the heart, mind, and spirit—this work must be restored to God’s people.

Christ-like character transformation, where the work of the cross within the believer’s life is embraced is sorely missing throughout the body of Christ. This death and resurrection process is not easy and requires understanding of Christ’s teachings, sound doctrine, and support within fellowship.

Thus, the Holy Spirit’s work of bringing truth to the inward being, transformation of character, comfort, and healing is vital and is strongly embraced at MCCF.