

The Promised Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit was promised:

- by Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles – John 7:37-39
- Jesus pledged that the disciples would soon receive the Holy Spirit – John 20:22
- the disciples were to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:4-8

The Holy Spirit came: (apostles were present with all four groups)

- the Holy Spirit was a gift to all believers present on the Day of Pentecost, and would be to all those who believe in the future at the time of repentance – Acts 2:38
- the Holy Spirit came on the Samaritans as a group – Acts 8:15-17
- the Holy Spirit came on the Gentiles as a group – Acts 10:42-45, 11:15-18
- the Holy Spirit came on the disciples of John the Baptist as a group – Acts 19:2-6

The Holy Spirit pours the love of God into the hearts of all true Christians – Romans 5:1-5 (especially verse five)

- we fail to show the love of God when we depend on our own strength – Romans 7:14-25 (The passage on “I” trouble)
- in Romans 8:1-27, the Holy Spirit is mentioned nineteen times; the following verses, Romans 8:28-39, tell us that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God
- the love of God is eternal – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a - love is patient, love is kind... love NEVER fails (that is why we are told to pursue love - 1 Corinthians 14:1; 1 John 4:7-12)

Depending on our own strength or depending on the Holy Spirit

- the results of depending on our own strength and living according to the flesh – Galatians 5:15, 17, 19-21, 26
- the results of depending on the Holy Spirit and bearing the fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:16, 18, 22-25

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