

# ***Meeting the Holy Spirit***

## ***Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?***



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- *The Spirit Before Pentecost (part 2)*
- *The Explosion at Pentecost*
- *New Life in the Spirit*
- *The Spirit and the Flesh*
- *Where the Rubber Hits the Road*
- *The Gifts of the Spirit*



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    - Read Psalm 143:10 and Ezekiel 36:27
  - What sorts of things jumped out at you about the Holy Spirit last week as we looked at His work in the Old Testament?
    - How could we seek His work more in our own lives today, based on what we talked about last week?



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  - How can the Holy Spirit be protective, combative, and yet peace-bringing... *without changing His character*?
    - What sense of "personality" do you begin to see in God's Spirit here?





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    - Read Isaiah 11:1-2, 42:1, and Micah 3:7-8
  - What specific work of the Holy Spirit is being highlighted *here*—and does it sound familiar?
  - How does this begin to point to the work of the Holy Spirit starting in the *New Testament*?



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  - What hope do the people have in these verses? And *when* exactly will this be?
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    - Read Matthew 1:18 and Luke 1:34-35
      - How can a mere "spirit" create a physical child?
      - How does this echo what we've *already* seen the Spirit doing in verses like Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, and Psalm 104:29-30?
    - So why is this Son of the *Father* to be conceived by the *Spirit*...?





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          - Was this the point when Jesus *became* God's Son? Why or why not?
          - Who saw all of this, by the way? (*HINT*: Read John 1:32)



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          - Why was the *timing* of this so significant?
          - How can the same Spirit bless Jesus, but then immediately lead Him into suffering?  
(and what does that suggest about what He might do in *your own* life?)





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        - What was John referring to in verse 8?
          - Jesus specifically breathing His Spirit into His disciples in John 20:20-22?
          - The Spirit's work in *everyone* who believes (which Jesus referred to in John 7:37-38?)
          - The church being "filled with the Spirit" at Pentecost in Acts 2?
            - Why is it significant that Acts 1:7-9 happened *after* John 20:20-22?

