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Anointed One

Recap

"The Bible distinguishes between "**having**" the Holy Spirit, which is true of **all** believers, and being "**filled**" with the Holy Spirit, which is true of very **few**." Oswald J. Smith

Recap

Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Creation/Creative

Conviction

Discernment

Witness

Leadership/calling

Valley of the Spirit (Rebirth)

Recap

The Holy Spirit takes the **willing** and makes them **capable**

There are Christians in the church that don't **resemble** Jesus

There are Christians in the church that are **dry/devoid** of the **Spirit**

Recap

The **Spirit of the Lord** (ruach Jehovah) will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be **changed** into a **different** person. 1 Samuel 10:6

Why Are Christians Uncomfortable with the Supernatural?, Dr Michael Heiser

Modern Christianity suffers from **two** serious shortcomings when it comes to the supernatural world.

First, many Christians claim to believe in the supernatural but think (and live) like **skeptics**. We find talk of the supernatural world **uncomfortable**. This is typical of denominations and evangelical congregations outside the charismatic movement –in other words, those from a background like my own.

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The second serious shortcoming is evident within the charismatic movement: the elevation of **experience over Scripture**. While that movement is predisposed to embrace the idea of an animate spiritual world, its conception of that world is framed largely by experience and an idiosyncratic reading of the book of **Acts**.

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There are two basic reasons why non-charismatics tend to close the door on the supernatural world. One is there suspicion that charismatic practices are detached from sound **exegetis** of Scripture. As a biblical scholar, it's easy for me to agree with that suspicion—but over time it has widely degenerated into a **closed-minded overreaction** that is itself detached from the worldview of the biblical writers.

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The other reason is less self-congratulatory. The believing church is bending under the weight of its own **rationalism**, a modern worldview that would be foreign to the biblical writers. Traditional Christian teaching has for centuries kept the unseen world at **arm's length**. We believe in the Godhead because there's no point to Christianity without it. The rest of the unseen world is handled with a **whisper** or a **chuckle**.

The problems/challenges in your **life** are **natural** with supernatural implications

The problems/challenges in your **spirit** are **supernatural** with natural implications

The Messiah and the Spirit

Messiah is derived from the Hebrew word **mashiach** which means "**anointed one**" and which corresponds to the NT title of "**Christ**" (Christos = anointed one).

Anointing is a form of **consecrating** a sacred person or item, and initiating it in its special function. In the Torah it was done to the Tabernacle (Exodus 30:26-30), to High Priests (as well as all the Priests when the Tabernacle was first dedicated), and occasionally to kings. [Rabbi Dovid Rosenfeld](#)

Prophet, priest and King were the **intertwining** of every aspect of a person's natural and supernatural life

The Messiah and the Spirit

And the **Spirit** of the Lord will rest on him—the **Spirit** of wisdom and understanding, the **Spirit** of counsel and might, the **Spirit** of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. [Isaiah 11:2](#)

I have put my **Spirit** upon him. He will bring justice to the nations. [Isaiah 42:1b](#)

The **Spirit of the Sovereign Lord** is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me... [Isaiah 61:1a](#)

The story of the Exodus from Egypt makes it clear that man is unable to redeem himself; only G-d can be the redeemer... However, whereas the first redemption had a spiritual dimension to it, it did not bring about a change to the **world** itself. Hence, the first redemption was primarily **physical** in nature, while the **final redemption** will be vastly **spiritual in nature**. This later redemption of **Messiah** will bring about a total change to the world in which man resides... Isaiah tells that the **Spirit of HaShem** will rest upon **Messiah**. This Spirit reveals many attributes: wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, and knowledge and fear of HaShem. By means of these attributes Messiah will bring divine justice into the world and solve the problem of evil. [Dr Baruch Korman \(Rabbi\)](#)

Everything that Jesus accomplished in His three year ministry
He accomplished by the Power of the **Holy Spirit**, not His divinity

Jesus, Second Adam

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, **just as we are**—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and **blameless, unstained by sin**...Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the **sacrifice** for the people's sins. [Hebrews 7:26a, 27b](#)

Jesus, Second Adam

rather, **he made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in **human likeness**. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! [Philippians 2:7-8](#)

The Scriptures tell us, “The **first man**, Adam, became a living person.” But the **last Adam**—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. [1 Corinthians 15:45](#)

Jesus, Second Adam

Jesus **emptied** Himself in at least three different ways. First, He **voluntarily** accepted the **limitations** of being a human being. Second, His **glory was hidden** from the people. Third, He gave up the **independent use** of His relative attributes (all-knowing, all-powerful, everywhere present, etc.). [Don Stewart](#)

Birth

The angel answered, "The **Holy Spirit** will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." [Luke 1:35](#)

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the **Holy Spirit**." [Matthew 1:20](#)

At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and **Elizabeth** was filled with the **Holy Spirit**...Then his father, **Zechariah**, was filled with the **Holy Spirit** and gave this prophecy: [Luke 1:41, 67](#)

Baptism

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the **Holy Spirit** descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he **began his ministry**. [Luke 3:21-23](#)

Jesus baptism was the **beginning** of His ministry but also the start of the **miraculous**

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the **Spirit** without limit. [John 3:34](#)

Second Temptation

Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, left the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness, [Luke 4:1](#)

But when you are **directed** by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. [Galatians 5:18](#)

Jesus **models** how we as disciples of Christ are meant to function, The Holy Spirit goes **before** us and asks us to **join** Him

The Start

Jesus returned to Galilee in the **power of the Spirit**, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. "**The Spirit of the Lord is on me**, because **he has anointed** me to proclaim good news to the poor. **He** has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "**Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**" Luke 4:14, 18-20

The Start

And you know that God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**. **Then** Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him... Even as Peter was saying these things, **the Holy Spirit** fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the **Holy Spirit** had been poured out on the **Gentiles**, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. **Acts 10:38, 44-46 Peter to Cornelius**

The Promise

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the **works** I have been doing, and they will do **even greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father. [John 14:12](#)

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the **Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you **know** him, for he lives **with** you and will be **in** you. [vs 15-17](#)

No, I will not abandon you as **orphans** (comfortless)—I will come to you. [Vs 18](#)

Adoption and Identity: Issues to Be Aware Of, Considering Adoption

Identity formation is something that happens throughout childhood and adolescence and continues to evolve and change throughout a person's life. Your identity is partly defined by where you feel like you 'fit' within your family and peers.

For adoptees, forming a healthy self-identity can be a **challenge** if you don't feel like you fit in with either your birth or adoptive families. Some adoptees feel split between the two, or they feel different from peers who were raised by their biological families.

This sense of alienation that some adoptees experience can create an **adoption identity crisis**, which can sometimes contribute to feelings of anxiety, depression, or low self-esteem.

ορφανοαὐτὸν, **orphanos** : of those bereft of a **teacher**,
guide, **guardian**, of uncertain affinity, comfortless

“In my experience, **self-hatred** is the dominant
malaise crippling Christians and stifling their
growth in the Holy Spirit.” **Brennan Manning**

2 Main Roles of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit first **convicts** us

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the **Advocate** will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, **he will prove the world** to be in the **wrong about sin** and **righteousness and judgment**: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. [John 16:7-11](#)

Then the Lord said, "My **Spirit** will not contend with humans forever..." [Genesis 6:3a](#)

2 Main Roles of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit's primary goal is **transformation** into **Jesus**

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach you** all things and will **remind you** of everything **I have said** to you." [John 14:25-26](#)

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the **Spirit of the Lord is**, there is **freedom**. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and **reflect the glory of the Lord**. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—**makes us more and more like him** as we are **changed** into his glorious image. [2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#)

God the **Father**:
law and holiness

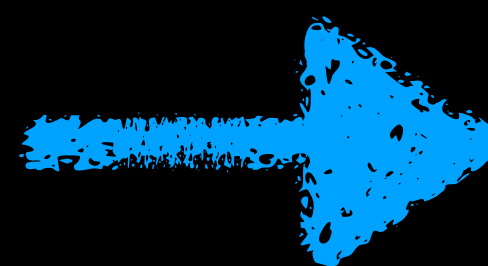
God the **Son**: grace
and forgiveness

God the **Spirit**:
convict and transform

The lost



The found



movement, transformation, maturity

“Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new **Temple**. They are, individually and corporately, places where **heaven and earth meet**.” N.T. Wright

The Holy Spirit's purpose in regards to humanity is to make "**little Christ's**." Therefore, any power or manifestation of the Spirit must be placed in that **context**. The implication is that "Christ-likeness" is **impossible** without the Spirit

He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The **world** cannot receive him, because **it isn't looking for him** and doesn't **recognize** him. But you **know** him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. [John 14:17](#)



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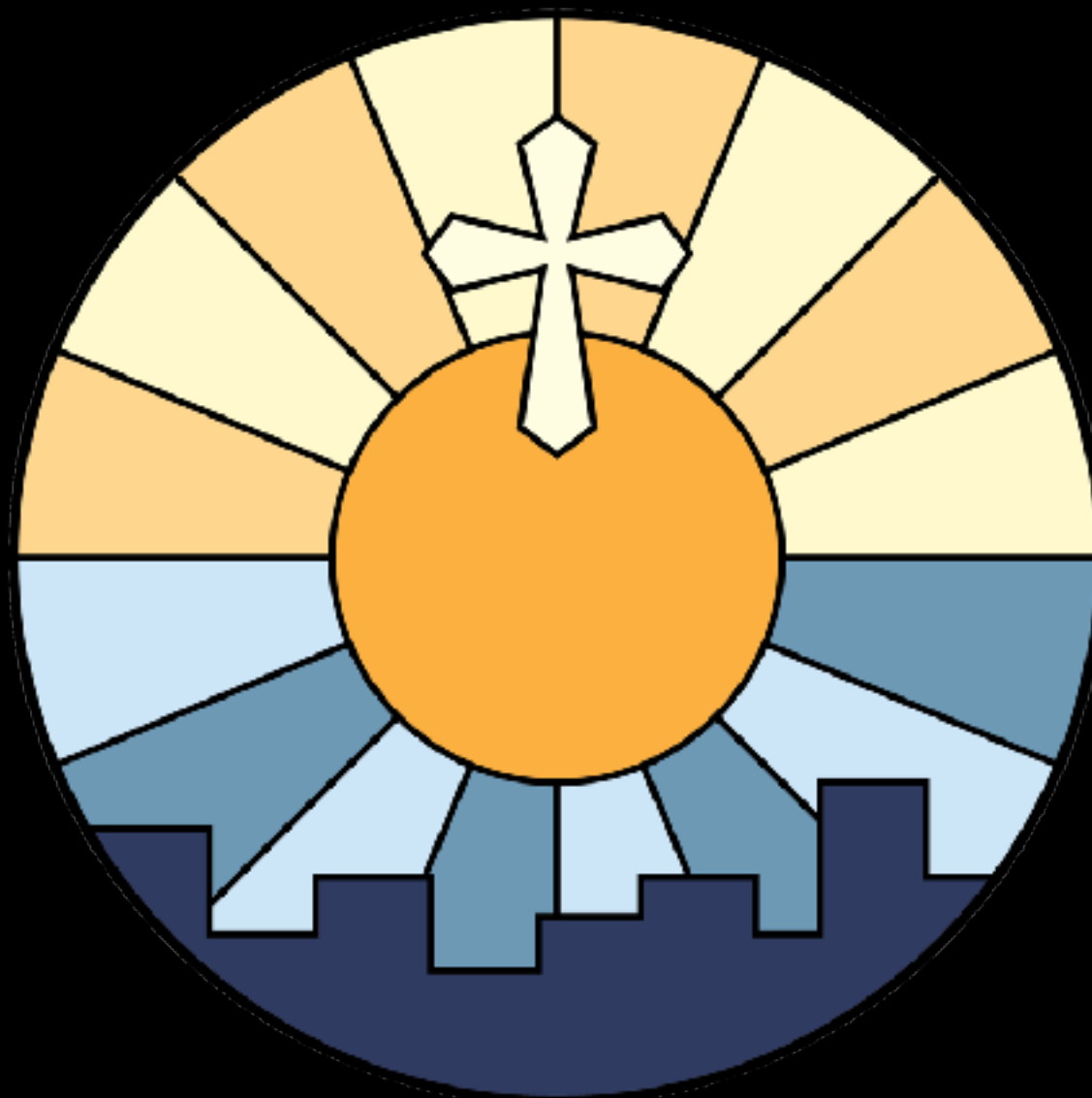
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