

The Holy Spirit and the Last Days
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The doctrine of the Holy Spirit is one of the most fascinating and mysterious studies in the Word of God. But while many theologies describe the Holy Spirit and his ministries, few address the Holy Spirit's ministry in the Last Days in particular. In this study, we will examine the Holy Spirit's coming upon the church, signifying the Last Days, and explore what the Spirit's ministry means for us today.

I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

A. The Holy Spirit is a Person.

1. The Bible speaks of him with masculine pronouns (John 16:7–8)
2. He has the qualities of personhood.
 - He comforts (John 12:26; 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)
 - He teaches (John 14:26; 1 Cor 2:13)
 - He speaks (Acts 8:29; 13:2)
 - He decides (Acts 15:28)
 - He grieves (Eph 4:30)
 - He determines (1 Cor 12:11)
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B. The Holy Spirit is God.

1. He is presented as equal with God (e.g., Matt 28:19)
2. He possesses the attributes of God.
 - He is eternal (Heb 9:14)
 - He is omnipresent (Ps 139:7–10)
 - He is omniscient (1 Cor 2:10–11)
 - He is omnipotent (Luke 1:35–37)
 - His is holy (Rom 1:4)

C. The Holy Spirit “Quickens.”

1. Quicken = “To bring to life, enliven.”
2. The Spirit's “Quickening” ministry is seen in the NT:
John 6:63; 2 Cor 3:6; 1 Pet 3:18; Rom 1:4

II. The Holy Spirit before the Last Days

A. The Holy Spirit Was Active in Creation.

Gen 1:2; Job 33:4; Psa 104:30

B. The Holy Spirit Empowered People for Certain Tasks.

1. Joseph (Gen 41:38)
2. Moses and the 70 Elders (Num 11:17, 25–29)
3. Joshua (Num 27:18; Deut 34:9)
4. The Men Who Built the Tabernacle (Exod 31:1–11; 35:30–36:1)
5. Othniel (Judg 3:10)
6. Gideon (Judg 6:34)
7. Jephthah (Judg 11:29)
8. Samson (Judg 14:6, 19; 13:25; 15:14; 16:28)
9. Saul (1 Sam 10:6–7, 10; 11:6; 16:14)
10. David (1 Sam 16:13; 2 Sam 23:2; Acts 1:16; 4:25)

And many more!

C. The Holy Spirit Empowered Jesus of Nazareth

1. The Holy Spirit empowered Jesus at his baptism (Luke 3:21–22)
2. Jesus was led by the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:1–2)
3. Jesus ministered in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14–22)

D. The Holy Spirit Was Promised to Be Given to All in the Future

1. Joel 2:28–32
2. Ezek 11:18–21; 36:26–27
3. John 16:7–15
4. Luke 24:49

III. The Holy Spirit in the Last Days

A. The Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 2:1–21)

What does Peter mean by “this is that”? (Acts 2:16)

1. This is _____ that?
2. This is _____ that?