The Mission of the Holy Spirit
Confidence and Courage

How confident are you in the Holy Spirit?

How confident are you in the Word of God?

Can you courageously defend the Scriptures?

Do Christians have all truth?
Absolute Truth

Some people report, “Truth is relative.” However, that state is relative truth.

1. If there is no God, truth is relative and not absolute.
2. However, truth is not relative but absolute.
3. Therefore, God is.

What does truth have to do with the Holy Spirit?
Transformation of the Spirit

The mission of the Holy Spirit is to transform believers.

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit” (2 Cor 3:18 ESV).

How can Christians see the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Gal 5:22–23).
Jesus’s Promise

To whom did Jesus promise the Spirit?

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:37–39).

What those who hunger and thirst for righteousness desire is Christ’s promise of the Spirit.

Why is Jesus giving the Holy Spirit significant?
When would the Holy Spirit be given (John 16:7)?
The Helper, the Advocate

How did Jesus identify the Holy Spirit?

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you” (John 14:16–17).

The Holy Spirit is a Helper and Advocate of truth.

The work of the Spirit changed from with the apostles to in the apostles.
Sending the Holy Spirit

What will the Holy Spirit do for the Apostles?

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (John 14:26).

How could the Apostles remember everything about Jesus Christ?

Who will send the Holy Spirit?

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me” (John 15:26).
Can the Spirit communicate with the world?

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged” (John 16:7–11).

Why convict the world concerning sin?
All the Truth

How much truth was the Spirit to reveal to the Apostles?

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16:12–13).

How will Christ speak to His Apostles?

How much truth will the Apostles receive?
Given Commands

How did the apostles receive Jesus’s commands after Jesus ascended?

“In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen” (Acts 1:1–2).

Luke demonstrated the Book of Acts that the apostles carried Jesus’s commands to the world.
Receive the Holy Spirit

What did Jesus do in His resurrection for the apostles to receive the Holy Spirit?

“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’” (John 20:22).

On the day that Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus commanded his disciples to receive the Holy Spirit.
The Gift of the Spirit

How did Jesus preach about receiving the Holy Spirit?

Jesus preached, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:13).

Jesus revealed this in his last journey to Jerusalem.

How does someone received the Holy Spirit by asking God?
Reflection

The Spirit revealed all truth to the apostles.
All truth is what the apostles taught.
The apostolic Scriptures contain that truth (2 Tim 3:16–17).

The Spirit revealed God’s Word to convict the world (John 16:7–11).
The Scriptures contain powerful conviction.

Thereby, the Holy Spirit is the Helper, Advocate, and Comforter.
Implications

What are the implications of the Spirit revealing all truth?

The apostles possessed complete revelation in the first century.

With all truth, the apostles oversaw the early churches collecting the New Testament Scriptures.

Christians have lacked nothing in truth for twenty centuries.

God revealed all of the truth of humanity’s purpose and His purpose.
Challenge

Grow in **courage** because God has given all truth.

Increase in **confidence** that the Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

Direct your **hunger and thirst for righteous** to the truth that the Spirit reveals.
Invitation

When does someone receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” (Acts 2:38).

“And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him” (Acts 5:32).
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