

I THOUGHT THEY ALREADY HAD THE HOLY SPIRIT!



On Pentecost the believers received the Holy Spirit.

They spoke with new tongues.

They experienced new freedom.

Their minds were opened to understand the word.

The love of God was shed abroad in their hearts.

So why is it that some time later, when these same believers prayed for boldness, they received the Holy Spirit again?

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.”

Acts 4:31

How many times do we have to receive the Holy Spirit?

Isn't once enough?

The Holy Spirit isn't a “thing” which we “get” and hold.

The Holy Spirit is God Himself.

The Holy Spirit can do whatever he chooses.

Once we have asked and received the gift of his presence in our lives, the Holy Spirit manifests himself to us—at his discretion—in ways we can never predict.

We do not possess him.



He possesses us.

Our job is to simply obey the Spirit, as he makes things clear to us.

.....and he will.

***“The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes;
so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.”***

John 3:8



Prayer: Oh Lord, may we long to be possessed by you each and every day, seek to be renewed by your Spirit daily. May we open our hearts to your Spirit that allows us to draw close to you, that opens our minds to your holy presence, that pours unspeakable love into our hearts, that helps us to hear your voice, that helps us to understand your living Word, and that empowers us to do your will. As we draw close, daily...ignite life within us, prepare our hearts to listen, and ready our feet to go wherever your Spirit leads us. Amen.

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