

# Responding to the Spirit of God

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18** says the Holy Spirit is, “the Spirit of the Lord” and the Lord Himself. For, “...the Lord is that Spirit...” and as we encounter and respond positively to God’s Spirit we are profoundly changed by God’s glory. The Spirit of God was active in: the creation of the world, the founding and formation of the Hebrew nation and their worship, miracles and prophecies of the Old Testament, and in Christ’s New Testament: virgin birth, water baptism, miracle ministry and resurrection. The Spirit endued early Christians with Christ’s power, filled and refilled them, imparted supernatural giftings, gave them righteousness, peace and joy, convicted them of their sins, led them into all truth and more. Jesus commanded His disciples to receive (John 20:22) and promised them to be baptized with (Acts 1:4-5) the Spirit. They obeyed and received...and were filled and thrilled. Others rejected the Spirit’s work in their lives and missed out on all God had for them. What will *your* responses be?

## The Spirit’s Work

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- **Birthing** (John 3:1-7) & **Flowing** (John 7:37-39)
- **Comforting** (John 14:16) & **Teaching** (John 14:26)
- **Testifying** (John 15:26) & **Reproving** (John 16:7-8)
- **Guiding** us & **Glorifying** Christ (John 16:13-14)
- **Enduing** (Luke 24:49) & **Empowering** (Acts 1:8)
- **Filling** (Acts 2:4) & **Refilling** (Acts 4:31)
- **Speaking** & **Sending** (Acts 13:2)
- **Giving** Gifts & **Manifesting** Gifts (I Cor 12; Rom 12; Eph 4)
- **Strengthening** & **Assuring** (Eph 3:16; Rom 8:16; 1 John 3:24)

## Potential Responses to the Spirit

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### NEGATIVE:

- **Blaspheming** (Mark 3:28-29)
- **Mocking** (Acts 2:13)
- **Resisting** (Acts 7:51)
- **Lying to** (Acts 5:3-4)
- **Grieving** (Eph 4:30)
- **Despising** (Heb 10:29)
- **Quenching** (I Thess 5:19)

### POSITIVE:

- **Receiving** (John 20:22 & Acts 2:38)
- **Having** (Rom 8:9)
- **Being Led by** (Rom 8:14 & Gal 5:18)
- **Coveting Gifts of** (1 Cor 12:31)
- **Walking & Living in** (Gal 5:16+25)
- **Exhibiting Fruit of** (Gal 5:22-23; Eph 5:9)
- **Praying in** (Rom 8:26-27, 1 Cor 14:14-15, Eph 6:18, Jude 1:20)
- **Taking up the Sword of** (Eph 6:17)
- **Hearing** (Heb 3:15; Rev 2+3)



“...*be filled with the Spirit...*”  
(Ephesians 5:18)