

The Spirit of Revival

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Holy Spirit: Our Eternal Friend and Companion

- Holy Spirit is a person — third member of the Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. His title is “The Holy Spirit”
- His name is also “Holy Spirit” and so we can refer to Him that way too. Scripture refers to Holy Spirit as a He. He has things He likes to do, He has emotions, we can grieve Him by our sin, He has specific things that He loves to do as well.
- Holy Spirit has many functions and there’s a long and glorious list of all that He does. He is the comforter, the teacher, the helper, He leads us into truth, He convicts us of sin, He testifies to us that we are truly children of God. John 14 and 16 contain the richest descriptions in Scripture of the indwelling, internal work of the Holy Spirit and I love those chapters! He also empowers us for ministry.

Ezekiel 47:6-12

He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?” Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. ⁸ He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds- like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. ¹¹ But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. ¹² Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

Healing, restoring, and reviving are the natural and expected results of the Holy Spirit moving.

Isaiah 44:3-4

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. ⁴ They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams.

John 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

What do we do?

- Walk in obedience to Him now. We don't have to wait for revival to share the gospel, to pray for the sick, to demonstrate the love of God to others, to have our own hearts healed up, His Spirit is here right now! Some people make the mistake of just waiting for revival to come — no, the Spirit of God is in you right now, let Him flow in and through you!
- We want to have hearts prepared for what is to come. Give the Holy Spirit full access to your heart. Surrender whatever He asks you to surrender. Deal with your heart issues. Deal with your areas of unforgiveness.
- Pray for revival. Personally. Locally. Nationally.