



Understanding the HOLY GHOST

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Who & What is the Holy Ghost?

Not what He does, who He is!
(Think on this statement before answering)

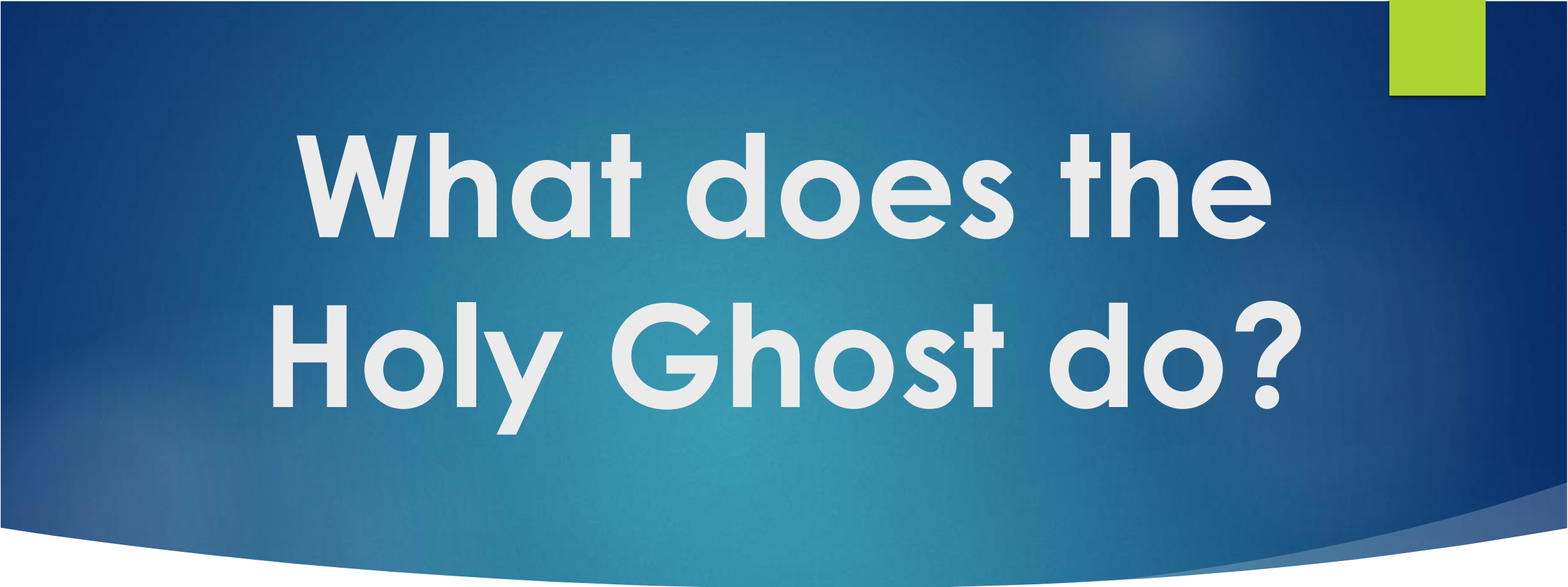
Who & What is the Holy Ghost?

- ▶ The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God given to believers. (Joel 2:28, Eph. 4:30, 1 Corinthians 3:16)
- ▶ The Holy Ghost is one of the greatest promises God has given to humanity. It is not merely an emotional experience, a church tradition, or a denominational teaching. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God dwelling within the believer.



Does the bible say
that the Holy Ghost is a
keeper?

Yes or No



What does the Holy Ghost do?

His attributes!

What does the Holy Ghost do?

- ▶ Gives spiritual power (Acts 1:8)
- ▶ Write the law on our hearts (Hebrews 8:10)
- ▶ Convicts of sin (John 16:8)
- ▶ Leads into truth (John 16:13)
- ▶ Comforts believers (John 14:16)
- ▶ Strengthens prayer (Romans 8:26)
- ▶ Gives spiritual gifts (Romans 8:26)
- ▶ Brings things back to your memory (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)
- ▶ Gives boldness (Acts 4:31)

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost in the bible

- ▶ The first major outpouring happened on the Day of Pentecost.
“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” — Acts 2:4
- 1. Acts 2 —Jerusalem
- 2. Acts 10 — Gentiles at Cornelius' house
- 3. Acts 19 — Disciples at Ephesus
- ▶ The outpouring of the Holy Ghost became a defining mark of the New Testament Church.

When Are You Ready to Receive the Holy Ghost?

- ▶ You repent sincerely and surrender completely
- ▶ You believe God's promise
- ▶ You hunger for Him
- ▶ You do not have to become perfect before receiving the Holy Ghost. The Spirit helps transform you into what God desires you to be.

Many people think:

- ▶ "I'm not good enough yet."
- ▶ "I still struggle too much."

The Holy Ghost is given to help us grow, change, and overcome.

Why Do Some Receive Quickly While Others Wait?

- ▶ Some people receive the Holy Ghost within moments. Others seek for months or even years. This does not necessarily mean:
 1. One person loves God more
 2. One person is more spiritual
 3. God rejected the other
- ▶ God's timing is different from human timing! "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day..." — 2 Peter 3:8

The signs of someone who is filled with the Holy Ghost

- ▶ A Life That Produces Spiritual Fruit (Galatians 5:22–23)
- ▶ Boldness to Witness for Christ (Acts 4:31)
- ▶ A Desire for Holiness and Obedience (Ezekiel 36:27)
- ▶ A Strong Prayer Life (Jude 1:20)
- ▶ Speaking in Tongues as the Spirit Gives Utterance (Acts 2:4)

Life after receiving the Holy Ghost

- ▶ Receiving the Holy Ghost is not the ending — it is the beginning. Believers must continue:
 1. Praying
 2. Studying Scripture
 3. Fasting
 4. Gathering with the church
 5. Walking in holiness
 6. Growing spiritually

THE DON'Ts of the Holy Ghost

- ▶ Do not **grieve** the Holy Ghost (Ephesians 4:30-31)
 1. Willfully Sinning
 2. Bitterness (Ephesians 4:31)
 3. Wrath and Anger (Ephesians 4:31)
 4. Clamor and Evil Speaking (Ephesians 4:31)
 5. Malice (Ephesians 4:31)
 6. Lying (Ephesians 4:25)
 7. Unwholesome Speech (Ephesians 4:29)
 8. The Opposite of Grieving the Spirit (Ephesians 4:32)

THE DON'Ts of the Holy Ghost

- ▶ Do not **quench** not the Spirit. (1 Thess. 5:19)

Which means to extinguish, suppress, put out, or stifle.

- ▶ How is the Spirit quenched?
- ▶ By resisting God's leading (Acts 7:51)
- ▶ By disobedience (Ephesians 4:30)
- ▶ By despising prophetic messages and spiritual manifestations (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21)
- ▶ By living according to the flesh (Galatians 5:16-17)