

# Are You Committed to the Holy Spirit?

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If so, how? Someone might say they are committed to the Holy Spirit by claiming to possess His supernatural gifts or personal indwelling, when the fact is, the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit that we read about among believers in the New Testament no longer exist. So then, how may a person be committed to the Holy Spirit?

Commitment in a relationship carries with it the idea of love for, devotion to, admiration of, respect for, and ultimately submission to. All of these should characterize the person who claims to be committed to the Holy Spirit. I would like for us to consider,..... submission to the Holy Spirit.

To understand how we commit ourselves to the Holy Spirit by submission, we must first recognize the role of the Holy Spirit in the relationship we can have with Him. The Holy Spirit's role in God's divine enterprise is one of being His Revelator; He reveals the mind of God to the creation. After establishing that it had not entered into the heart of man the things that God has in mind for him, Paul states, *"But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."* (1 Cor 2:10) God, through or by the Holy Spirit revealed those unsearchable riches to inspired men such as Paul. They wrote them down – we call it the Bible. Jesus promised to use the Holy Spirit as the revealing agent when He stated, *"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 things that I said to you."* (John 14:26) The Father did exactly

that just a few days after Jesus' ascension, when Peter and the eleven, being filled with the Holy Spirit stood up and spoke *"...as the Spirit gave them utterance."* (Acts 2:4) The message to be preached was from Christ and was delivered through and by the Holy Spirit. When those who heard the message decided to obey it, they were making a commitment to Christ, by making a commitment to the Holy Spirit's revealed message.

We must understand that our commitment to the Holy Spirit is our commitment to the revealed message that God and Christ commissioned Him to reveal. It must be an unbending commitment that accepts the fact that revelation from God through the Holy Spirit is complete. There are no further modern day revelations needed. The introduction of the Gospel of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago by the Holy Spirit was God's final revelation to man. The Holy Spirit is only active through that inspired message. When we commit ourselves to obey and live by the Gospel, we have committed ourselves to all three personalities of Godhead – The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit. To reject the Gospel message, not only demonstrates contempt for God and Christ, but also a clear lack of commitment to the Holy Spirit.

Are you committed to the Holy Spirit? Open your Bible, read it, study it, commit yourself to live by the message of Christ that the Father sent the Holy Spirit to share. Only then will you be committed to the Holy Spirit. Think about it.

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