

Act Normal

“The Power To Act Normal”

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We live in a culture in crisis! We are called by God to be salt and light, as we seek and save the lost. Jesus said to, “be perfect as I am perfect.” If this is the “normal Christian life”, how are we supposed to do and be all of this??

“I will ask the Father, and He will send another Counselor to be with you forever --the Spirit of Truth...He lives with you and will be in you!” Jn. 14:15-17

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.”
Acts 1:8*

Who is the Holy Spirit?

There is one God in three persons. Each person is co-existent but has a distinct purpose.

- God the Father - **judge** - the O.T. period - 4000 years
- God the Son - **Jesus, the redeemer**, Messiah, 33 years
- God the Holy Spirit - **the counselor**, guide, convicts, power - 2000 years to present.

- God the Father the **law giver**
- God the Son the **law fulfiller**
- God the Holy Spirit the **law illuminator**

- God the Father – **separate from us**
- God the Son – **God with us**
- God the Holy Spirit - **God in us.**

The Holy Spirit is a **person**. What is the Spirit like? What is a person like?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

- He will **empower** you - Acts 1:8
- He will **convict** you - John 16:1-16
- He is your **guide** – John 16:13
- He is your **counselor** – John 14:15-27; John 15:26
- He is your **guarantee** of eternal life – Eph. 1:13-14

How do I receive the Holy Spirit?

You have the indwelling Holy Spirit once you have decided to follow Jesus. Rom. 8:9

You are baptized in the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ to receive power. Acts 1:8; 2

Matthew 3:11-12; Acts 1:4-5

Baptizo – to **immerse**

Baptism of **water**- for repentance, cleansing, self focused

Baptism of **fire** – for power to fulfill the purpose of God, others focused

Pray **fervently** and faithfully **wait** on the Lord.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jer. 29:13

“God rewards those who earnestly seek Him.” Heb. 11:6