

# *The Presence of the Holy Spirit*

Acts 19:1-7

## **Introduction**

It's important to remember that the events in Acts are *not* prescriptive, nor are they normative.

All true Christians receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation, without exception.

Romans 8:9

**If by faith you have Christ, you have His Spirit. it is literally impossible to have one without the other.**

“the Spirit of Christ” 1 Peter 1:11;

“the Spirit of Jesus Christ” Philippians 1:19:

“God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” Galatians 4:6

The Holy Spirit is the *Spirit of Christ*.

You cannot be “born from above” without receiving both.

This is a work of God alone: Ezekiel 36:26-27

1 Corinthians 12:13

Ephesians 1:13-14

Ephesians 4:30

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

## **I. The Condition – v1**

**v1**

John 8:31

These disciples are not yet Christians. They are in a transitional time.

Matthew 11:2-5

Jesus wants them to observe the undeniable confirmational evidence of His Messiahship: *miracles*.

Matthew 11:9-10

Matthew 11:13-15

## **II. The Investigation – vv2-3**

**v2**

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

*Parable of the Soils:* Luke 8:13

James 2:14

“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” James 2:17

James 2:26

If Paul were to walk into a church in our day would he sense the need to ask the same question?

### **7 permanent gifts and evidences of the indwelling Spirit**

1. the ongoing pursuit of holiness,
2. inner peace and contentment,
3. joy undisturbed by circumstances,
4. deep and abiding love for Jesus,
5. a conscious awareness of the presence of Christ,
6. spiritual illumination of truth,
7. victory over sin and temptation

Would Paul see those Christian virtues manifested in the church today?

**v3**

## **III. The Clarification – v4**

**v4**

## **IV. The Correction – v5**

**v5**

Notice, there are no objections. The revelation of the truth is freely accepted and fully embraced.

A true follower of Jesus Christ will continue to learn and accept what God reveals to them in His Word.

## **V. The Confirmation – vv6-7**

The evidences of the indwelling Holy Spirit ought to be apparent to all.

The Spirit of the living Christ whose utterances and proclamations are fundamental to our call.