

Holy Spirit Position First Free Church

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We believe in the Holy Spirit as a distinct, real person of the Trinity.

- ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- ¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

We believe the Holy Spirit is active.

- ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139:7)
- ¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert. (Luke 4:1)
- ⁸Then Peter filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them... (Acts 4:8)

We believe the Holy Spirit is working today in the New Testament Church, among which we consider ourselves.

- ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)
- ³¹Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit; it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord. (Acts 9:31)
- ¹⁸Jesus said to them, 'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...²⁰And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20)

We believe every true believer is given the Holy Spirit.

- ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- ⁹But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Romans 8:9)
- ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

We believe in the Holy Spirit's baptism at conversion; and in on-going fillings of the Holy Spirit.

- ³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)
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- ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

We believe the Holy Spirit provides gifts today to edify the church and win the lost to Christ.

- ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:7)
- ⁴God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will. (Hebrews 2:4)

We believe the Holy Spirit empowers us to live as godly people, for the glory of Christ.

- ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction... (1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a)
- ¹⁴Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. (2 Tim 1:14)
- ³¹After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:31)
- ⁴Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love . . . (2 Corinthians 6:4-6)

We believe hearing the Holy Spirit speak is the birthright of every believer.

- ¹²I have many more things to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth...¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. (John 16:12-14)
- ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

We believe the fruit of the Spirit rather than the gifts of the Spirit are evidence of true conversion.

- ¹⁵Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' (Matthew 7:15-23)
- ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:22-26)
- Also see 1 John 1:5-10