



What did Paul notice?

¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³ So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"
"John's baptism," they replied.

⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus."⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all. (Acts 19)

Discuss at table:
What did Paul notice?
Table reports in 5 min.

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Discuss at table:
1. What do you like/dislike about this definition?
2. What is the image of the Holy Spirit?
- table reports in 5 min.

Christianity Spirituality:

*the quest for a fulfilled and authentic life,
that involves . . .
taking the beliefs and values of Christianity
and weaving them into the fabric of our lives
so that they "animate," provide the "breath" and
"spirit" and "fire" for our lives*

Christianity as a . . .

- Philosophy of life, system of values
- A theistic perspective
- A social organization/movement
- A spiritual/mystical (theotic) pathway

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Spirit

Hebrew = "ruach" Greek = "pneuma"

- * spirit
- * breath
- * wind
- * that which gives life and animation to something
- * Holy Spirit as God's Spirit, Breath, Wind -- communicating God's life.

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Biblical teaching

- ♣ Joel 3: 1-2 outpouring of the Spirit.
- ♣ Jn. 14-16: Spirit as another advocate (paracletos); abides with us; will be with us and in us forever; sent in Jesus' name to remind us of his teaching and teach us all things; sent from the Father; Spirit of truth, who testifies on Jesus' behalf; show worldly standards of righteousness and judgement to be wrong; guide us into all truth; prophesy; glorify Jesus.
- ♣ Lk. 11: 9 - God delights in giving us the Spirit.
- ♣ 1 Cor. 2: 11 - Joins our human spirit with depths of God that we might understand what God has given us.
- ♣ 1 John 4: 13 - "This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit."
- ♣ John 16: 7: *it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.*

Who is the Spirit?

- God's indwelling presence
- The One sent by Jesus
- The Third Person of the Trinity

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Symbols of the Spirit

