

Church: God Acts

Question and Answer

- How do we know that we have the Holy Spirit? Well, first, you know no one can confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, but by the Holy Spirit. So who's Jesus? He's my God, he lived, died and rose for me. Okay, well, you can't do that without the Holy Spirit, all right? The natural man doesn't confess and love Christ, only the supernatural man. In addition where it says like in Romans, God has poured out his love in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit him he's given us. If you love Jesus, you have the Holy Spirit. And that it's really, I don't know about you. I didn't love Jesus, and then I did love Jesus, that's how I knew I got the Holy Spirit. There was a love for Jesus that wasn't there before. So I think those are the main ways that we know we have the Holy Spirit. There were other ways supernatural gifts speaking in tongues, all kinds of evidences, but I believe faith in Jesus as Lord and love for Jesus as Savior. Those are indications and evidence is the presence of the Spirit. Now my position on the Holy Spirit is that you are sealed with the Holy Spirit at the moment of your conversion. I believe that the Holy Spirit comes in and faith comes out. I don't believe that our faith saves us, I believe the Holy Spirit saves us. And then faith is a gift of God from the Holy Spirit. So I believe something called regeneration precedes faith. That the Holy Spirit does his work, and then you respond by trusting in Christ to the work of the Holy Spirit, giving you a new heart and a new nature. That being said, you are sealed quote, Ephesians one. "You are sealed by the Spirit for the day of redemption." So the Christian is sealed with the Holy Spirit at their salvation conversion. But then the Bible talks about multiple fillings of the Holy Spirit. And what these are these are seasons of empowerment. These are times when we need the Holy Spirit in a new way, or we need him to a new depth or degree. So, you know, if your doctor tells you, you have cancer, you're like, okay, I need the Holy Spirit today in a way I didn't yesterday. I need him in a new way, in a fresh way, 'cause this is new and overwhelming. There are occasions for ministry, or suffering, or whatever the case might be, where we need a filling of the Holy Spirit. It's just think of it this way, like your car. How many of you fill up your car? Right well, you also need to fill up your soul just like your car can sort of use the provision of energy. So your soul can use the grace that God has given you. And just like your car needs new fuel, your soul needs new grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. And being filled with the Holy Spirit is that it's the Holy Spirit filling the tank of the soul of the believers so that they can be filled and led by the power of the Spirit. So you're, I believe you're sealed at conversion and then there's multiple fillings that happen throughout your life that take you to new levels of ministry, or maturity, or suffering, or whatever the capacity or case might be.