

New Pentecostal Faith: Stepping into Jesus Openness to the Spirit



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Acts 10:37-38, Matthew 3:16, John 1:32-33, Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 11:1-3, Matthew 12:28

(Please find the scriptures at the bottom)

The Main Thing: Being a Spirit-tual person means stepping into Jesus' relationship with the Father. It means being open to the Holy Spirit the way Jesus was open to the Holy Spirit. That can only happen because Jesus freely invites us and empowers us to step into his relationship to the Father by means of the Holy Spirit.

What kind of faith can receive the Holy Spirit of God?
The answer is simple, Jesus' kind of faith.

Jesus was wide open to God's Spirit

How did Jesus pull off his miracles?
By depending on the Holy Spirit.

How did Jesus overcome temptation and testing?
By depending on the Holy Spirit.

When did God unleash the Holy Spirit?
When he sent Jesus.

When did the days of the Holy Spirit begin?
With Jesus, a new age has begun: the Age of the Spirit.

▲▲ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Acts 10:37-38 (NIV)

▲▲ *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ▼▼*

—Matthew 3:16 (NIV)

▲▲ *Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ▼▼*

—John 1:32-33 (NIV)

▲▲ *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. ▼▼*

—Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

▲▲ *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. ▼▼*

—Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

▲▲ *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD— and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. ▼▼*

—Isaiah 11:1-3 (NIV)

▲▲ *But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ▼▼*

—Matthew 12:28 (NIV)

▀▀ *One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick.* ▀▀

—*Luke 5:17 (NIV)*