

The Holy Spirit

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1. Deity: God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- a. **Matthew 3:16** ¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him,
- b. **Acts 2:17** ¹⁷ 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND (Joel 2:28)
- c. **1 Corinthians 2:10-12** ¹⁰ For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,
- d. **2 Corinthians 3:3** ³ being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
- e. **1 Peter 4:14** ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.
- f. **Acts 10:13-20** Peter converses with the Lord (v.14) who is the Spirit (v.19)
- g. **The Holy Spirit has the same attributes as God**
 - i. **Eternal: Hebrews 9:14** ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
 - ii. **Everywhere present: Psalm 139:7-10** ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
 - iii. **All knowing: 1 Corinthians 2:10-11** ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
 - iv. **Powerful**
 1. **Genesis 1:1-2** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.
 2. **Luke 1:35-37** ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

³⁶ "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ "For nothing will be impossible with God."

v. **Holy**

1. His name: "Holy" which means set apart, consecrated, distinct
2. **Romans 1:4** ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. **The Holy Spirit is a person**

- a. **Has a will: 1 Corinthians 12:11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.
- b. **Has knowledge: 1 Corinthians 2:11** Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.
- c. **Can be grieved: Ephesians 4:30** ³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- d. **Personal pronoun "I" is used to refer to Him: Acts 10:19-20** ¹⁹ While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ "But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them."

3. **The Holy Spirit's functions**

- a. **Speaks**
 - i. **Acts 8:29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot."
 - ii. **Acts 13:2** While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
 - iii. **Acts 10:19-20** ¹⁹ While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ "But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself."
 - iv. **Acts 20:23** ²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.
 - v. **Revelation 2:7** ⁷ 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'
- b. **Reveals: Revelation 21:10** ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- c. **Convicts: John 16:8** ⁸ "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;
- d. **Guides, directs**
 - i. **John 16:13** ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

- ii. **Acts 10:19-20** ¹⁹ While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ "But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself."
 - iii. **Acts 16:6-10** ⁶ They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; ⁷ and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; ⁸ and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹ A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.
 - iv. **Acts 20:22** "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.
- e. **Teaches, reminds us of Jesus' words: John 14:26** "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- f. **Sanctifies: 2 Thessalonians 2:13** But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
- g. **Testifies about Jesus: John 15:26** "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me
- h. **Confounds: Acts 6:10** But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.
- i. **Calls, sets apart for ministry**
 - i. **Acts 13:2** While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
 - ii. **Acts 20:28** "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- j. **Comforts: Acts 9:31** So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.
- k. **Reveals the future**
 - i. **1 Peter 1:10-11** ¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.
 - ii. **Acts 1:16** "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.
 - iii. **Acts 21:11** ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at

- a. **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** ²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, ²² who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.
- b. **2 Corinthians 5:5** ⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.
- c. **Ephesians 1:13-14** ¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.
- d. **1 John 3:24** ²⁴ The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.
- e. Compare with "sealed" in Revelation:
 - i. **Revelation 7:3-4** ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
 - ii. **Revelation 14:1** **Revelation 14:1** ¶ Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

9. Works with unbelievers

- a. Opens the hearts of people to hear and receive the gospel: **Acts 16:14** A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.
- b. No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3)

10. Fills Believers

- a. **At conversion** ("baptized with the Holy Spirit"); = indwells
 - i. **Acts 1:5** ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
 - ii. **Acts 2:15-17** ¹⁵ "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day; ¹⁶ but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND...
 - iii. **Acts 8:14-17** ¹⁴ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. (similar Acts 19:1-6)
 - iv. **Acts 10:44-48** ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have

received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?" ⁴⁸ And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

- v. Speaking in tongues or other manifestations of the Spirit's presence can accompany the Spirit's inaugural work as a way of testifying to the validity of the gospel.

1. **1 Thessalonians 1:5** ⁵ for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.
2. **Hebrews 2:3-4** ³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.
3. **Acts 10:44-48** ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?" ⁴⁸ And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

b. **Dwells in Believers**

- i. **Acts 11:24** ²⁴ for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.
- ii. **1 John 3:24** ²⁴ The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.
- iii. **1 Corinthians 3:16-17** ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.; **1 Corinthians 6:19** ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
- iv. **2 Timothy 1:14** ¹⁴ Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to *you*.

c. **Unites believers to Himself and the body of Christ**

- i. **John 14:16-20** ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you

- will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.
- ii. **Romans 2:29** ²⁹ No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.
 - iii. **1 Corinthians 12:13** ¹³ For we were all baptized by {13 Or with; or in} one Spirit into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
- d. **Consecrates** [separates out] the believer to himself, cleanses and regenerates them (Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 1:2).
 - e. **Helps believers know they are loved by God: Romans 5:5** and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
 - f. **Helps believers know they are a son or daughter of God**
 - i. **Romans 8:15-17** ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.
 - ii. **Galatians 4:6** Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
 - g. **Helps believers know they are in God and He is in them**
 - i. **1 John 3:24** The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.
 - ii. **1 John 4:13** By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
 - h. **Emboldens believers, gives them revelations, and empowers them to proclaim Christ**
 - i. **Acts 1:8** ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
 - ii. **Acts 4:31** ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness.
 - iii. **Romans 15:13** ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - iv. **Ephesians 3:16** ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,
 - v. **2 Timothy 1:7** ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.
 - i. **These fillings occur at conversion or afterward** (Acts 2:17-18, 4:31, 9:17-20, 13:9).

- j. **Believers are told to be filled with the Spirit** (Ephesians 5:18) which is linked with worshipping God together (Ephesians 5:19-20).
- k. **The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament vs. the New Testament**
 - i. See **Acts 2** for the transition from the old to the new.
 - ii. Old Testament (under the old covenant) the Spirit came upon prophets and kings at various times for empowerment at particular times. Examples:
 1. **1 Samuel 16** the Holy Spirit came upon David in power and left Saul. It seems here the Spirit came upon people temporarily for empowerment.
 2. **2 Kings 2** Elijah asks for a double portion which seems to refer to empowerment for service rather than indwelling presence
 3. **Psalm 51:11** Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
 - iii. The Spirit's indwelling presence is not temporary in the new covenant but empowerment by the Spirit for service is temporary (ex. Billy Graham, other evangelists have an anointing of the Holy Spirit; however, these guys could lose the anointing due to sin, but not lose his indwelling presence).

11. Spiritual Gifts

- a. Lists: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Pet 4:9-11
- b. Without love, these gifts are worthless: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- c. The Holy Spirit will act consistently with the words He inspired in Scripture, so consistency with Scripture is the primary means of resolving any issues related to the Spirit.
- d. **Tongues**
 - i. One controversy that divides people is speaking in tongues. Does it still occur, what is the proper way to exercise the gift, and what does it signify? The exercise of this gift continued through the Old Testament church and there are no passages that indicate it would cease (1 Corinthians 14:39).
 - ii. All believers do not speak in tongues, nor do they need to (1 Corinthians 12:30).
 - iii. Parameters for exercising the gift are found in **1 Corinthians 14**:
 1. Must be exercised in an orderly manner (14:40)
 2. In group gatherings it should be restricted to times when the gift of interpretation is also active so the words spoken will bring build others up (14:26-28)
 3. Can be exercised anytime in private (14:2,4,5)
 4. Should not be forbidden (14:40)
- e. **Prophecy**
 - i. Does "prophecy" refer to the empowered preaching and teaching of Scripture or does it also reveal information previously unknown. Scripture indicates it is not synonymous with preaching and teaching since it is listed as a distinct gift (Romans 12:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28).

1. The relationship of Moses and Aaron is analogous to God and his prophets. Prophecy can be defined as the proclamation in an unmediated way “thus says the Lord” of God’s Word to humanity.
2. Preaching is different, it is mediated through teaching and study and experience, then delivered; prophecy is direct, unmediated from God through prophet to audience.

ii. What is it?

1. *propheteia* - to speak forth by divine inspiration
2. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10)
3. Refers to messages or revelations delivered to the church which may or may not include future-telling (Acts 11:28, 15:32; 1 Corinthians 14)
4. Discloses the secrets of the heart (1 Corinthians 14:25)
5. Desirable for the church because it edifies, exhorts, consoles (1 Corinthians 14:1, 3, 5, 12, 31, 39)
 - a. **1 Corinthians 14:3** ³ But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.
 - b. **1 Corinthians 14:31** ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted.
 - c. **1 Corinthians 14:39** ³⁹ Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.
6. Both men and women prophesy:
 - a. **Acts 2:17** 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;
7. Definition from Gordon Fee (1 Corinthians Commentary, NICNT p.595): It seems to have been a widespread phenomenon (1 Thess 5:19-22; Rom 12:66); the evidence in 1 Corinthians 14 indicates that it consisted of spontaneous, Spirit-inspired, intelligible messages, orally delivered in the gathered assembly, intended for the edification or encouragement of the people, thus it is not the delivery of a previously prepared sermon. And those who prophesied were clearly understood to be “in control” (14:29-33). Although some people are called “prophets,” probably because they were frequent speakers of “prophecies,” the implication of chap. 14 is that it is a gift available—at least potentially—to all (cf. Acts 2:17).

iii. Parameters

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22** Do not quench the Spirit; ²⁰ do not despise prophetic utterances. ²¹ But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.
2. Tests for the validity of the message include its consistency with Scripture and the actual fulfillment of any future-telling component.
3. Exercised for edification: 1 Corinthians 14:26

4. Subject to the prophets; exercised in an orderly manner: **1 Corinthians 14:29-33** ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. ³⁰ But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; ³³ for God is not *a God* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints...³⁹ Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.
- f. **Revelation** (*apokalupsis* – an uncovering) is listed along with prophecy (1 Corinthians 14:6) and Paul uses the two word synonymously at times (14:29-30, cf. 14:24-26); basic meaning: disclosure of something unknown
- i. **Acts 23:11** ¹¹ But on the night *immediately* following, the Lord stood at his side and said, "Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also." (cf. Acts 22:14, 18)
- g. **Visions**
- i. Zechariah: **Luke 1:22** But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute.
- ii. Transfiguration: **Matthew 17:9** As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."
- iii. **Acts 2:17** 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;
- iv. Peter:
1. **Acts 10:9-17** ...Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance; ¹¹ and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, ¹² and there were in it all *kinds of* four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. ¹³ A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" ¹⁴ But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean." ¹⁵ Again a voice *came* to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no *longer* consider unholy." ¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky. ¹⁷ Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold,...
- v. Paul:
1. See Paul's conversion accounts in **Acts 9, 22, 26**

2. **Acts 22:12-15** ¹² "A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, *and* well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing near said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very time I looked up at him. ¹⁴ "And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.' ¹⁵ 'For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. (cf. **Acts 9**)
 3. Ananias: **Acts 9:10** Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
 4. Sent on mission: **Acts 22:17-21** ¹⁷ "It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance, ¹⁸ and I saw Him saying to me, 'Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.' ¹⁹ "And I said, 'Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another I used to imprison and beat those who believed in You. ²⁰ 'And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the coats of those who were slaying him.' ²¹ "And He said to me, 'Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"
 5. Direction: **Acts 16:9-10** ⁹ A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.
 6. **Acts 18:9-10** ⁹ And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."
- vi. Book of Revelation: **Revelation 9:17** And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.
- vii. Trance
1. **Acts 22:17-18** ¹⁷ "It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance, ¹⁸ and I saw Him saying to me, 'Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.'
 2. *ekstasis* **Meaning:** a displacement (of the mind), i.e. *bewilderment, ecstasy*; **Origin:** from 1839 **Usage:** amazement(1), astonishment(2), completely*(1), trance(3); 1839 = *existemi* **Meaning:** to displace, to stand aside from **Origin:** from 1537 [*ek* or *ex* = *from, from out of*] and

2476 [*histemi* = to make to stand, to stand] **Usage:** amazed(10), amazement(1), astonished(2), astonishing(1), astounded(1), beside ourselves(1), lost His senses(1).

viii. Vision = *horama* **Meaning:** that which is seen; **Usage:** sight(1), vision(11).; from *horoa* **Meaning:** to see, perceive, attend to

1. cf. reality: **Acts 12:9** And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.
2. **Acts 22:14** ¹⁴ "And he [Ananias] said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you [Paul] to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.'

h. Other

i. Complex of gifts, abilities:

1. **Exodus 35:31** ³¹ "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all craftsmanship;
2. **Exodus 36:1** "Now Bezalel and Oholiab, and every skillful person in whom the LORD has put skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work in the construction of the sanctuary, shall perform in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded."

ii. **1 Timothy 4:14** Do not neglect the gift you have [context suggests the gift is teaching], which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.