

Obeying the Commands of Jesus #4: Receiving the Holy Spirit 7/17

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**” (John 20)

I. What does it mean to “receive the Holy Spirit”?

It means to accept it by acting on it. Do what He says in the area of salvation, sanctification, and service.

II. How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

“Repent,” Peter said to them, “and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**” (Acts 2:38 HCSB).

II. What does it look like when the Holy Spirit is in charge of our lives?

Eph 4:25-32—some dos and don’ts

1. “Since you **put away lying, speaking the truth**, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another.” (v.25)
2. “**Be angry and do not sin.** Don’t let the sun go down on your anger.” (v.26) Psalm 4— Right thinking/attitude. Meditating. Praying.
3. “**No foul language is to come from your mouth**, but only what is good for **building up someone in need**, so that it **gives grace** to those who hear.” (v. 29) We need to **T.H.I.N.K.** BEFORE we speak: Is it...
True?—If it is, then speak it in love. Choose your battles! Love covers a...
Helpful?—Is it going to build up or tear down? Comfort us like the Comforter!
Inspiring?—Positive and encouraging. Nobody likes to be friends with a complainer. Complaining isn’t a strategy, but a tragedy—it’s sin. Be proactive!
Necessary?—Is it really going to make a big difference? What is your role?
Kind?—Can you picture Jesus saying or gesturing it? If not, don’t do it!
4. “**All bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander** must be removed from you, along with **all malice.**” (v.31)
5. “And be **kind and compassionate** to one another, **forgiving** one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.” (v.32)

Obeying the Commands of Jesus #5: Enter through the Narrow Door 7/25

*“Make every effort to enter through the **narrow** door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But **small** is the gate and **narrow** the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (Luke 13:34; Matt 7: 13-14)*

Q1: Does this mean salvation is difficult or hard to obtain?

Q2: Does this mean there will not be many people in heaven?

Q3: Why does Jesus have to be the only way?

“Jesus said to him, I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**: no man comes to the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

Way:

Truth:

Life:

“Now this is eternal life: that they **know you**, the only **true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

II. Questions for consideration:

1. Why is Jesus the only way to God? Why is Christianity the only right way? What about other religions? How do I know they aren’t right? All religions are the same, aren’t they?
2. Why do you think people resist the truth when the Bible is so clear? Romans 1: 21-25
3. How do we know that the Bible is the Word from an Almighty God?
4. Have you been substituting religious activity for your love for God?
5. Has there been a time when the Spirit of God has been directing you and you have refused to follow His leading?

6. What changes will you make this week as a result of this passage?
7. What steps are you going to take to see these changes happen?

Fulfilled Prophecies on Jesus

The Lineage and Birth of Jesus Foretold

Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
Seed of a woman	Genesis 3:14-15	Galatians 4:4
From the Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33
Descendant of Abraham, Issac and Jacob	Genesis 12:3, 17:17-19; Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:1-2,16; Luke 3:34, 38
Heir to the Throne of David	Isaiah 9:6-7	Luke 1:32
Anointed and Eternal	Psalms 45:6-7	Hebrews 1:8-10
Jesus to be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-7
The time of Jesus' birth	Daniel 9:24-25	Luke 2:1-5
Christ to be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:13-14	Luke 1:26-28, 30-31
Lamentation for the killing of infants	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
To be called out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13-15

Preparation for and Ministry of Jesus

Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
The way of the Lord prepared	Isaiah 40:3-4	Luke 3:2-5
A messenger to come before the Lord	Malachi 3:1	Luke 7:24-27
A prophet would be raised up	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:19-20, 22
Declared to be a Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:13-17
Ministry centered in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:12-16
Jesus Christ would speak in parables	Psalms 78:1-2	Matthew 13:34-35
Jesus to bind up and heal the brokenhearted	Isaiah 61:1-3	Luke 4:17-21
A Priest after the order of Melchizedek	Psalms 110:1,4	Hebrews 5:5-6
Despised, rejected and not believed, especially by the Jews	Isaiah 53:1-4	John 1:11, 12:37-40; Luke 23:16-18
Hated without reason	Psalms 35:19	John 15:24
Triumphal entry in Jerusalem	Zechariah 9:9	Mark 11:7-11
Praised by the mouth of babes	Psalms 8:1-2	Matthew 21:15-16
The Messiah would be cut off, but not for himself	Daniel 9:25-27	John 11:49-52