



Holy Spirit in 3D

Adapted from “50 Days for Fire” series by Wayne Murray

The following story is worth reading. It sets the stage and demonstrate to you the different types of relationships we can have with the Holy Spirit. In a sermon titled “Why God Used D.L. Moody,” R.A. Torrey writes

DL Moody was a famous evangelist based out of Chicago, IL. He writes about his baptism in the Holy Spirit experience. He says that after every week’s service a couple of elderly, kindhearted, gentle ladies would come up to him. These ladies would kindly whisper, “Brother Moody, we are praying that God will fill you with the Holy Ghost.”

Moody would respond, “I am already filled with the Holy Ghost ladies. When I accepted Jesus, I was filled with the Holy Ghost so stop praying.” These ladies would repeat this weekly. They became a source of irritation to him until he describes how their prayer was answered. He was sitting in a room when suddenly the presence of God came upon him in a most unusual way. In joyful ecstasy, he began to praise God and utter things that no human could understand. He sensed the presence of God in a way that he had never before when suddenly he began to utter words & sounds that were rising from his innermost being. A wonderful love, joy, and peace engulfed the evangelist. The next week, he walked to the pulpit and preached like he always had but something was different. Ten times more people were responding to his altar calls to receive Christ. There was an unexplainable, magnified power in his ministry now. Moody says, “He was now living in a different relationship with the Holy Spirit.” He says, “It is fascinating to know how much of my success came after my baptism in the Holy Spirit.”¹

¹ R.A. Torrey, *Why God Used D.L. Moody*, (Murfreesboro, TN: Sword of the Lord Publishers, 1923), <http://www.whatsaiththescripture.com/Voice/Why.God.Used.D.L.Moody.html> (accessed July 5, 2017).

COURAGE

C1: When you read the story of D.L. Moody, what are your thoughts?

C2: Read the following verses and answer the question.

Acts 19:1–7 (NLT) While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. And they replied, “The baptism of John.” Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.” As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

- What are three things these verses speak to you regarding the Holy Spirit?

C3: Re-read **Acts 19:1-7 (NLT)**. Write out the spiritual progression the people in these verses walk through. What does this progression speak to you?

STRENGTH

S1: Read the following verses and answer the questions.

Acts 19:1–7 (NLT)

- Underline the words *with*, *in*, and *upon*.
- Write out what you think each of these words mean.
- Why would using these three words make a difference regarding the Holy Spirit?

S2: Read the following verses and answer the question.

John 16:7–8 (NLT)

- What can you glean from these verses regarding the role of the Holy Spirit?

S3: Read the following verses and answer the questions.

John 14:16–17 (NLT)

- Underline the words *with* and *in*.
- How do these two words shape the function of the Holy Spirit?

S4: Read the verses below and underline the words *in* and *into*.

Galatians 4:6 (NLT)

Romans 8:9 (NLT)

1 John 3:24 (NLT)

2 Timothy 1:4 (NLT)

Ephesians 4:4 (NLT)

- When you read these verses, what are your thoughts regarding the Holy Spirit?

ENDURANCE

E1: Read the following verse and answer the questions.

Titus 3:5 (NLT)

- What does this verse speak to you regarding the function of the Holy Spirit?

- What does regenerate mean?

E2: Read the following verses and answer the question.

Romans 8:16 (NLT)

1 John 5:6 (NLT)

- What can you glean from these verses regarding the function of the Holy Spirit?

E3: Read the following verses:

1 Peter 1:1–2 (NLT)

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NLT)

- What do you glean from these verses regarding the function of the Holy Spirit?

- What does the word “sanctify” mean to you?

E4: Read the following and underline the word *upon*.

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Luke 4:18–19 (NLT)

- What do you glean from these verses regarding the function of the Holy Spirit?

- What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit coming “upon” a believer?