



Sunday 5th January 2025

The Holy Spirit is a gift for all Christians

1. The Spirit brings new life and salvation in Christ

2. The Spirit ensures Jesus is with us always

3. The Spirit is our deposit, guaranteeing our eternal inheritance

Reflections for our prayer and fasting week

1. The Spirit brings new life and salvation in Christ

- ✠ “Repent & be baptised... in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)
- ✠ “He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” (Titus 3:5)
- ✠ “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Cor 6:11)
- ✠ “Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood.” (1 Peter 1:2)

Which of the above descriptions strikes you most about the Spirit’s work?
How might you praise God today for His grace in saving us?

2. The Spirit ensures Jesus is with us always

- ♥ “But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)
- ♥ “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Mt 28:20)
- ♥ “This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.” (1 John 4:13)

How is it possible for Jesus to be with us always?
How does having Jesus with you by his Spirit make a difference to your life?

3. The Spirit is our deposit, guaranteeing our eternal inheritance

- ☞ “When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.” (Eph 1:13-14)
- ☞ “An inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4)

What does the Holy Spirit guarantee for us?
Think of all that spoils & fades in this world and praise God for our everlasting inheritance in Him!