



"The Promise of the Holy Spirit"
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What You Need to Know About God's Promises

FIRST:	God wants me to	on His promises
SECOND:	God makes two kinds of promises:	
	•	Promises
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THIRD:	Two reasons God makes promises:	
	To teach us to	
	You are my refuge and my shield, and your promises are my only source of h	оре.
		Psalm 119:114 (LB)
	• To make us	

In Ephesus, Paul meets 12 people who are described as "believers," but whose faith seems to lack the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here's the story:

Paul ... 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.

Acts 19:1-6 (NLT)

Jesus' Promise to His disciples

But <u>you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you</u>; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

How do you know that you are empowered by the Holy Spirit?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (CEB)

Prayer

"Come Holy Spirit and fill me anew.
Guide me. Use me. Empower me. Lead me.
Grant me Your gifts that I may live for you today
and be useful to you in serving others.
In Jesus' name. Amen."

Answer key

God wants me to **BUILD MY LIFE** on His promises

God makes two kinds of promises:

- **UNCONDITIONAL** Promises
- **CONDITIONAL** Promises

Two reasons God makes promises:

- To teach us to TRUST HIM
- To make us MORE LIKE HIM