

Why the need for the Holy Spirit?



First a clarification – see if it makes sense to you. In Genesis 1:26,27 we learn: “And God said, **‘Let us make man in our image... male and female...’**” Jesus called the LORD God, Father, which shows that he is masculine. Jesus was obviously masculine. Now if the Father is male and Jesus is male, then by the process of elimination the Holy Spirit is female. In the Old Testament Hebrew, Spirit is רוח, **‘Ruach’**. This noun is of the **female gender** in Hebrew. As you might know, the Jews of Jesus’ day and Jesus himself spoke Aramaic. In Aramaic Spirit is **‘Paraclete’** also **female gender**, just like ‘Ruach’. The Gospels of the New Testament were written in Greek. Spirit in Greek is **‘Pneuma’** and is **neuter**. From Greek it was translated into the Latin, which was used for church liturgy. In Latin Spirit is **‘Spiritus’** and **male gender**. Over a thousand years later the Bible was translated by masters in Greek and Latin. For them the Greek ‘it’ was a ‘he’ and ‘male’ like in Latin. Hence in New Testament translations the Spirit is addressed as **‘he’** while in the original languages the Spirit was **‘she’**.

In Catholicism we try to fill that female void with Jesus’ earthly mother, Mary, as the ‘Mother of God’.

Doesn’t all this Make us Doubt God’s Word?

Absolutely not. We are not doubting God’s original word and what Jesus said; we are only correcting a human oversight and translation error. To our limited understanding the Godhead seems to advocate male-female relationships. If that is so then the male-female relationship should also apply to them. We may think that God is far away, but we might be surprised at how much they are like us as we are made to be like them, “in their image”.

We read the qualities that the Old Testament gives the Holy Spirit in Proverbs 8 and 9. She is wisdom, she speaks truth, she promotes understanding, gives instruction, etc. She says ‘my delights were with the sons of men.’ (Prov.8:31)

Jesus said the Holy Spirit is ‘a comforter... the spirit of truth... will teach you all things and will remind you.’ (John 14:16,17,26) Paul explains, ‘the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control’ (Gal.5:22,23). These are the qualities of a wise, loving, comforting female, a caring mother, a shoulder to cry on.

Why do we Need the Holy Spirit?

Well, why do we need a mother? A mother is what holds the family together.



We are proud of father but we love our mother. She carried us for nine months so that bond is natural and inborn. The same with our heavenly Mother she carried us for months, if not years on end to bring us to our spiritual birth, when we finally accepted Jesus and were born again.

She is gentle like a dove and does not land where she is not wanted. She is not the arguing type. She takes the path of least resistance and flows like

a river to the lowest places; she avoids the rocks and flows with the bends.

How do we Receive the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said ‘every one that asks receives... if any of you that is a father and a son asks for an egg will you give him a scorpion? If you then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children. how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that **ask him’** (Luke 11:9-13). We can pray alone or with others and humbly request the Father to give us the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name... and that is it. Simple as that; you’ve received her by faith, because it is a written promise, signed in his blood.

What do we Gain by having the Holy Spirit?

Jesus told his disciples, **‘You shall receive power** after that the holy ghost is come upon you and you shall be witnesses unto me.’ (Acts 1:8). **She is also a strong warrior and protects us from harm and evil if we stay close and obey her still small voice**. She overrules our fears and gives us faith to reach out to those seeking meaning in life. We are the medium through which she shows her love and concern. We have everyday people who were simple enough to believe the Bible, were motivated by the sacrificial life of Jesus; but when they got filled with the Holy Spirit, they grew into people of influence.

A cobbler, a sales boy, Simple farm children, turned out to be World-Changers:

James H. Taylor, Francis Xavier, W. Carrey, D.L. Moody, Billy Graham, etc... A slave boy became St. Patrick, Henry Dunant started the Red Cross, Louis Pasteur discovered penicillin, pasteurizing, etc. Little girls became exceptional women and angels of love and mercy: Florence Nightingale, Sister Cabrini, Mother Teresa, and on goes the list. Then there are the numerous, to us unknown saints, who give their all daily to alleviate human suffering. People, who because of their faith in Jesus, and being humble enough to follow guidance of the Holy Spirit, did and still do today, the seemingly impossible.

We are the Writer's Pen. Of course, we know that the person writing is most important as he or she



decides what is written. But that letter cannot be written unless that pen is picked up. The Holy spirit writes beautiful love letters; she comforts, loves and is kind, but she cannot express it to people unless she can use our mouth, our hands and our body to express that love that she is waiting to give to whoever wants it. Once we allow ourselves as pens to be picked up by the writer then we will fulfil our purpose. Obedience heaps it on and insoluble mountains turn into molehills, while joy unspeakable flows through us to others. (Acts 5:32)

There are Different Gifts of the Spirit:

“To one is given by the Spirit: the word of wisdom; to others the word of knowledge; faith; gifts of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues: (1Cor.12:8-10). Whatever our gift may be, may it draw us close to the Spirit in humbleness of heart, being truly thankful for it was a gift given to us and nothing of our own doing. Spiritual pride is the worst kind of pride that we can fall for, thinking ‘I got my gift because God must be so happy with me as I am special and a bit better than others.’ “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, and in your name cast out devils, and done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity” (Mat.7:22,23). May he never have to say that to any of us.



She is an Amazing Mother who Loves her children no matter what and she nudges us to do the right thing; to have integrity, to keep our word of ‘Yes’ meaning yes and ‘No’ meaning no.

As a good mother she knows her children and can see what's troubling. “Tell me what is bothering you; don't worry just tell me; it helps to talk about it.” “It's nothing ma, it's nothing.” “If there's something I can do to help just let me know, but you will have to tell me. She teaches us time and again,
“To thine own self be true.”

Don't try to get off the hook. We fool ourselves and say, “What is wrong with a little white lie?” There is no white lie; a lie isn't black or white. Our heavenly Mother knows it and it hurts her, she tries to give a hug, but we move away. She does not leave us; we leave her. **Consequently, her protection fades the more we move away.** She waits hoping and praying that we will return to her.



We make Choices and our Choices Make Us.

We might rationalize, when offered a lucrative but morally difficult deal, ‘if I don't take this opportunity someone else will and I'll miss out on all that money I could make.’ This could be from transporting armaments, to heaven-knows-what. It might even be considered legal, but is it ethically honourable? Is my integrity becoming blurry because of the quick rich blindfold? Are the memories of my heavenly Mother standing in the way... or... was Mother the way? I need to get back to her to find out.

Jesus said, ‘the Kingdom of God is inside you.’ (Luke 17:21) This is the voice of the Holy Spirit, our heavenly Mother, that tells us not to give in to what we know is not above-board or morally right. Jesus also said, ‘The Kingdom of heaven suffers violence but the violent take it by force.’ (Mat.11:12) By force we have to hold on with all our might to that voice of our heavenly Mother, treasure it, and refuse to let it go, no matter the violent battering of the enemy from every angle with his worldly input.

It's non-stop: TV, the net, social media, you-name-it, pounding away at our integrity and faith in God's word with pseudo-scientific hypotheses, where lies are deemed truth and the truth of the Bible deemed lies. Lord, help us to “Stand fast in the liberty wherewith you have made us free” (Gal.5:1). It could even be costly to stick to integrity and Kingdom principles.



When talking to a Young Man, he told me that when he turned his car in an office car park, he accidentally scratched a very nice BMW. “So, what did you do?” – “I went into the office and asked who the owner was.” – “You did that?” – “Yes, the gentleman came out with me and we settled the scratch with 180 Euros; he then told me, ‘Son, you will do well in life.’” Later on, he told the story to his father, who responded with, “You know, that honesty pays?” and he gave his son double the amount, 360 Euros. “Son, there is always that split second of, ‘Will I, won't I; do I face the music or pull a fast-one and do a runner?’ It feels good to make the right decision because the Lord rewards us for decisions like that.”

His son asked, “You said, the Lord rewards us for decisions like that. How did he reward you in life?” “He rewarded me with the priceless gift of a son that is honest enough to find the owner of a property that he accidentally damaged.”

A prayer:

“Dear heavenly Mother, I come to you in Jesus' name. I don't know how many times I have shooed you away and hardened myself to your voice, I ask that you'll set off alarm bells when I stray. Please fill me with your love and power to help others and be a faithful witness to show them Jesus.”

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