

# RCF USA - Foundational Doctrines

## The Holy Spirit & Baptism of the Holy Spirit



### What do I need to know about the Topic?

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, fully God, equal with the Father and the Son. He is not an impersonal force but a divine Person who teaches, speaks, and guides believers (John 14:16-17). He convicts of sin, regenerates (John 3:5-6), sanctifies (2 Thess. 2:13), and equips believers for holy living (1 Cor. 6:11).

The Holy Spirit reveals God's truth, gives understanding of Scripture, and empowers believers for service (Acts 1:8). He also distributes spiritual gifts for building up the Church and advancing God's Kingdom (1 Cor. 12:7).

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a supernatural gift of power for witness and service. In the New Testament, it was considered normal for believers (Acts 2:38-39; Acts 19:2). The initial evidence is speaking in tongues as the Spirit enables (Acts 2:4; Mark 16:17). This prayer language strengthens believers in direct communion with God (1 Cor. 14:4).

This baptism opens the way to a Spirit-filled life, where both gifts and fruits of the Spirit are evident. As Joel 2:28 prophesied, God promised to pour out His Spirit on all people to empower them for bold living and witness.

### What is the Big Idea?



The Holy Spirit is God at work in believers—bringing life, power, and holiness. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is God's empowering gift for every Christian

At the end of the lesson, everyone should:

- Recognize the Holy Spirit as God and divine Helper.
- Understand His work in regeneration, sanctification, and empowerment.
- Appreciate the baptism in the Holy Spirit as God's gift for all believers.
- Commit to living a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life.

### Discussing the Passage: Acts 1:8



Jesus promised that believers would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, enabling them to be effective witnesses to the ends of the earth..



## Exploring the Passage

- Who is the Holy Spirit? The third Person of the Trinity, fully God (John 14:16–17).
- What does He do? Convicts, regenerates, sanctifies, empowers, and gives gifts (John 3:5–6; 1 Cor. 12:7).
- What is baptism in the Spirit? God’s gift of power for witness, evidenced by speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4).

## Assignment

List three ways the Holy Spirit works in the life of a believer today. Support with scripture.

## Advanced Application Questions

- How can you rely more on the Holy Spirit in daily decisions?
- What difference does Spirit baptism make in your witness and service?